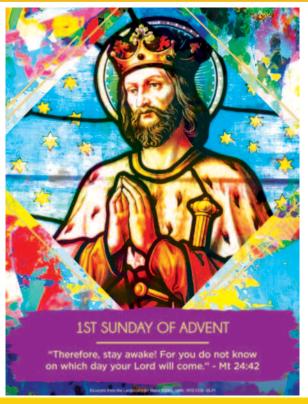
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## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30th 2025**

### **REGULAR MASS TIMES**

Monday - Saturday 8:15 am · Chapel

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet Prior to Daily Mass

@ 7:30 am · Chapel

Saturday Vigil · 4:30 pm · Church

Sunday · 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am · Church

#### **RECONCILIATION**

Tuesdays

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm · Church

Saturdays

9:00 am - 10:00 am & 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm · Church

#### **ADORATION**

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:00 am - 8:00 pm · Chapel Benediction @ 7:45 pm

### FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

First Friday of Every Month following Daily Mass FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

First Saturday of Every Month @ 7:25 am • Chapel

### SUNDAY READINGS

### First Reading:

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isa 2:5)

#### Psalm:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)

**Second Reading:** You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. (Rom 13:11)

### Gospel:

'So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,

the Son of Man will come." (Mt 24:44)

### **OBSERVANCES**

1st Sunday of Advent Sunday: Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Thursday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the

Saturday: St. Nicholas, Bishop Nxt Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

## **Infant Baptism**

Come to the Water ...

If you are pregnant or have a new addition to the family, please contact Diane Starkweather at stgbaptism@gmail.com or call the parish office for more information and to register in the parish. Baptism class required for parents and offered monthly. Must be under 7 years old for Infant Baptism.

"Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit. -ccc 1213

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# THIS WEEK In Our Parish

Monday, December 1st Rosary · 7:30am · Chapel Mass · 8:15am · Chapel

Middle School Sentinels · 6:00pm · Youth Center

**Tuesday, December 2nd**Rosary · 7:30am · Chapel
Mass · 8:15am · Chapel

Adoration · 9:00am - 8:00pm · Chapel ·

Benediction 7:45pm

Women's Bible Study • 9:00am • Padre Pio Confessions · 6:30pm - 7:30pm · Church Adult Faith: Catechism Journey · 6:00pm · St. Gabriel Room

Wednesday, December 3rd

St. Francis Kavier

Rosary · 7:30am · Chapel Mass · 8:15am · Chapel

Adoration · 9:00am - 8:00pm · Chapel ·

Benediction 7:45pm

Jammies for Jesus · 3:15pm · Parish Hall SVdP Meeting · 3:30pm · St. Gabriel Room

Thursday, December 4th Rosary · 7:30am · Chapel Mass · 8:15am · Chapel OCIA · 6:00pm · Padre Pio

Friday, December 5th

Rosary · 7:30am · Chapel Mass · 8:15am · Chapel Legion of Mary · 9:30am · St. Gabriel Room

DATE NIGHT! Marriage Enrichment Paint & Sip ·

6:00pm · Parish Hall

Saturday, December 6th

St. Nicolas

That Man is You! • 7:00am • St. Gabriel Room

Rosary • 7:30am · Chapel Mass · 8:15am · Chapel

Confession · 9:00am · 10:00am · Church Men's Bible Study · 9:00am · St. Gabriel Room Confesson · 3:00pm - 4:00pm · Church

Vigil Mass · 4:30pm · Church

Sunday, December 7th

Second Sunday of Advent

Masses · 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am · Church Faith & Family Hour w/Fr. Declan · Noon · Parish

Teen Sacramental Prep · 4:30pm · Youth Center High School Sentinels • 5:30pm • Youth Center

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## Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 30th 7:00 am Parishioners 8:30 am + Len Vinci by Deb Vinci 10:30 am + Pat Burke by Fr. Chad

Monday, December 1st 8:15 am + Clare Marino by Rita Collins

Tuesday, December 2nd 8:15 am + Donna Okeke by Santos Family

Wednesday, December 3rd 8:15 am + Eva Hageman by Mary Keane

Thursday, December 4th 8:15 am + Clare Marino by Rita Collins

Friday, December 5th 8:15 am + Antonio Balbo by Vivian & Tony Prato

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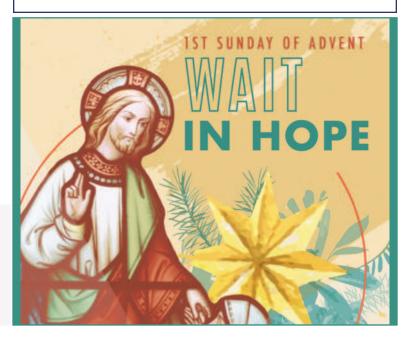
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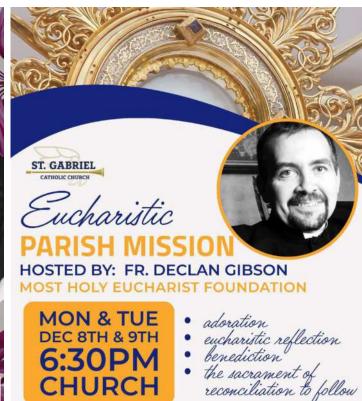
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## The Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming

