



## Will You Notice the Shoot?

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**T**oday's first reading from the prophet Isaiah offers a familiar Advent image: the shoot sprouting from the stump of Jesse. The verses immediately preceding speak of God walking through the forest with an ax: "The tall of stature shall be felled, and the lofty ones shall be brought low" (Isaiah 10:33). But now, amidst all the destruction, a tiny sign of new life emerges, and the Spirit of God descends upon it, bearing many gifts—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, delight.

So often, when we scroll through the news, our attention is captured by violence and war and the "mighty" who make great noise when they fall. "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees," echoes John the Baptist in today's gospel. If we are looking



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for where God's Spirit can be found, however, Isaiah reminds us we will need to look elsewhere. We will need to attend to the quiet, fragile resurrections taking place below the surface when it appears as if all has been lost. If we seek wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, and delight, we will need to look where the little ones of the earth are found. We must have our eyes open for the shoots.

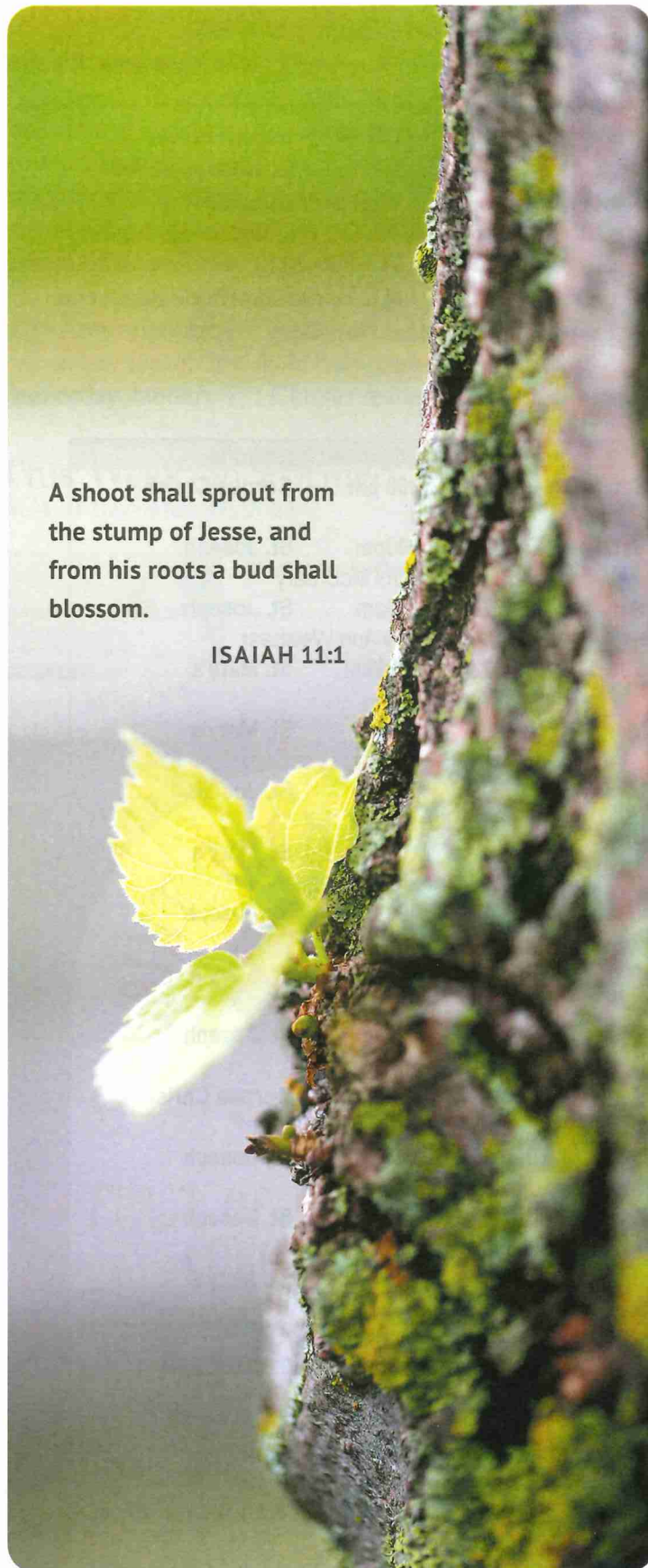
The gospels emphasize that Jesus was one such little one. Although the glory days of his people seemed to have come to a crashing close, they have not. In him, we glimpse the truth that life is stronger than death. We see that the future has not been erased, no matter how terrible the past. In him, we find our hope. ●

