

December 15, 2024 | Third Sunday of Advent

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Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon.-Fri.: 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m.

Sat.: 8:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Sun.: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation: As Scheduled in the Bulletin

Reconciliation Schedule

15 minutes before a.m. Masses Mon.-Sat. (except on Holy Days) Saturday: 4:30-5:20 p.m., 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Baptisms: Baptism Instruction Class are held the 1st Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the school meeting room. Call the rectory to register for the class.

Marriage Preparation: Please call the rectory for more information. You will need a minimum of 4 months to do marriage preparation, 6-12 months is preferred.

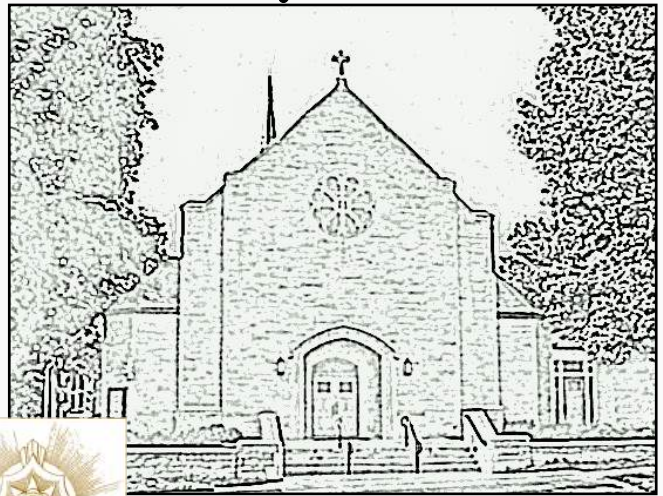
THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP **Sunday Collections (December 8, 2024)**

Envelopes \$25,677.00

Plate 371.47

Online Giving 6,611.00

Total \$32,659.47



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church & School

“OUR PLACE OF HOPE & PROMISE” PROGRAM - Thank you for your generous support of our “Our Place of Hope & Promise” Program! Several weeks ago, we began this important parish-wide program, and we are starting to see signs that our offertory collections are growing through the generosity of YOU, our faithful parish community. Next week we will be publishing in the bulletin a report with important highlights from our program. Thank you so very much to all who participated. Your generosity shows your willingness as faithful stewards to be a part of the ongoing missions of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church.

OUR GRATITUDE OF THANKS - Thank You to all the parishioners that came out to help with the Church grounds clean-up on Sat., Dec 7th, and the church’s indoor cleanup on Sat., Dec. 14th. Our place of worship is made beautiful and those who helped expressed their care that we all have an attractive and comfortable place for our parish family to come and be with our Lord.

THANK YOU – MATT TALBOT KITCHEN – we collected **\$1,081.00** for Matt Talbot Kitchen on Thanksgiving Day. Thanks and God Bless all of you.

DECEMBER 16, 2024, BLESSED SACRAMENT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM INFO - This year’s Christmas program will be on Mon., Dec. 16th at 6:30 p.m. and will feature all PK-5 students and students in junior high who participate in choir and theater. All students participating in the show should leave their coats with their parents/guardians. PK-4 will report to their homeroom classroom. Students 5-8 will report to the hallway area outside of the gym back door. All those who don’t need to change prior to the program should arrive at 6:15 p.m. and those who do change prior to the program should arrive at 6:10 p.m. Please have your children dressed in their best!

DECEMBER 18, 2024, A CEREMONY OF LESSONS AND CAROLS - All are cordially invited to join the Blessed Sacrament CCD Program students and instructors on Wed., Dec. 18th, at 7:30 p.m., for "A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols" Christmas program at Blessed Sacrament Church. Students will be reading passages from the Old and New Testaments on the coming of the Messiah, alternating with Christmas carols. All are invited to join us as we continue our preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas.

DECEMBER 21, 2024 - JANUARY 6, 2025, SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK

DECEMBER 24, 25, 2024 & JANUARY 1, 2025, RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED – we will be closed for the Holidays on Tues., Dec. 24th, Wed., Dec. 25th, & Wed., Jan. 1st.

DECEMBER 25, 2024 & JANUARY 1, 2025, NO CCD CLASSES.

