



SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

AVE MARIA MISSION CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

Rev. Carlos Donato da Silva, JCL, Pastor

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December 1st, 2024

1st Sunday of Advent/1er Domingo de Adviento

Violet

MASS SCHEDULE HORARIO de MISAS

SAINT ALPHONSUS

Saturday/Sábado	4:30 pm
Sunday/Domingo	10:30 am
Misa en español	12:15 pm

Sunday/Domingo

St. John's

Sunday/Domingo 8:30am

Bi-lingual Mass

Ave Maria

Sunday 5:00 pm

ST. ALPHONSUS, ST. JOHN'S & AVE MARIA MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. Alphonsus, St. John's & Ave Maria Parishes is to proclaim and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His Church through liturgy, education, community service, social events, and witness for Christ who has blessed our lives in the larger community of Tipton, Haywood & Lauderdale Counties and beyond. Our parish life is centered on the Eucharist during which we celebrate, in joy, the presence of the Risen Lord among us.

DEVOTIONS/DEVOCIÓN at ST. ALPHONSUS

Eucharistic Adoration/Adoración Eucaristía

First Saturday of each month following 8:30 am Mass
Primero Sábado de cada mes despues 8:30 am Misa

Rosary/Rosario

First Saturday/Primero Sábado	8:00 am
Sunday morning/Domingo por la mañana	10:05 am
Sunday morning/Domingo por la mañana	11:45 am

ST ALPHONNSUS Daily/Diario

Monday/Lunes	8:00 am
Tuesday/Martes	8:00 am
Wednesday/Miercoles	8:00 am
Thursday/Jueves	8:00 am
Saturday/Sábado	8:30 am



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

SACRAMENTS/SACRAMENTOS

SAINT ALPHONSUS Confession/Confesión

Saturday/Sábado 3:30-4:15 pm
or by appointment/Llame para pedir cita

Baptism or Marriage preparation Bautismo o Matrimonio preparacion

Call for appointment/Llame para pedir cita

SAINT ALPHONSUS
1225 Highway 51 South (at Tatlock)
Covington, Tennessee 38019

AVE MARIA
664 S Washington St
Ripley, Tennessee 38063

SAINT JOHN'S
910 N. Washington Ave
Brownsville, Tennessee 38012

Mailing Address: PO Box 430 Covington, Tennessee 38019
Parish Office Phone: 901-476-8140 FAX 901-476-9650 Email: office@stalphonsuscovington.org
Website: www.stalphonsuscovington.org

Announcements/Anuncios

Christmas Party Saturday December 7th at 6 p.m. at Ave Maria Parish Hall

INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK DINNER

Sign-up sheets for Main Dishes and Casseroles, Vegetables and Salads and Desserts are in the Parish Hall

Tickets are available after Masses. \$5.00/person; children 3yrs and under are free



Fiesta de Navidad el sábado 7 de diciembre a las 6 p.m. en el Salón Parroquial Ave María

CENA INTERNACIONAL

Hojas de inscripción para Platos Principales y Cazuelas, Verduras y Ensaladas y Postres están en el Salón Parroquial

Los boletos están disponibles después de las misas. \$5.00/persona; Los niños menores de 3 años entran gratis

DID YOU KNOW? ¿SABÍAS QUE...?

The two Advent colors are Violet and Rose. Violet because during this Advent Season it symbolizes penance, prayer, fasting and other preparatory sacrifices awaiting the birth of Christ. The violet color will be the color of the Priest's vestments as well as the veil which covers the chalice on the altar. Violet colored vestments are worn on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of Advent. On the 3rd Sunday of Advent the Priest's vestments and veil will be Rose colored. This 3rd Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday which means "Rejoice". We have been waiting for the coming of Christ and the wait is almost over. We have prepared in our own ways and perhaps with attending Reconciliation so that our hearts are cleansed and opened for the gift God is giving to each one of us.