### Reflect

***Are my eyes open to the small signs of God's work  
in the world, or am I too distracted to notice?***

**A shoot shall sprout from  
the stump of Jesse, and  
from his roots a bud shall  
blossom.**

ISAIAH 11:1



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Dec. 2022

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#### Sacraments

**Reconciliation** Saturday & Sunday 30 min before Mass, Wednesdays 6-7pm St. Joseph  
**Marriage** Six-month notice required  
18 months if annulments needed  
**Anointing** Please let us know of any hospital admissions  
**Baptism** For Baptismal dates call the office;  
one Baptismal Class required

#### Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat.	Dec 6	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
	†	Tina Gaspard	
Sat.	Dec 6	7:00pm	St. Joseph
	†	Patrick and Carol McCreary	
Sun.	Dec 7	8:00am	St. Joseph
		Kenny and Mary Ann Weishaar	
Sun.	Dec 7	10:00am	St. Mary's
	†	Melvin Wagner	
Mon.	Dec 8	5:00pm	St. Mary's
	†	Liv. and Dec. Members of Feuerborn Family	
Mon.	Dec 8	7:00pm	St. Joseph
		Mass for the People	
Tue.	Dec 9	8:00am	St. Mary's
	†	Bill and Mary Lou Weishaar	
Wed.	Dec 10	8:00am	St. Joseph
	†	Jeannie Pollard	
Thu.	Dec 11	8:00am	St. Mary's
	†	"Jerry" Gerald Kramer	
Fri.	Dec 12	8:00am	St. Joseph
	†	Vincent and Phyllis Bertels	
Sat.	Dec 13	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
	†	Bernard Noll	
Sat.	Dec 13	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
	†	Jeannette Kingman	
Sun.	Dec 14	8:00 am	St. Joseph
	†	Jon Larson	
Sun.	Dec 14	10:00 am	St. Mary's
		Mass for the People	

The Parish Office will be closed Monday for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Office Hours this week: Tuesday, Wednesday 8:30am-12:30pm. Friday 11am-3pm.

#### 2025 Advent Concert Tour: God Became Man

An Evening with John Marc Skoch

Come hear the good news of the gospel in a way you've never experienced before. Enjoy classic Christmas carols and heartwarming originals, snacks, drinks and joyful community as we prepare our hearts for the coming of The Savior!

Sunday, December 7, 5:30-7 PM

St. Michael Catholic Church

504 6th St, Axtell, KS

No RSVP, No Charge, All are Welcome!

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#### 2025 Advent/Christmas Schedule

##### Penance Services

Saturday, Dec. 6- Corpus Christi, 3:30-4:50pm

Sunday, Dec. 7- St. Joseph, 4:30-5:45pm.

Sunday, Dec. 21- St. Mary, 11am-noon

##### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, Dec. 8- St. Mary, 5 p.m.

St. Joseph, 7 p.m.

##### Christmas Eve- Wednesday, Dec. 24

St. Mary 4:30 p.m.

St. Joseph, 6:30 p.m.

Corpus Christi, 9 p.m.

##### Christmas Day- Thursday, Dec. 25

St. Mary, 8 a.m.

##### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, Dec. 31- Corpus Christi, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 1- St. Joseph, 8 a.m.

St. Mary, 10 a.m.



#### Eucharistic Adoration and

#### Confessions

St. Joseph

Wednesdays, 6-7pm

Corpus Christi

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month, 4-4:45pm

St. Mary's

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month, 11am- 12pm

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Wednesday



### Please Remember in Your Prayers

Kyle Perkis	Jeremy Heinen
Bob Heinen	Virginia Grollmes
Emma Dockweiler	Rosella Hollis
Janet Schmidt	Chris Heinen
Tim Hosler	Heidi Rutar
Phil Heuertz	Dolores Miller
Roxie Herring	Dorothy Herring
Jenna Amack	Tynen Darveaux Sr.

Also pray for those serving in the Military, those with health issues and those who have no one to pray for them.