This weekend 20 inquirers will be accepted and welcomed into our community at the 10:30am Mass during the OCIA Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming. These adults have chosen, and are ready, to enter a more specific Catechetical period of learning about the Catholic faith.

Please pray for our (unbaptized) catechumens and (baptized) candidates as they now enter into a period of deeper formation in the OCIA process.

If you know of anyone who would like to receive their sacraments have them reach out to Deacon Matt Irish, our Director of Discipleship.



## **FAITH & FAMILY HOUR**

the importance of the Eucharist

Fr. Declan Gibson Most Holy Eucharist Foundation

Sunday, December 7th following the 10:30 Mass Parish Hall



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WHERE: PARISH HALL

changing into jammies is optional - \*parent must be present to help parent must pick up child from school & accompany to Parish Hall



Please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.



November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent Matthew 24:37-44

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos will come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

-Father John Myin



In the Gospel reading today Jesus presents himself as the thief but also as the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood of chaos that can enter our lives, and he invites us to join Him. We can join Jesus on this ark by participating fully in our parishes, by making our homes places or prayer, and by guarding our hearts with truth. We must refuse to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed.

If the work of the Knights sounds interesting, see any member or find our leaders on the Parish website at:

https://stgacc.org/knights-of-columbus

## Upcoming events:

If you're a third degree Knight and are interested in joining the **Fourth Degree Order**, Annunciation Assembly 2833 is hosting a Fourth Degree Exemplification on December 13.

To register online go to https://kofc-az.org/patriotic-degree and sign up before December 6.

**First Wednesday of Every Month**: FUNDRAISER at the Dynasty Chinese Cuisine. 10% of sales donated to KofC with coupon (including takeout)

**DECEMBER 6** KofC & WINGS Annual Christmas Party

**DECEMBER 17** at 7:00 PM: Officers Meeting

**DECEMBER 18** at 6:00 PM: Fourth Degree Assembly Meeting &

7:00 PM: Council Meeting

## Letter of Appreciation

November 20th, 2025

With profound gratitude. I write to sincerely thank the Parishioners of St. Gabriel for your generous support in sponsoring four boreholes in the communities of Payau, Bundu, Manchong, and Chirani, located across four different deaneries in Kafanchan Diocese, Nigeria. Incredibly, more contributions were later presented to the Fountain Water Foundation so that a fifth borehole is on the pipeline at Kan-qwaza community!

The importance of potable water to humanity cannot be overemphasized, since it affects the overall well-being of society, encompassing the health, social, and economic development of every community. Despite all this, it is sad to note that in the 21st century, some communities still lack access to potable water. Back home in Nigeria, women still walk distances and endure sleepless nights waiting in long lines to fetch water.

Against this backdrop, your generosity to the respective communities is truly impactful and valued. Your support has gone a long way to alleviate their suffering. Hence, they remain eternally grateful to the parishioners of St Gabriel for this show of love and compassion. Furthermore, they offer prayers of thanksgiving for you and Masses in appreciation for your kind gesture. May the good Lord richly reward you and your families abundantly!

Find attached the photographs of the benefiting communities and the commissioning, respectively, by the Deans of the Deaneries.

Thank you.

Pr. Timothy Dogo







#### We've complicated disciplemaking.

Somewhere along the way, we turned it into a checklist, a curriculum, or a job description. We started believing it was only for people with seminary degrees or spotless track records. And for many of us, we've felt the weight of needing to have all the answers before we can invite anyone to walk with us. But here's the truth: Jesus never asked us to be experts—He asked us to follow Him. And then, as we follow, He asks us to help others do the same.

If you've felt unqualified or unsure where to start, maybe it's time to stop asking, "What am I missing?" and instead

ask, "What assumptions do I need to let go of?"

Let's start with this: Sometimes the best way to understand what disciplemaking is -- is to name what it isn't.

#### 1. Disciplemaking is NOT a class.

You can't graduate from it. You don't master it after ten weeks.

While classes can give us language, tools, and structure, disciplemaking is meant to be personal, and that can make it messy. It's not something you attend--it's something you live. When Jesus called the disciples, He didn't give them a workbook. He gave them His presence.

