



**December 21, 2025**  
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**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Live-stream All Masses on the West Sac OLG YouTube Channel

SUNDAY	December 20	5:30 PM Vigil	Michael Camargo+
	November 21	9 AM	All Parishioners
		11 AM	Sam Alaba + Michael Camargo + Douglas Cato + Honortio Mascarinas+
MONDAY	December 22	8:30 AM	Ranee Gunasekara (Healing) Marcie Villanueva + Ana Falero + Joe Steyner + Benito Cruz + Romerico Fajota +
		6:30 PM	Christmas Novena
	December 23	8:30 AM	Matt Cox (Healing) Rachelle & Gary Fields (Healing) Anna Ramirez-Palmer (Healing)
TUESDAY		6:30 PM	Christmas Novena
	December 24	5:30 PM	OLG School Family Mass
WEDNESDAY	December 25	12:00 AM	Christmas Midnight Mass
		9:00 AM	Christmas Day Mass
THURSDAY		11:00 AM	Christmas Day Mass
	December 26	8:30 AM	Matt Cox (Healing) Rachelle & Gary Fields (Healing) Anna Ramirez-Palmer (Healing)
FRIDAY			



**Emmanuel**

On this last Sunday before Christmas, we see that Jesus' birth is the fulfillment of the promise of Emmanuel, meaning "God is with us." (Mt 1:23) The gospel refers to the first reading from Isaiah. There we see the king of Judah, Ahaz, is under attack by the kings of Aram and Israel. He wants to ask the Assyrians for help, instead of relying on God. He is afraid to admit his lack of faith. So the weakness of Ahaz gives us the wonderful prophecy of the birth of Jesus.

In the gospel, Joseph also does not understand how Mary was pregnant. But unlike Ahaz, Joseph did have faith in God and the message of the angel. He took Mary as his wife and helped her through her pregnancy and afterwards in raising Jesus.

So now we have to choose who we rely on: Do I act like Ahaz, relying on the worldly powers, or like Joseph who trusted the Lord? If I look at my actions and priorities, I might be more like Ahaz than I want to admit.

How much time do I spend watching television (especially now that it's in HD) compared to time in prayer? How much time do I spend reading the scriptures compared to the newspaper or magazines? If I really believe that "God is with us," which is what Christmas is all about, how much of God can people see in my actions? Maybe if we kept in mind that promise that God IS with us, in the Baptism we received and the sacraments of the Church, and the love of our spouse or parents—we could see how close God really is and let others see in our actions, that Jesus is Emmanuel. (Tom Schmidt, Diocesan.com)

*Christmas Message*



**Dear Sisters, Brothers, and Children,**

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel—which means, God is with us" (Matthew 1:23). These words, proclaimed in the Gospel, announce the great mystery we celebrate at Christmas. They are not only a message from long ago; they are God's living word to us today. In the birth of Jesus, God enters our human history and remains with His people in every moment of our lives.

Through every Christmas and every Easter, through the life of the Church and the celebration of the sacraments, and through the passing of each year, God continues to draw us beyond what is seen toward the eternal life He promises. As we celebrate Christmas this year, we are reminded once again that God is faithful and that His presence walks with us each step of the journey.

Even when we struggle or turn away, God never abandons us. He has remained with His people through the centuries and remains with us today. May this Christmas celebration bring us closer to Jesus, our Emmanuel, and to His Blessed Mother. Let us renew our commitment to live as faithful disciples through the sacraments, daily prayer, and reflection on Sacred Scripture. Let us place our trust in God, who keeps His promises and whose love never fails.

May the Child Jesus, together with Mary and Saint Joseph, accompany and guide us throughout the coming year. I wish you and your families a blessed and joyful Christmas and a grace-filled New Year, a year in which we live in the confidence that God is with us, now and always.

With Much Love,

*Fr. Mathew Rappu*

Your Pastor



**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve:** Family Mass December 24, 5 PM at OLG School

**Christmas Midnight Mass:** 12 AM (Christmas Carols at 11:30 PM)  
*Incense will be used at the midnight Mass; if you have allergies or sensitivities, please use the upstairs cry room.*

**Christmas Day Mass:** December 25, 9 AM & 11 AM

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God:**  
 December 31, 5:30 PM  
 January 1, 2025, 9 AM

**A STEWARD MAKES GOD'S LOVE VISIBLE BY IMITATING JESUS.**



**SERVICE**

Please help us reach our  
 Weekly Budget Goal of \$4,271.00  
 Collection on November 30: \$1,920.00  
 December 7: \$2,967.00  
 December 14: \$5,684.00  
 Prayerfully consider what you can give.

**PRAYER**

Pray for the sick, especially in our parish: Sandra Garcia, Ron Moore, Emiliana Stoltz, Sonja Craighton, Michael Vilhauer, Ana Ramirez-Palmer, Shirley Ching, Pacing McFeely, Millie Centers and Linda Bianchi, and Grace Mosley.

**FORMATION**

- Adult Bible Study meet on **Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.**, except on the first of the month

**KID'S CORNER**

*The Birth of Jesus*

**MROO**     1

**NGEAL**      4 5

**BYBA**     2

**NBOR**     6 3

You will find the baby lying in a \_\_\_\_\_  
 Luke 2:12

*"This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."*  
 Luke 2:12

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The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Wednesday, December 24, and Thursday, December 25, in observance of Christmas.

With joy, Father Mathew, Deacon Dave, and staff wish you God's blessings now in the New Year!



**Attention Parishioners**

Your **2026 Contribution Envelopes** are ready for pickup and can be found on the shelves in the back. Please look for your box and take it with you as you leave after mass. We appreciate you!

**Save the date**

Fr. Mathew Rappu's 75th birthday Mass and party that will be hosted at OLG school campus gym (1990 Linden Rd) on Sunday Jan 18, 2026, at 4:00PM, followed by a fellowship dinner and potluck also at the gym.

