

Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Bonnie Toth at: [bonnie3871@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie3871@gmail.com).

Jodi Aerts  
 Dylan Anderson  
 Robert Berry  
 Patricia Bonnewitz  
 Sandra Burke  
 Julie Byron  
 Toni Capute  
 Riordan Cavoris  
 Justin Curtis  
 Tony Donehoo  
 Carol Donato  
 Islea Duncan  
 Alan Ekberg  
 John Evans  
 Kathy Evans  
 Earl Fishback  
 Linda Gardner  
 Elizabeth Gillam  
 Lorraine Brennen Gilliam  
 Lynn Goss

Kathleen Hamilton  
 Jeanne Harper  
 Jeannine Iannaco  
 Pablo Ignacio  
 Patrick Ignacio  
 Meja Irvin  
 Margaret MacDiarmid  
 Carolyn Martin  
 Jamie Martin  
 Greg Moore  
 Kathleen Moore  
 Beverly Moyer  
 Chris Moyer  
 Ray Moyer  
 Don Notestein  
 Patsy Notestein  
 Angel Ortiz  
 George Perry  
 Wendy Pessaro  
 Gary Peters

Laurie Peters  
 Frank Powell  
 Nelson Sanchez  
 Princess Sanchez  
 John Seaquist  
 Ray Servis  
 Jane Sliwinski  
 Margaret Smith  
 Chere Tew  
 Fred Toth  
 Amy Tracy  
 Charles Watson  
 Danielle Weedon  
 Laura Williams  
 Louise Williams  
 Michael Williams  
 Travis Williams  
 Betty Jo Wolfrum

# Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



**December 3, 2023**  
**1st Sunday of Advent**

## December Birthdays

1 Mackenzie Lecco  
 2 Kathleen Hamilton  
 5 Mia Garcia  
 5 Carolyn Conner  
 8 Will McCabe  
 14 Glen Moore  
 15 Bety Joe Wolfrum  
 16 Christine Hamilton  
 16 Chere Tew  
 17 Dory Garcia  
 22 Don Smith  
 29 Mary Metzinger  
 31 Jackie Johnson

## December Anniversaries

29 Tom & Mary Metzinger

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**Holy Eucharist**  
**Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM**  
**Thursday 12:15 PM**

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## A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

*“Light In the Midst of Darkness”*

There is a reason that you were born. There is a reason that you are here: to awaken others to hope. Why do we pray? There is a hope within us. If there was no creator, no transcendent, no loving supreme being, prayer and our presence here would be fruitless. As those who have come to this place on this cold morning, we seek to keep hope alive. The fulfillment of that hope has been here, is with us and is yet to come again. That is why His name is Emmanuel (“God is with us”)

As we carry greenery, we carry hope. Our child is recovering from an illness. Our hungry and destitute poor are coming to see us and are being fed. Our leader who lives in the Vatican welcomes all, and I do mean welcomes all! We do not give up on the possibility of a cease fire between Russia and Ukraine. We form our wreath in hope.

Others carry greenery called “love.” God so loved the world. We so love our children, boyfriend, girlfriend, spouse. Some have died, but we still love them. Might that Emmanuel awaken us to love.

Some carry greenery called “joy” – more than a happy feeling that cannot be contained. As Billy Joel once sang: “Tell her about it.” A woman we believe in and who was with child, felt the power of joy so much that she traveled the hill country to visit another woman as a new life could not be contained!

## PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mass: Feast of the Immaculate Conception:** The Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Friday, **December 8 at 6:30 PM.**

### **Grand Illumination: Friday, December 8.**

We will gather at 5:45 PM for cookies, hot chocolate and coffee before mass. Then, following mass, we will proceed outside for the blessing of the lights and caroling and perhaps some more hot chocolate and coffee....

### **First Holy Communion: December 10th:**



Yahir Alvarado Garcia will be receiving his 1st Holy Communion next Sunday, December 10 during mass. Let us all be present as a parish to celebrate with Yahir as he receives Jesus in the sacrament for the first time.

Please consider supporting Yahir as he grows in his faith by giving a card or other suitable memento and staying after mass for this very special Breakfast Sunday celebration!

### **Next Sunday is Breakfast Sunday.**

Please bring a breakfast food to share.



**November 11, 2023 Grief Workshop Update:** The following email was received from “The Two Elders”: “We are so grateful to you and the entire Justice and Peace Committee of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church for providing our Navigating Through the Holidays workshop this past Saturday . Everything was perfect: the table and chair setup, coffee and fruit, a delicious lunch and the lovely candles. Everyone felt cared for and comfortable. Your church has again provided a valuable service to your members and the greater community. “