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

--Matthew 4:19

That invitation was to be with Him, not just learn about Him.

#### 2. Disciplemaking is NOT about having all the answers.

Let's go ahead and breathe a collective sigh of relief; you don't have to be perfect to make disciples. You don't have to know Greek, or have every answer ready, or live a sin-free life. You just need to be one step ahead of another and be willing to walk with them. Peter was impulsive. James and John were hot-headed. Thomas doubted. And yet Jesus trusted them to carry His mission forward.

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

--2 Corinthians 12:9

Disciplemaking doesn't require your perfection-just your presence and your obedience.

#### 3. Disciplemaking is NOT behavior management.

If we think our job is to modify someone's behavior, we've missed the point entirely.

Real disciplemaking isn't about controlling people or getting them to act the way we want. It's about helping them become more like Jesus.

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." --Romans 12:2

The Holy Spirit does the transforming. We simply create space, ask good questions, walk in honesty, and point people back to Jesus again and again.

#### 4. Disciplemaking is NOT just for the spiritually elite.

Jesus didn't choose the most impressive candidates to be His disciples. He didn't go after the priests or synagogue leaders. He called fishermen, tax collectors, and misfits. That should comfort us. It means if you feel underqualified, overlooked, or unsure, you're in good company. God's Kingdom has always moved forward through ordinary, faithful people. "Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards... But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise."

--1 Corinthians 1:26-27

#### 5. Disciplemaking is NOT a program.

Programs can support the process—but they aren't the process. We make disciples by doing life with people, not just scheduling them into our calendar. Discipleship isn't scalable in the way we often want it to be. It's slow, relational, and deeply human. Programs don't produce transformation. People do—when they follow Jesus together.

#### 6. Disciplemaking is NOT instant.

It takes time. A lot of it. We live in a world that rewards speed and efficiency—but growth doesn't work that way. Jesus spent three years with His disciples, and even at the end, they were still getting it wrong.
"Be patient with everyone."

-- Thessalonians 5:14

Disciplemaking is long obedience in the same direction. It's not about immediate gratification, but it is transformative.

#### 7. Discipleship is NOT limited to Sundays.

It's easy to think disciplemaking can just happen in Sunday School or in the pews. But the reality is it most often happens when we walk with people in their everyday: parenting struggles, hard conversations, shared meals, hospital visits, text messages on a discouraging Tuesday. The Great Commission didn't say, "Make church attenders." It says: "Go and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always." --Matthew 28:19-20

"Go" means you have to leave the walls of your home and of your church.

#### 8. Discipleship is NOT about making people like you.

If we're not careful, we'll try to shape people into our preferences or personalities. But the goal isn't to make disciples of us. It's to make disciples of Jesus.

"Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ."

--1 Corinthians 11:1

If we're growing in Christlikeness and inviting others into that journey, that's enough. The aim is Jesus, not a carbon copy of our lives.

#### So, What Is Discipleship?

At its core, disciplemaking is following Jesus together.

It's intentional. Relational. It's not about information—it's about imitation. It's not about tasks—it's about transformation. Disciplemaking happens when we walk alongside someone in love, pointing them to Jesus—not as experts, but as fellow travelers. It looks like slowing down. Showing up. Being honest. Listening well. Praying often. Celebrating spiritual growth. Sitting with struggle. Trusting the Spirit to do the deeper work. You're More Ready Than You Think If you're waiting to feel "ready," you may never begin. And that's the enemy's favorite strategy—to convince us we're not equipped enough, holy enough, or experienced enough to make disciples.

But Jesus' invitation still stands: Follow Me. And help others do the same.

You don't have to lead a crowd. Just start with one.

Say yes to walking closely with Jesus.

Say yes to inviting someone into that journey.

Say yes to the slow, faithful work of disciplemaking.

You don't need a workbook. You don't need a perfect plan. You just need to begin.



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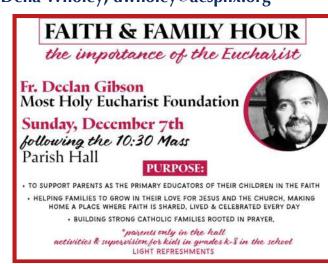
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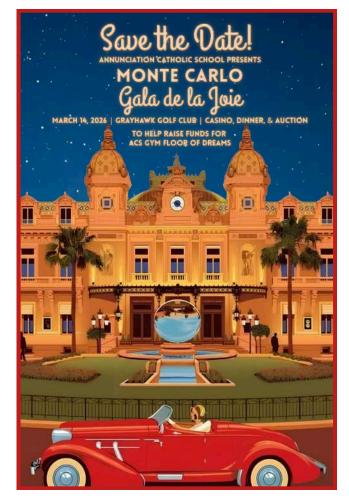
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