

First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2024

Today's Readings:

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
Thessalonians 3:12—4:2
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



Today's Theme: *We must be on guard for the Day which is to come when all will be fulfilled. As we await the coming of Christ, let us love one another, observing his covenant and decrees.*



Supernatural Instinct

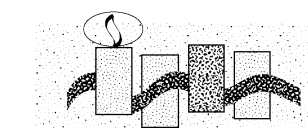


Reflect, today, upon whether you are daily led by the knowledge of God's will alive within you as a supernatural instinct. If this language seems foreign to you, then perhaps it is a time to ponder the question "Why?" Why aren't you led by God's grace through an ongoing gift of supernatural knowledge of His will? And if this language does resonate within you, then spend time pondering this gift and being grateful for the way that God has truly taken over your day-to-day life.

My revealing Lord, I pray that I will always know Your will and be led only by Your gentle but unmistakable promptings of grace. Please lead me, dear Lord, so that I will be perpetually prepared for Your glorious and final coming the moment it arrives. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)



Parish News



St. Rita's Church will be hosting an **Advent Penance Service** on Monday, December 2nd, at 6:00 pm. Several Priests from the White Mountain Deanery will be present.

Religious Education Class on Wednesday, December 4th, at 6 p.m. in the St. Joseph Family Center.

ADVENT Fr. Larry Weidner will be offering an **Advent Evening of Reflection** entitled "Follow the Star" on Wednesday, December 4th, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the church. It will be a one-hour reflection on the Star of Bethlehem and how it led the Magi to the Christ child.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass on Monday, December 9th, at 9 a.m. in the church.



Novena to the Immaculate Conception - Traditionally prayed from November 29 – December 7. The Novena may be found at www.stmaryoftheangles.com/events.

Saint Andrew Christmas Novena - The Saint Andrew's Christmas Novena prayer is traditionally prayed 15 times a day from November 30, the Feast of Saint Andrew, through Christmas Eve. The Novena may be found at www.stmaryoftheangles.com/events.

November 30 – December 8

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. +PAUL JOHN ABEYATA (Joan Hanson)

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. +PAT BARRY (Nelson & Rose French)

11:00 a.m. +LINDA & BILL MASON FAMILY IN PINETOP FIRE (Hugh Grinnell)

Monday: 8:00 a.m. +ZOFIA MICHALSKA (Dorota Rapacz)

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. JEFF KOLBA & BARBARA BROWN **For Healing** (Anna Antoni)

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. +PAT BARRY (Paul Barry)

Thursday: 8:00 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE

Friday: CLOSED

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. +JAY PEISER (Jeannie Peiser)

Sunday: *Second Sunday of Advent*
9:00 a.m. +PAM SHULTZ (Rhonda Spaulding)

11:00 a.m. +ZOFIA MICHALSKA (Dorota Rapacz)



NEXT WEEK!

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TUESDAY: 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet – Following 8 am Mass
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting – Church Overflow Hall

WEDNESDAY: 8:30 a.m. Novena to OLPH – Following 8 am Mass
6:00 p.m. Religious Education – St. Joseph Family Center
6:00 p.m. Advent Evening of Reflection - Church

THURSDAY: 8:30 a.m. Rosary for America – Following Communion Service
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Meeting – Madonna Room

****AA – call hotline 928-537-7800 for meeting information.**




Madonna Guild

Prayer Shawl: If you know anyone who is ill or suffering in any way and could use the comfort afforded by one of these lovely shawls, please contact the Parish Office. Shawls and pocket Shawls are also available in the Church before and after all weekend Masses. **Prayer Shawl Meeting** on Thursday, December 5th, at 10 am in the Madonna Room.

The **Madonna Guild Christmas Party** is on Wednesday, December 11th. We will begin stuffing stockings at 10 a.m. in the Madonna Room. We ask that you bring small, wrapped candy canes or Christmas candy for the stockings. The party will be in the church overflow hall at 11 a.m. Please bring a dish to share and a present (under \$25) to trade.



 The Knights of Columbus come from many places, backgrounds, and stages in life but are all of one faith. For Knights of Columbus membership information, contact Jim Giger at 928-242-9604.



Community Information

White Mountain Catholic Charities needs volunteers! If you'd like to apply, please get in touch with the Director of Operations, Tom Latimer, at 928-940-2571.

White Mountain Women's Club Annual **Cup of Cheer** on Saturday, December 7th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the St. Joseph Family Center. Shop local Artisans/Vendors for unique and beautiful Christmas gifts, the annual cookie walk, 50/50 drawings, & more!

Bishop's Beef Raffle has returned, offering you a chance to win fantastic prizes! The grand prize is one full beef with your choice of a 'Custom Cut' plus a stand-alone freezer. Visit www.stmaryoftheangles.com/events for additional information.

Christmas in the Pines Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 17th, at 6 p.m. in the St. Joseph Family Center. Admission is by donation. Participating schools share the gross proceeds to support their performing arts and music departments.

Christmas Tree Angel - This year with your generous help we will partner with the Little Sisters of the Poor and sponsor the Gallup location. The Christmas tree tags will be in the lobby of the Church. **PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS.** You may return **Unwrapped gifts with the tag attached** in the Parish Office or the Church lobby from December 3rd – 18th. Thank you for your support!



Saint of the Day for December 1st
Saint Charles de Foucauld
(September 15, 1858 – December 1, 1916)
for more information, visit <https://stmaryoftheangles.com/bulletins/>
(Franciscan Media)



Angels Rest Columbarium

Peace...Prayer...Perpetual Care. All faiths are welcome! Angels Rest is located on the grounds of St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church. We are the only blessed and consecrated above-ground resting place in the White Mountains. For more information, contact Arleen at 928-367-2080.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Katherine Larson Tim Williams Steve Vasquez

Margie Zavala (Ex-Officio: Fr. Dan)

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mike Caruth Jane Chavez Don Dodge Greg Smith