dos colores de Adviento son el violeta y el rosa. Violeta porque durante este tiempo de Adviento simboliza la penitencia, la oración, el ayuno y otros sacrificios preparatorios en espera del nacimiento de Cristo. El color violeta será el color de las vestiduras del sacerdote, así como el velo que cubre el cáliz en el altar. Las vestiduras de color violeta se usan en el 1^o, 2^o y 4^o domingo de Adviento. El 3er Domingo de Adviento, las vestiduras y el velo del sacerdote serán de color rosa. Este 3^o domingo se llama Domingo Gaudete que significa "Alégrate". Hemos estado esperando la venida de Cristo y la espera casi ha terminado. Nos hemos preparado a nuestra manera y tal vez asistiendo a la Reconciliación para que nuestros corazones sean limpiados y abiertos para el regalo que Dios nos está dando a cada uno de nosotros

Happy Birthday! Feliz Cumpleaños!

Angela Price 12/03 Denise Barrett 12/11

Jimmy Hayden 12/15 Anne Calvet 12/16

Consider offering or attending Mass, or visiting a church to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for yourself or a loved one's birthday, thanking God for the *gift of family and life*. If you would like to have your name added to the birthday list please call the parish office at 901-476-8140



Prayer for the sick and those in need:

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.

Our Ill Priests/Nuestros Sacerdotes Enfermos

Fr. John Hourican	Fr. Bryan Timby
Fr. Jolly Sebastian	Fr. Burke



Pray for all of our loved ones and for those who are ill



Our Loved Ones/Nuestras Seres Queridos

Shirley Arnold	Larry & Jane Isome
James & Robin Barnett	Terry Jergens
William Barrett	Christie Johnson
Joe Bergen	Ester Jones
Patti Blume	Anna Kay
Jane Bringle	Cynthia/Ed Kilpatrick
Darlene Brooks	Phillis King
Dan Browsers	Judy Kovach
Randy Eastwood	Cindy Lavelli
Joe Bynum	Sondra Lewis
Christina Cahaly	Dietmar Linden
Angela Canady	Louanne Little
Alissa Chandler	Nancy McClanahan
Patrick Christy	The McCully Family
Douglas Clements	Linda Medford
Bella Crosby	Alex Medford
Liz Crosslin	Danny Miller
Bobbie Jean Crouse	Tracy by Nickie
Enrique Davis	Dr. Mark Olson
Gina Sedinger	Sally Paulus
Danny Duff	Tom Pavletic
Peter DuFau	Sandra Pellegren
Michael Ellis	William Perry
Rob Engel	Beverly Pratt
Willie Ferrell	Joan Robertson
Karri Flannigan	Diane Robinson
Tammy Freeman	Russom Family
Luke Garza	Mike Sadler
Kathy & Ronda Gentry	Andrea Stafford
Elizabeth Guntert	Jay St. John
Pam Grimsley	Toni Swindell
Guy & Julie Hassan	Jennifer Tidwell
Shannon Heindel	Peter Vanderven
Kay Hernandez	Bobby Ray Vaught
Diane Hessling	Donna Williams
Gunther Hitchcock & family	Steve Williams
Lisa Hogan	Lee Ward
Betty Hopper	Virginia/Richard Whitehorn
	Sally Greuling

Our Parishioners/Nuestros Feligreses

Jerry Bryant	Elaina Prizina
Peter & Sandy Burkhardt	Lynda Rogers
Gene Cross	Holly Schaefer
Ellen Daily	Joan Smith
Dixie Duncan	Cyburn Sullivan
Derek Durham	Annette Tustin
Donna Ewer	Dottie Wellbrock
Evan & Jen Greuling	Patton Williams
Jim & Lois Hayden	Irma Wilson de Roze
Pat Haynes	Kathy Laxton
Billie Hutchins	Maryana Leon
Beverly Jiminez	Maria Vasquez
Maria & David McConnell	
Rebecca Medford	Robert Sorrentino
Jerry & Rose Mills	Charlie Smith
Jackie Hubbard	Kathryn Barnoud

Diciembre- La intención del Papa es: Por los peregrinos de la esperanza: Rezamos para que en este año jubilar fortalezcan nuestra fe, ayudándonos a reconocer a Cristo resucitado en nuestra vida cotidiana, y que nos transforme en peregrinos de la esperanza cristiana.