JANUARY 7, 2025, SCHOOL CLASSES RESUME.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday - December 14th

5:30 P.M. † Jim McGrath

Sunday - December 15th

8:30 A.M. † John Steinauer

10:00 A.M. † Poor Souls in Purgatory

11:30 A.M. People of the Parish

Monday - December 16th

6:30 A.M. † Sandy Payne

8:15 A.M. Jesse Becker

Tuesday - December 17th

6:30 A.M. Alyssa Cunningham

8:15 A.M. Bill & Jeanne Kee

Wednesday - December 18th

6:30 A.M. † Gary Armstrong

8:15 A.M. † Lorraine Kozisek

Thursday - December 19th

6:30 A.M. Tami Onken

8:15 A.M. † Melody Heitz

Friday - December 20th

6:30 A.M. † Poor Souls in Purgatory

8:15 A.M. Sr. Marie Caritas

Saturday - December 21st

8:15 A.M. Rich Lowery

5:30 P.M. † Gary Armstrong

Sunday - December 22nd

8:30 A.M. People of the Parish

10:00 A.M. Angie Johnson

11:30 A.M. † Poor Souls in Purgatory

PARISH NEWS

DATES & EVENTS:

MARCH 29, 2025, SAVE THE DATE - TABLE FOR TEN 2025 -

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 29th! Blessed Sacrament will host the annual Table for Ten Endowment Night at the Lincoln Firefighters Hall. More info to come. Please email stefanierash@gmail.com with any questions.

SCRIP NEWS - Don't forget about Scrip gift cards as you start your holiday shopping!

- ◆ Hy-Vee, Russ's, Super Saver or Walmart are great when buying groceries for your large family gatherings!
- ◆ Have family who is hard to shop for? (I see you mom of the picky tweenager.) Lots of gift cards starting at \$5!
- ◆ Not sure what to get your kids' teachers? We have Scrip gift certificates so they can pick exactly what they want!

Please ask for a list of cards we have in stock, but 100s of brands are also available on RaiseRight.com. Email jenniekorth@gmail.com or text 402-366-4218 to place **special orders by 12/15** to get in time for Christmas. Scrip is available during regular Rectory hours & between masses on select Sun. Watch Blessed Sacrament's social media channels for announcements!

2025 CALENDARS - They have come in; they are located in the vestibule. Please take one to have at home or work. Enjoy!

JANUARY 11-12, 2024, SAVE THE DATE - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER & BREAKFAST - Come eat good food and support the Women's Care Center of Lincoln! The K of C are hosting a Dinner on Sat., Jan. 11th and a Breakfast on Sun., Jan. 12th. Plan to stop by!

CHANGE TO THE CSS FOOD MARKET DONATION MONTH - We have a new month to sponsor the CSS Food Market, it will now be January & June that Blessed Sacrament will help stock the CSS Food

Market, if you give online you will want to adjust that fund on online giving, if you use the envelopes, they will now be in the January and June envelope packets.


DECEMBER 30, 2024, TAX DEDUCTION FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS - those who wish to receive a tax deduction for charitable contributions to Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in 2024 must have their donation to the rectory by 12 noon, Mon., Dec. 30th. Statements on contributions will be mailed to you in Jan. 2025.

GIVE GENEROUSLY, GIVING FROM YOUR IRA - A tip on tax-free, charitable giving from your IRA - Qualified Charitable Distributions: If you are 70 1/2 years old or older & have an individual Retirement Account (IRA), you can support Blessed Sacrament church by making a qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). Qualified Charitable Distributions are tax-free withdrawals transferred directly from IRA to qualify-ing organizations such as Blessed Sacrament Church, up to a maximum of \$105,000 annually.

SOUTHERN NEBRASKA REGISTER - Our Diocese is blessed with an excellent newspaper, providing good & pertinent info. about local, national, & worldwide news of our Catholic Church. Each family who receives the paper is asked to pay \$15 for their subscription. Please put in a plain envelope for the subscription marked SNR. Thank you for your consideration.

THE TRAVELING MADONNA: The Legion of Mary is pleased to make available to you a Fatima Statue, which you can have in your home for a week or two. If you or family members are ill or you have problems of any kind or have no problems. Please call Roni at 402-475-5540 or Kathy at 402-840-7732 to make arrangements to have the Fatima statue in your home. No Fees.

THE LIVING ROSARY: St. Dominic of Guzman propagated the devotion to the rosary in the 13th century. Since then, the rosary has occupied the first place among the Marian devotions. It is like a beautiful garland of roses (hence the name: rose-a-rie) offered to Mary: 150 Hail Marys' with 15 Our Fathers at the beginning of each of the mysteries of the Life, Passion, and Resurrection of Jesus and the participation of Mary as co-redemprix. You are invited to take part in this wonderful devotion by praying only one decade daily, in your own home. Call Jan to have your decade assigned at 402-438-2506.

COMETS CORNER - On the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the 5th grade class had their first "class Mass." They organized and led the music, readings, serving, and gifts. It was beautiful to see their excitement and leadership. They also spread joy by hand delivering pre-ordered hot drinks to the staff following Mass. 



