

Fourth Sunday of Advent — December 21, 2025

**St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Lakeport
& St. Peter Mission, Kelseyville**

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 Website: www.stmaryslakeport.com

Mass Schedules:

St. Mary Immaculate Church, Lakeport

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm (English)
 Sunday 10:00 am (English) & 12:00 pm (Spanish)
 Wed, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 am (English)

St. Peter Mission, Kelseyville

4085 Main St. Kelseyville, 95451
 (Mail and telephone to St Mary's office)
Mass Schedule: Sunday 8:30 am & Tuesday at 9:00 am
 (English)

Reconciliation / Confesiones:

Saturday/Sabado from 3:30 pm till 4:15 pm

Parish Registration: If you are new to the parish or have not yet registered, please fill out the form below and return it during the offertory collection or mail it to the parish office.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ Telephone # _____

Fourth Sunday of Advent—Year A

Christmas Is Almost Here: God Is with Us

Christmas is almost here. The lights are shining, homes are decorated, and families are preparing to gather. In the midst of all this joyful activity, the Church invites us, on this Fourth Sunday of Advent, to pause and remember the true meaning of Christmas. Christmas is not only a beautiful celebration or a special day on the calendar. It is the great mystery of our faith: God comes to dwell among us. The eternal God chooses to enter human history, not with power or riches, but as a child—fragile, humble, and full of love. This child is given the name Emmanuel, which means “*God is with us.*” In Jesus, God shares our life, our struggles, and our hopes.

Standing at the doorway between Advent and Christmas, today’s Gospel (Matthew 1:18–24) places before us Saint Joseph. Joseph shows us how to prepare our hearts for Christmas. Faced with uncertainty and fear, he listens to God’s word, trusts God’s plan, and welcomes Jesus into his life and his home. Joseph reminds us that faith often means saying “yes” to God, even when we do not have all the answers.

A simple story helps us understand this truth. One Christmas Eve, a father was struggling late at night to put together a toy. He was tired and frustrated. His small child came, sat quietly beside him, and said, “*Daddy, I don’t need the toy. I just want you.*” In that moment, the father understood what really mattered. That is the heart of Christmas. God does not give us something from a distance; He gives us Himself. As we celebrate this Fourth Sunday of Advent and move into the days of Christmas, we are invited to make room for Jesus—not only in our decorations, but in our hearts and in our families. When Christ is welcomed, He brings peace to our hearts, healing to our relationships, and new life to our homes.

May these final days of Advent help us slow down, listen like Joseph, and say “yes” to God’s loving presence among us.

Wishing a joyful, grace-filled Christmas to you and your families.

Fr. Sudhakar Mannam

Pre-Baptismal Class

Pre-baptismal instruction class will be held on Thursday January 8th, 2026 at 6:00 PM in St. Mary’s Parish Hall. For more information, contact the office (707) 263-4401.

Attention!!!!

Do you know of a homebound parishioner who would like to receive communion? Please contact Carol Dvorak @ (707) 489-9425

Weekly Collections:

December 13 & 14 2025

First Collection \$3,440

Second Collection (FRR) \$1,717

This weekend the second collection is for Christmas Flowers. Thank you.

Mass intentions

Sunday 8:30 am **Frank Maxwell on the occasion of his 92 Birthday**

Sunday 12:00 pm **+Celia Ruiz**

There will be no Mass on Friday December 26

Parish News:

Sunday Collection Envelopes

The Sunday Collection Envelopes for the year are now available. Parishioners are kindly asked to please pick up their envelopes.

If you are a newly registered parishioner and do not yet have envelopes, please contact the parish office, and we will be happy to assist you.

KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS

Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus are having a fundraiser with proceeds going to church maintenance. It's with RADA cutlery. You buy high quality products for yourself or as gifts at the regular price and the knights get a commission which goes right into the maintenance fund. You get a great product and donate to our church at the same time. Catalogs will be available after mass. Talk to Jim Goetz, Joe Sanderson or any of the Knights here at mass. Thank you for your support.

PURIFIED RETREAT FOR PARENTS AND TEENS

Novato, CA / January 18th, 2026

Join us for an inspiring retreat for both **teens and parents**, offering an opportunity to address the important and challenging topics facing families today, including:

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Jesus Christ.

Christmas Poinsettia Donations

We are now accepting donations for Christmas poinsettias to decorate our church.

If you would like to help, please place your donation in the poinsettia envelopes in the vestibule. Thank you for your generosity and for helping make our church beautiful for Christmas!

◆ Christmas & Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

The parish warmly invites all the faithful to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Let us gather in prayer, devotion, and thanksgiving, rejoicing in God's greatest gift of salvation.

Christmas Eve – December 24

* 4:00 PM – Mass in English, St. Mary's, Lakeport

* 6:00 PM – Mass in Spanish, St. Mary's, Lakeport

Christmas Day – December 25

* 8:30 AM – Mass in English, St. Peter's Mission, Kelseyville

* 10:00 AM – Mass in English, St. Mary's, Lakeport

* 12:00 Noon – Mass in Spanish, St. Mary's, Lakeport

◆ Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

December 31

* 5:00 PM Bilingual Mass, St. Mary's, Lakeport

January 1 2026

* 10:00 AM – Mass in English, St. Mary's, Lakeport

* 12:00 Noon – Mass in Spanish, St. Mary's, Lakeport

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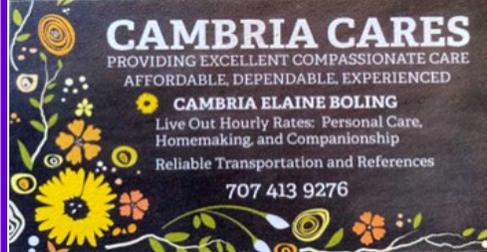
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