December- The Pope's Intention is: For Pilgrims of Hope: We pray that this Jubilee year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

SACRAMENT REQUIREMENTS/ REQUISITOS PARA LOS SACRAMENTOS

BAPTISM

Registered 3 months with Parish
Parents/Godparents attend 1 hour class within the past 2 years;
Letter or document for attending a class is required from the parish
Two godparents & One godparent (preferably both) must be Catholic in "good standing"



BAUTISMO

Registrado 3 meses con Parroquia
Los padres / padrinos asisten a clase de 1 hora en los últimos 2 años;
Se requiere una carta o documento para asistir a una clase de la parroquia
Dos padrinos y un padrino (preferiblemente ambos) deben ser católicos de "buena reputación"

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Registered with the Parish
Letter or document of baptism
Attend 2 year PRE class
Attend 1 day Retreat/Reconciliation



PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

Registrado en la Parroquia
Carta o documento de bautismo
Asistir a la clase PRE de 2 años
Asistir a 1 día de Retiro/Reconciliación

CONFIRMATION

Registered with the Parish
Letter or document of baptism
Letter or document of 1st Holy Communion
Attend 2 year PRE class
Attend Confirmation Retreat
Participate in Community Service
Sponsor(s) must be a Catholic in "good standing"
Sponsor must provide a letter from their home parish



CONFIRMACIÓN

Registrado en la Parroquia
Carta o documento de bautismo
Carta o documento de la 1ª Comunión
Asistir a la clase PRE de 2 años
Asistir al retiro de confirmación
Participar en el servicio comunitario
Los patrocinadores deben ser católicos de "buena reputación"
El patrocinador debe proporcionar una carta de su parroquia de origen

MATRIMONY

Registered with the Parish and a Catholic "in good standing"
Letter or document of baptism, first communion and confirmation
Six months marriage prep classes
Diocesan marriage prep activities
Witness(es) must be Catholic in "good standing"



MATRIMONIO

Registrado en la parroquia y católico "en buen estado"
Carta o documento de bautismo, primera comunión y confirmación
Seis meses de clases de preparación para el matrimonio
Actividades diocesanas de preparación matrimonial
Los testigos deben ser católicos en "buena reputación"

For Our Little Saints

of Advent
First Sunday

This is also the first Sunday of Advent which symbolizes hope. The first candle is sometimes called the Prophecy Candle. The color purple is the primary color of Advent and symbolizes royalty. We are reminded of the foretelling of the birth of Christ and the promises God gave us.

December 1, 2024



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Prayer

Father of Love, Who in Saint Veronica, who was conformed to Your Son, You have given us a marvelous example of patience and of ardent charity. Give to us, through her powerful intercession, to discover the sweetness found in the Cross and the grace of confidence. Amen



Saint Veronica was a saint that saw Jesus carrying his cross. She was so moved by the sight of him struggling she gave him a cloth (likely her veil) to wipe his brow. He handed it back and it was imprinted with the image of his face. That cloth is believed to be held in the Vatican and is considered one of the most treasured relics of the Church. We do not know much about Saint Veronica before after she offered Christ her cloth (veil). St. Veronica cures Emperor Tiberius of Rome by having him touch the sacred image of Christ. During her life, she preached about Jesus until her death.