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If interested in becoming an adorer or a sub, or for more info, contact one of the coordinators listed below: Lois Korinek-402-423-1949 - Kathy Wells - 402-840-7732.

SEMINARIAN PRAYER CALENDAR FOR 2024-25 - Each Seminarian is given a specific week during which we are encouraged as a parish to pray for that specific seminarian preparing for the priesthood. The following is a list of the men to pray for during the month of Dec.:

Dec .15th-21st: Matthias Clark (St. Greg's)

Dec. 22nd-28th: Tyler Johnson (Mount St. Mary Seminary)



GET A GROUP TOGETHER & LEARN ABOUT THE PINK SISTERS - Visit the Chapel of Christ the King, the home of the Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters, and get all the info. on this oasis of peace and stillness in the heart of Lincoln. Any age group is welcome! To schedule, contact Joan Tasler, 402-310-9682 or jftasler@gmail.com.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE - Upcoming Retreats to register for: **4 & 8-day Ignatian Retreats** - Dec. 29th - Jan 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or Jan. 19th-24th, 2025 w/ Fr. Coulter, Fr. Barak & Matt Simmons, "O Holy Night" 24-hour retreat for Advent & Christmas w/Fr. Gary Coulter Dec. 20th-21st. **LDCCW Winter Symposium on Jan. 10th-11th. Desert Day on Jan. 7th**, anytime between 7-9 a.m. check-in - Depart when it works for you. Read more & register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@olgcretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

HEARTS RESTORED - Are you or someone you know struggling after an abortion? It's time to find hope and healing with Hearts Restored. This post-abortion healing ministry will accompany you on your unique healing journey, offering mentorship, individual counseling, group settings, retreats, spiritual support, and more. Restore your peace and hope today. Call the Hearts Restored hotline at 402-783-HOPE (4673) or email the confidential, secure inbox at FindPeace@HeartsRestoredNebraska.org. Learn more about Hearts Restored at HeartsRestoredNebraska.org.

ADDITIONAL NEWS



DECEMBER 17, 2024, CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS, COURT ST. CHARLES #472 - Christmas Potluck & Meeting at 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church 7900 Trendwood Drive Lincoln. We will be making hygiene bags for Matt Talbot Outreach. Please bring hygiene items or socks, hats, & gloves. Visitors & new members are always welcome.

DECEMBER 28, 2024, HOLY INNOCENTS' MEMORIAL MASS - For

those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. All are invited. Sat., Dec. 28th at John XXIII Diocesan Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln. Reading children's names will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Mass at 7:00 p.m. New names may be submitted by calling the Office of Family Life at 402-473-0620 before 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 17th or in the vestibule prior to 6:30 p.m. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list. All names will be permanently placed on a memorial banner.

JANUARY 2-5, 2024, S.T.A.G.E. TO PRESENT "THE CUSTODIAN OF ART" - Student Theatre announces its holiday production, "The Custodian of Art," to be held at 7 p.m. on Jan. 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & at 2 p.m. on Jan. 5th, at St. Teresa's Kaczmarek Hall, 36th & Randolph St. Audiences of all ages will delight in this original musical, featuring student actors ages 8 to 15. Set in an art gallery full of famous paintings, patrons realize the purpose of art as it comes to life through clever depictions & silly antics. Music, dance, & humorous moments weave their way through this thoughtful piece derived from St. John Paul II's Letter to Artists & his writings on truth, goodness, & beauty. Following the show, guests will enjoy an art exhibit by local artists & STAGE students. Reserved seating tickets can be purchased at <https://www.stage4kids.com/purchase-tickets.html>.



JANUARY 8, 2024, EMMAUS INSTITUTE WINTER COURSE - Starting Jan. 8th (Wednesdays), the Emmaus Institute is teaching a five-week course on our Blessed Mother, titled The Mother of the Word: A Biblical Study of Mary.

Discover how the Old & New Testaments reveal the person and mission of Mary. Learn more and register via the QR code or at www.EmmausInstitute.net.



FEBRUARY 14-16, 2025, WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit & fire." Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage by participating in a WWME Experience on Feb. 14th-16th, 2025, Lincoln, NE; Sept. 19th-21st, 2025, Grand Island, NE. For questions, feel free to contact: Brenda & Gary Granger at 402-370-5839. Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early. For more info about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit www.wwme.org. Follow us on Instagram & Facebook! [@worldwidemarriageencounter](https://www.instagram.com/worldwidemarriageencounter).