### December Appointments

**Ushers:** Mike Brose, Pat Sieve, Bill Heinen, Kevin Glassel

**Lay Ministers:** Marley Hamon, Larry Martin, Dianna Welsh, Lesa Brose

**Rosary:** Chad Mooradian

**Monday December 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:00 pm**

**Lector:** RaeAnn Allen

**Musicians:** Volunteer

**Servers:** Jarrett Wildeman

**Gifts:** Ushers

**Finances:** Jarrett Wildeman, Chad Mooradian

**Sacristan:** Lesa Brose

**December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Lector:** Megan Belveal

**Musicians:** Patty Bendure, RaeAnn Allen

**Servers:** Jack Warth, Tommy Welsh

**Gifts:** Tom Warth Family

**Finances:** Larry Martin, Kristy Burns

**Sacristan:** Julie Sieve

### Contributions

**November 30, 2025**

Elevator Fund.....	50.00
Plate.....	150.50
Support.....	725.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$925.50</b>

### St Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish Mission Statement

- Study our **FAITH**
- Practice our **FAITH**
- Support our parish and community in **FAITH**
- Evangelize our **FAITH**

**Bulletin additions or corrections:** Contact Crystal Clark 785-806-0262 (text or call)  
email [calebcrysal@hotmail.com](mailto:calebcrysal@hotmail.com)

### Knights of Columbus Family of the Month November

Chad and Melinda Mooradian

### December

Pat and Julie Sieve

### Poinsettia memorials

If you would like to sponsor an Altar poinsettia for Christmas in memory of a loved one, please notify Beth Brown. Memorials are \$15 per plant, please include with your check names of those you would like remembered and the list will be published in the bulletin for Christmas.

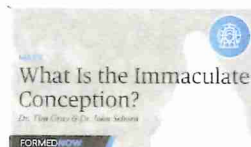
### CCD Announcements:

Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup>: Last class for 2025

Wednesday January 7<sup>th</sup>: Classes resume

### This Week on Formed

Week of December 07, 2025



### What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Dr. Tim Shaw and John Beeson as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.

## SAINT NICHOLAS DAY

## FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

SUNDAY | 7 | DECEMBER

Please join us to celebrate  
after Mass for a covered dish  
dinner, gift basket silent  
auction and a visit from Saint  
Nicholas himself!

# Dear Padre,

## Do non-Catholics go to heaven?

Yes, they do, because of the grace of God at work in his people. To suggest otherwise would seem to imply that Catholics somehow have a “golden ticket,” or some kind of right that simply does not exist.

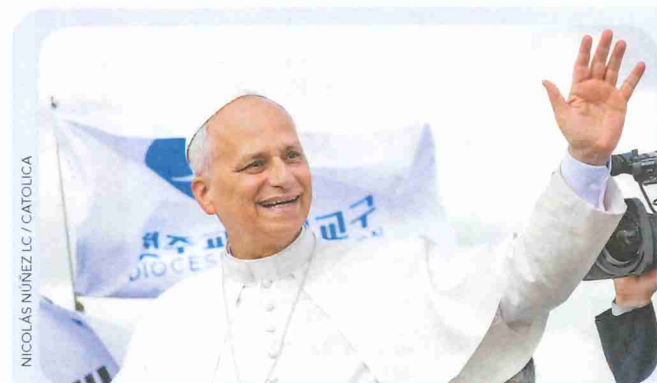
The Incarnation of Jesus healed the division between heaven and earth, a division established by the “sin of Adam” and confirmed by our own lives of sin. Through his passion, death, and resurrection, all has been restored to the manner that the Father first envisioned through his Creation. The division was between humanity and divinity, not between religious practices and divinity. Catholics believe and celebrate that God accepts all people of a good heart and a good spirit. God is not blinded by the labels that sometimes blind his people to the bigger reality.

When Catholics, or people of any religion, proclaim exclusivity and specialness, particularly when it concerns eternal life, all people should be very cautious about what they assume. To assume a certain type of arrogance—to yourself and to your belief and life of faith—that excludes others or separates another as “not one of us” simply has no place in the kingdom of God. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 8 <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Gn 3:9–15, 20 Eph 1:3–6, 11–12 Lk 1:26–38	December 9 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 40:1–11 Mt 18:12–14	December 10 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 40:25–31 Mt 11:28–30	December 11 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 41:13–20 Mt 11:11–15	December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> Zec 2:14–17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab Lk 1:26–38 or Lk 1:39–47	December 13 <i>St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i> Sir 48:1–4, 9–11 Mt 17:9a, 10–13	December 14 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Is 35:1–6a, 10 Jas 5:7–10 Mt 11:2–11

**Do you have a question for the Padre?**  
Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made “restless” by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity.*

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 18, 2025