10 December Activities for Catholic Families



- 1. **Pray for missionaries all over the world** who are spreading God's Word. To extend this activity, see what your family can do to help those doing a mission. (Saint Francis Xavier's Feast Day is December 3rd.)
- 2. **Fill your children's shoes with small gifts or wrapped candies** while they're asleep to celebrate Saint Nicholas' Feast Day on December 6th.
- 3. **Attend Mass on Christmas Day (December 25th) and the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8th).** Both are Holy Days of Obligation.
- 4. **Have a Mexican-themed dinner with roses as decorations** to celebrate the feast days of Saint Juan Diego (December 9th) and Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12th). You can make your own paper roses with this template: <https://www.reallifeathome.com/super-easy-valentines-paper-rose-cutout/>
- 5. **Plan to give a gift (or three) to Jesus this year to celebrate His birthday.** Jesus taught us that when we help those in need, we are helping Him. Find a way to give a Christmas gift to someone who is particularly in need this year.
- 6. **Try one of these fun, hands on Nativity themed activities:** <http://bit.ly/HandsOnNativity>
- 7. **If there is on within traveling distance, visit a Living Nativity.** If this is not possible, set up your family's Nativity scene and have a discussion about what the sights, sounds, and even smells may have been.
- 8. **Read one of the Gospel accounts of the birth of Jesus on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.** Wait until then to add Jesus to your family's Nativity scene. Ask the youngest family member to add Him to the crèche. (Or you can give the honor to someone different each year.)
- 9. **Brainstorm with your family things you can do to live more like the Holy Family.** Plan to do at least one of those things before the end of the month. (The Feast of the Holy Family is the first Sunday after Christmas.)
- 10. **Choose an activity that will help babies,** such as donating to a crisis pregnancy center, praying for babies in danger around the world, or even just spending time with a special baby in your lives. (The Feast of the Holy Innocents is December 28th.)

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The Advent Wreath is another tradition in our Church that represents Jesus coming to light the darkness. As we light each candle we prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus.



Consider adding a Jesse Tree to your Advent Traditions this year. A Jesse tree is a decorative tree that depicts the family tree of Jesus Christ and the events leading up his birth!



Schedule for the Week/Horario de la Semana December 2nd

Lord, may all that we do begin in you, and in you find its completion

Señor, que todo lo que hacemos comience en ti, y en ti encuentre su plenitud

ACT OF HOPE: O Lord God, I hope by your grace for the pardon of all my sins and after life here to gain eternal happiness because you have promised it who are infinitely powerful, faithful, kind and merciful. In this hope I intend to live and die. Amen.

ACTO DE ESPERANZA: Oh Señor Dios, espero por tu gracia el perdón de todos mis pecados y después de la vida aquí obtener la felicidad eterna porque lo has prometido que eres infinitamente poderoso, fiel, amable y misericordioso. Con esta esperanza tengo la intención de vivir y morir. Amén

Sunday/Domingo 2nd Collection
Campaign for Human Development

Sunday/Domingo Dec 08
Immaculate Conception and
Retired Religious



This Week/Esta Semana	
Monday	Dec 02
	6:00 pm St. Augustine Bible Study
Tuesday	Dec 03
	9:15 am Friends of the Poor/Food Pantry
	1:00 pm Tiny Blessings Ministry
	6:00 pm OCIA (RCIA)
Wednes	Dec 04
	9:15 am Legion of Mary
Thursday	Dec 05
	8:00 am Holy Hour & Confession Available
Saturday	Dec 07 1st Saturday
	8:30 am Daily Mass
	9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration



Readings for Dec 02–Dec 08

Monday

Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday-St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-17 Lk 10: 21-24

Wednesday-St. John Damascene,
Priest, Doctor of the Church

Is 25:6-10 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1-9 Mt 7:21-27

Friday-St. Nicholas, Bishop

Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1-14 Mt 9:27-31

Saturday-St. Ambrose, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

Is 30:19-26 Ps 147:1-6 Mt 9:35-10:1

Sunday-Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-11

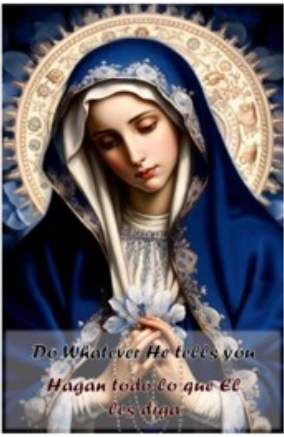
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Liturgical Ministers/ Ministros Litúrgicos