MOMS IN NEED - The parish Pro-Life group has put together packets that identify resources for any mother who finds herself in need of assistance. They are located in our vestibule pamphlet rack. If you are a mother in need, or know of someone who could use this material, check the pamphlet rack for yellow-colored packets.

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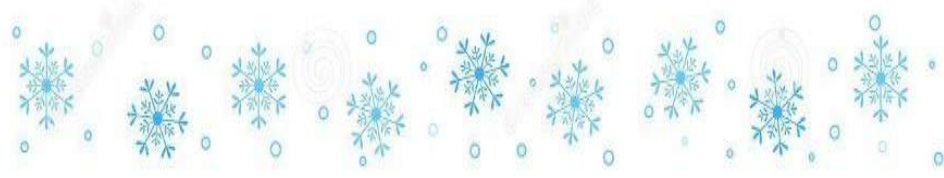


EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL - in Seward, NE, has an opening for an energetic Catholic leader as Elementary School Principal, for the 2025-26 school year. The principal must be certified by the NE Dept. of Education or be able to be certified with minimal effort. Preference will be given to applicants with successful administrative experience. St. Vincent de Paul is a PreK-4 elementary school located 25 miles west of Lincoln. Interested, qualified candidates can ask for application info by contacting Msgr. Robert Tucker at msgr.rob_ert-tucker@cdolinc.net or call (402) 643-3421.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - CHURCH ORGANIST/PIANIST - We're seeking an experienced organist &/or pianist to serve at our liturgies, including Sat. vigil Mass, Holy Days, & as a substitute for Sun. Masses as needed. One or more PT, paid positions are available now. We would love to welcome you to our Music Ministry! To express interest, please contact Mike Zeleny, Director of Music, at Zelenymj@gmail.com or 402.416.1845.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - BEYOND THE BELL STAFF - is seeking support staff to help with our after-school program! Must be at least 16 years old. Responsibilities include providing childcare & child safety, preparing snacks, supervising indoor & outdoor activities, helping direct educational programming, & facilitating a safe, encouraging environment for students. Email resume & references to JHEL-beyondthebell@cdolinc.net or call 402-489-0341 with any questions.



BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

2024 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

The angel said to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord."

What better preparation to welcome our God than to be cleansed of sin in the Sacrament of Confession so that we might sing with the angels that great song glorifying God at the Christmas liturgies!



ADVENT CONFESSION

SCHEDULE – In addition to the regular schedule (Mon-Fri: 6:10-6:25 a.m.; 7:55-8:10 a.m. & Sat: 7:55-8:10 a.m., 6:30-7:00 p.m.)

Thursday	December 19 th	12 noon – 1 p.m.
Friday	December 20 th	5:00 - 6:00 p.m. (Visiting Priest)
Saturday	December 21 st	3:30 - 5:20 p.m.;
Sunday	December 22 nd	4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Monday	December 23 rd	12 noon – 1 p.m.;
		7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 24 th	11:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24th

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Wednesday, December 25th

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass

8:30 a.m. Mass During the Day

10:00 a.m. Mass During the Day



**Final Quarterly Report #12
Capital Campaign Update
As of December 13, 2024**

Amount Pledged:	\$ 1,921,611.00
Uncollectible Pledges:	(91,728.00)
Pledges Paid:	<u>(1,767,535.29)</u>
Remaining Pledged:	\$ 62,347.41
Cash on Hand:	\$10,004.85
Fest Quest 2023	11,924.94
Catholic Day of Giving	<u>5,320.00</u>
Total Cash	27,249.79
DIAL Savings	<u>41,052.46</u>
Total on Hand	\$ 68,302.25

Notes

**God bless the
generous hearts of
Blessed Sacrament
Parishioners!**

All Projects Are Completed!

Property Mortgages Paid	\$ 224,446.00
Payment on Diocesan Loan:	281,800.00
<i>Total Debt Amount: \$296,000.00</i>	
Parking Lot Addition	233,762.20
Church Roof Replacement	199,688.00
Street-View Beautification	71,290.00
School Roof Replacement	221,688.48
Demolition of 3 Properties and Green Space Landscaping	221,523.15
School Basement Remodel	299,022.58
Administrative Expenses	<u>133,113.00</u>
	\$ 1,802,397.44



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O Holy Night

December 20-21



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**Trusting God in an
Age of Anxiety**

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**Intro to
Discernment
of Spirits**

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**Why Consecrated
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EPIPHANY COOKIE DAY

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Holiday cookie making for the Sisters' benefactors

