

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21, 2025

Immaculate Conception

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MASS TIMES: Nov. & Dec.

Major Saturday 5 p.m.

Dodsland Saturday 7:30 p.m.

Luseland Sunday 9 a.m.

Kerrobert Sunday 11 a.m.

Collection

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 1:18-24

Whereas Luke's infancy narrative features Mary, Matthew's account of the birth of Christ features Joseph. Matthew connects Joseph the betrothed husband of Mary to the Joseph in Genesis (youngest son of Jacob, Genesis chapters 38-50) especially through the occurrence of a dream in which the angel appears. St. Joseph is also "from the line of David." Even though Joseph does not speak, he is a righteous man, embodying all that is holy in the tradition of Israel. Joseph's openness to God's spirit prepared him to listen to a dream, receive a message from God, and act on it. Joseph is challenged to trust without knowing the outcome of events – that is the essence of faith.

1. What themes or lessons do you draw from this Gospel account?
2. Recall a time when you were challenged to trust without knowing the outcome.
3. How can we be living signs of "God-with-us" in our parish community and in our world?

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

5 pm Christmas Eve – Luseland

7 pm Christmas Eve – Kerrobert

9 pm Christmas Eve – Major

10 am Christmas Day – Dodsland

5 pm New Year's Eve – Major

7:30 pm New Year's Eve – Dodsland

9 am New Year's Day – Luseland

11 am New Year's Day – Kerrobert

Date	Reader	Offertory
Christmas Eve 9 pm	Blanche	G Wiebe
Dec. 27 (Sat.) 5 pm	Vicki	J Zimmer
New Year's Eve 5 pm	Ray	J & M Baier
Jan. 4 (Sun.) 9 am	Aimée	L & C Baier
Jan. 11 (Sun.) 9 am	Sharon	D & J Bazylinski
Jan. 18 (Sun.) 9 am	Darren	J & M Bardick



CATECHIST CONNECTION

This is a one-hour digital gathering designed to build community and foster connections among catechists throughout the diocese. Each monthly session includes a brief teaching on a relevant topic to enhance the ministry of catechist, followed by open discussion, and the sharing of best practices. There are two times to choose from: noon to 1 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the following dates: Jan. 14, Feb. 12, March 18, April 23, May 13, and June 11. For more information, contact diocesan Rural Catechetics Coordinator Quin Kleiboer at (306) 659-5857 or qkleiboer@rcdos.ca. (Rural Catechetics supported by gifts to the BAA).

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2025 – ROOTED IN PRAYER AND MISSION:

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SYNOD ON SYNODALITY IMPLEMENTING A SYNODAL WAY OF PROCLAIMING CHRIST AND GOD'S KINGDOM TODAY

“Human encounter, respectful listening, benevolent dialogue, and honest discernment is of a wholly different order. It proceeds under the canopy of the Holy Spirit and through conversation in the Spirit.” – Cardinal Mario Mario Grech. Find more information about the implementation of the Synod on Synodality at: <https://rcdos.ca/syond>

ST. PETER'S PARISH ADVENT MISSION

Join St. Peter's in Unity for talks for Colm and Sharon Leyne followed by a time of Adoration with confession and prayer ministry. The cost is a free will offering. This is on **December 21st from 2 pm to 5 pm.**

GESTURES AND BODILY POSTURE DURING THE MASS –

The following is from guidelines sent out from Bishop Hagemoen

IV. OTHER NOTES ON BOWING, GENUFLCTIONS, AND POSTURE

Priests and ministers genuflect prior to entering the sanctuary and upon leaving it if the tabernacle is contained within it. If the tabernacle is not within the sanctuary, they make a profound bow to the altar alone prior to entering and exiting. Throughout the Mass and other liturgies such as the Divine Office, all (servers, lectors, etc.) make a profound bow to the altar upon entering and leaving the sanctuary as it takes precedence as the place of sacrificial worship during liturgies, unless the blessed sacrament is exposed during the Rite of Eucharistic Adoration.

LITURGICAL AND SACRAMENTAL MINISTRIES

I. EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (Continued)

2. “In addition to the ordinary ministers there is the formally instituted acolyte, who by virtue of his institution is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion even outside the celebration of Mass. If, moreover, reasons of real necessity prompt it, another lay member of Christ's faithful may also be delegated by the diocesan Bishop, in accordance with the norm of law, for one occasion or for a specified time”. The Holy See has emphasized that mandating Extraordinary Ministers must be based on the needs of the Church and the unavailability of ordinary ministers.

ii. Determining the Need for Extraordinary Ministers

3. Extraordinary Ministers may serve only if at least one of the following conditions exists:
 - a) the priest and deacon are lacking
 - b) the priest is prevented by weakness or advanced age or some other genuine reason
 - c) the number of faithful coming to Communion is so great that the celebration of Mass would be unduly prolonged.
4. Those chosen to be Extraordinary Ministers are: duly installed acolytes, major seminarians, male and female Religious, catechists, Catholic men or women.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

She conceived the holy child within her because “the Holy Ghost over the bent world broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.” Softly caring, watching, always at hand, warming the world with love. God among us. God with us. Be born for us soon, soon. AMEN