	Lectors	Servers	Sacristans	EMHC
Nov 30	S. Stegall	J. Schaefer	A. Calvet	
4:30		J. Watkins		
Dec 01	C. Jones	D. Hessling	J. Wheeler	D. Hessling
10:30	R. Medford	Ja. Jasper		
		E. Underwood		
		Jo. Jasper		
Dec 01	C. Moreno	Ep. Moreno	N/R Ortiz	
12:15	L. DeLaO	A. Montoya		
		D. Gobellan		
Dec 07	D. Hessling	J. Schaefer	M. Griffis	
4:30		J. Watkins		
Dec 08	N. Gogel	C. Gogel	J. Buda	G. Buda
10:30	C. Buda	M. Buda		
		A. Gogel		
Dec 08	D. Lugo	J. Gobellan	I/S Lugo	
12:15	E. Moren	E. Montoya		
		Luis		

Volunteers/Voluntarios

	Church	Parish Hall	Altar Linens
Nov 30	Volunteer	Volunteer	J. Buda
Dec 7	Norris	Gogel/ Smith	J. Buda



CALLED BY NAME LLAMADO POR SU NOMBRE

The Priesthood The Diaconate Religious Life

- Noah Gogel Abel Gogel Hannah Buda
- Estrella Moreno Emanuel Montoya
- Aron Ruiz Juan Diego Gobellan
- Katherine Brumley Rafael Ortiz
- Robbie Greuling Dave Hessling



El sacerdocio El Diaconado Vida Religiosa

Mass Intentions/Intenciones Masivas			
Saturday	11/30	4:30 pm	+ For all Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	12/01	8:30 am	+Gildardo Calderon by Familia Calderon
Sunday	12/01	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus, Ave Maria and St. John's
Domingo	12/01	12:15 pm	
Monday	12/02	8:00 am	
Tuesday	12/03	8:00 am	+Violet Hessling by Andrea & Dave Hessling
Wednesday	12/04	8:00 am	+Rev Joseph L Paolozzi
Thursday	12/05	8:00 am	+Rev James T Gaffney
Saturday	12/07	8:30 am	+Rev Bishop Carroll T Dozier

POR FAVOR: No comer ni beber en el santuario, excepto agua.

PLEASE: No eating or drinking in the sanctuary except for water.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved from all stain of original sin.... Pope Pius IX

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass Times at St. Alphonsus:

Monday December 9th at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

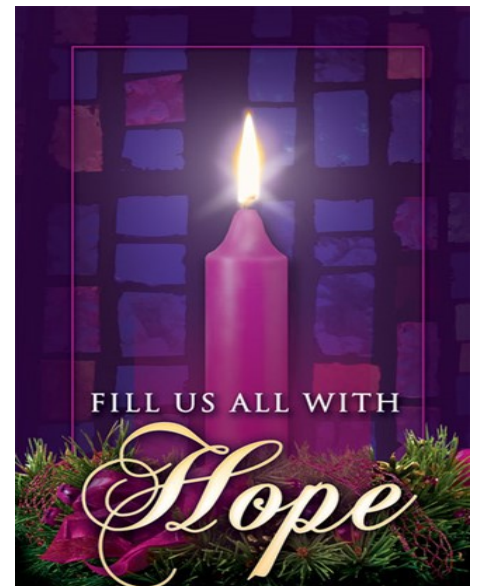
Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass Time at Ave Maria, Ripley, TN:

Monday December 9th at Noon



Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María

En el primer caso de su concepción, por un privilegio singular y una gracia concedida por Dios, en vista de los méritos de Jesucristo, el Salvador de la raza humana, fue preservada de toda mancha de pecado original. Papa Pío IX