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DECEMBER 27, 2024

9 AM - 2 PM

RSVP: 402-477-5232 or sr.fiat-marie@cdolinc.net

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Holy Innocents

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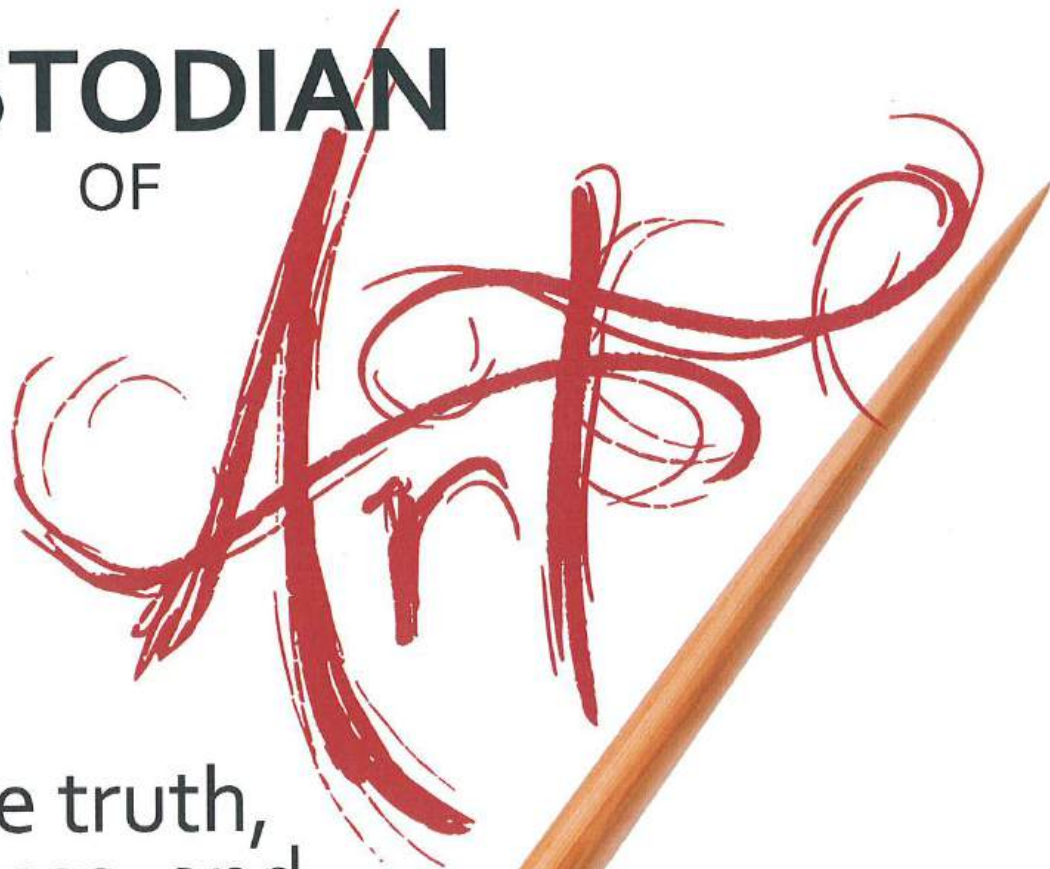
6:30pm Reading of Names
7:00pm Mass

New names may be submitted by
calling the Office of Family Life
at 402-473-0620 before 5pm on
Dec. 17th or in the vestibule
prior to 6:30.

All names will be permanently
placed on a banner. However,
due to time constraints, only
names submitted since 2016 will
be read aloud.

Mass will be held at John XXIII Diocesan Center
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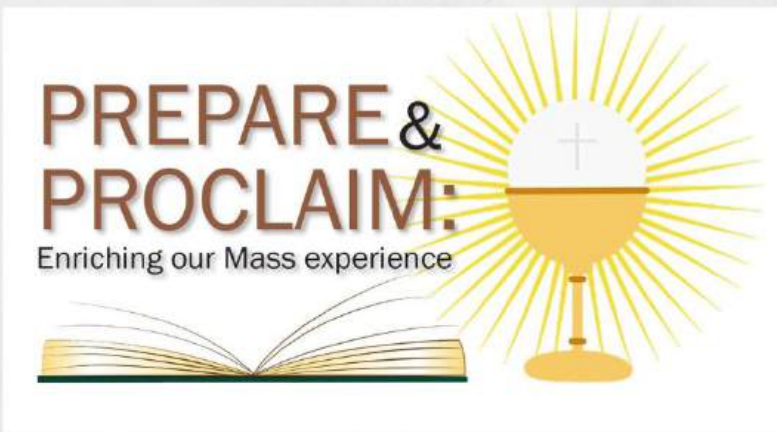
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