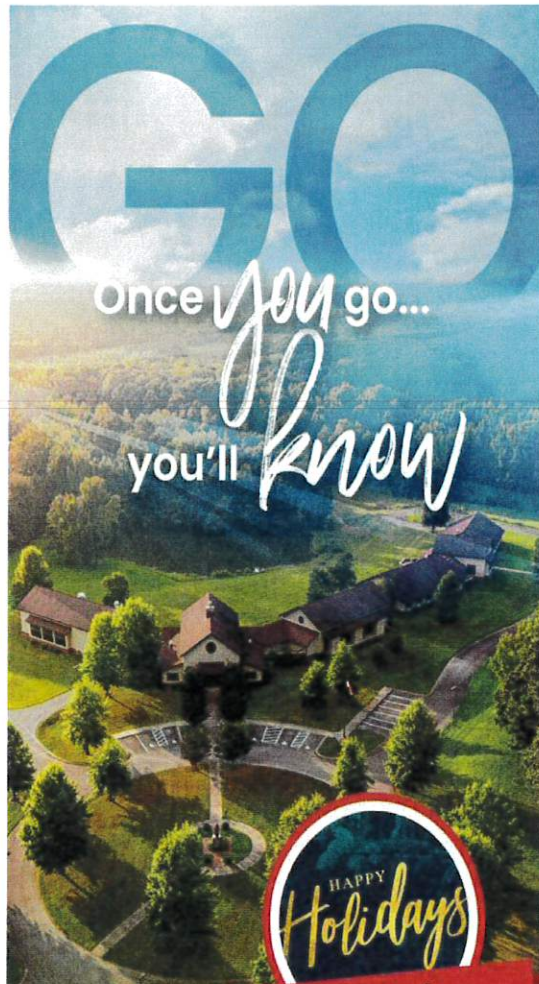
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Upcoming Events

December 2024



DECEMBER Sat. 7

Getting More Out of the Mass

Get set for a day packed with Mass explanations, celebration actions, prayers, theology talks, and a teaching Mass with Fr. Al Kirk. Plus, lunch is on us!



DECEMBER Fri. 13–Sun. 15
Advent Retreat

One:One SERIES

Come, break away from the holiday rush. Sleep in heavenly peace. Prepare your heart mind, and stomach during Advent and what lies ahead in the weeks before Christmas.

January 2025



JANUARY Fri. 10–Sun. 12

You Go Girl!—Girls Weekend

One:One SERIES

Relax after the holidays and get ready for 2025!

It's a chill weekend for all women. Bring your friends and enjoy good food, downtime, pampering and fun activities. Treat yourself and recharge.



JANUARY Thurs. 23–Thurs. 30

A Week of Silence

Join us for a 3-night retreat starting on Thurs. 23, until midday Sun. 26. You're welcome to extend your stay for 1 to 4 more nights and depart on Thurs. 30. Engage in Spiritual Exercises, attend Mass, Adoration, and enjoy personal meditation time.

February 2025



FEBRUARY Fri. 7–Sun. 9

Marriage Preparation Weekend

Planning to tie the knot? Join us for a weekend of prayer, prep, and peace at the "To Be One in Flesh" Marriage Prep Weekend. 3 days/2 nights of talks, small groups, Mass, Confession, and meals



FEBRUARY Fri. 14–Sun. 16

Retiro de San Valentín en español

SERIE Uno:Uno

¡Disfruten del tiempo juntos durante el fin de semana del Día de San Valentín! Tendremos Misa, tiempo de oración y reflexiones del Padre Gerald Azike. Actividades adicionales y tiempo de inactividad para estar juntos.

FEAST OF ST ANDREW NOVENA

How to Pray the St. Andrew Christmas Novena

With a few exceptions, we pray [novenas](#) for nine days. The St. Andrew Christmas Novena is one such exception – we pray this novena for 25 days, overlapping with much of the liturgical season of Advent.

We begin the novena on the feast of St. Andrew on November 30 and conclude on Christmas Eve. Tradition holds that we pray the novena 15 times daily for a particular intention. This being said, pray in a way that works best for you.

Time needed: 5 minutes

Pray this novena for 25 days.

- 1. Make the Sign of the Cross.**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

- 2. Say the St. Andrew Christmas Novena prayer.**

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

- 3. Name any intentions or other prayers you wish to share with God. Maybe consider your response to Jesus's call to follow Him; just as he called on Andrew and Peter, he also calls on us to let go and surrender.**

- 4. Conclude with the Sign of the Cross.**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

- 5. If you're praying this novena in the traditional fashion ...**

Repeat the above steps 14x throughout your day.

- 6. Continue praying the novena daily through Christmas Eve!**

May peace be with you this Advent. God bless!