

# December 2025

| Sunday  | Monday                  | Tuesday                         | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
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|   | 1<br><br>Office Closed  | 2                               | 3  | 4<br><br>7:00 pm Choir—<br><i>Deo Gloria Cantores</i>  | 5  | 6<br><br>St Nicholas, Bishop of Myra (342)      |
| 7 <b>Advent 2</b><br>8:00am Communion in the Chapel<br>10:30am Holy Eucharist in the Nave<br>Coffee Fellowship  | 8<br><br>Office Closed  | 9<br><br>7:00 pm Church Council | 10   | 11<br><br>7:00 pm Choir—<br><i>Deo Gloria Cantores</i>   | 12   | 13   |
| 14 <b>Advent 3</b><br>8:00am Communion in the Chapel<br>10:30am Holy Eucharist in the Nave<br>Coffee Fellowship<br>St John of the Cross (1591)<br>Teresa of Avila<br>Renewers of the Church | 15<br><br>Office Closed | 16                              | 17   | 18<br><br>7:00 pm Choir—<br><i>Deo Gloria Cantores</i>   | 19   | 20   |
| 21 <b>Advent 4</b><br>8:00am Communion in the Chapel<br>10:30am Holy Eucharist in the Nave<br>Coffee Fellowship<br>Saint Thomas the Apostle   | 22<br><br>Office Closed | 23                              | 24 <b>Christmas Eve</b><br><br>11:00pm A Liturgy of Lessons and Carols, with Holy Eucharist<br>Office Closed | 25 <b>Christmas Day</b><br><br>The Holy Nativity of Our Lord,<br>10:30am Festival Eucharist<br>Office Closed                   | 26<br><br>St Stephen, Deacon and Martyr | 27<br><br>St John, Apostle & Evangelist       |
| 28 <b>Christmas 1</b><br>8:00am Communion in the Chapel<br>10:30am Holy Eucharist in the Nave<br>Coffee Fellowship<br>Holy Innocents, Martyrs   | 29<br><br>Office Closed | 30                              | 31 New Years Eve<br>    | <b>November</b><br>S M T W T F S<br>2 3 4 5 6 7 8<br>9 10 11 12 13 14 15<br>16 17 18 19 20 21 22<br>23 24 25 26 27 28 29<br>30 |  | <b>January</b><br>S M T W T F S<br>1 2 3<br>4 5 6 7 8 9 10<br>11 12 13 14 15 16 17<br>18 19 20 21 22 23 24<br>25 26 27 28 29 30 31 |

## ADVENT

**Advent** began on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The season of Advent is the start of a new liturgical year . The Gospel for year A is Matthew. Contrasted to Mark and Luke, Jesus in Matthew’s Gospel is a teacher of a “higher righteousness” exceeding that of the Pharisees. In Matthew, Jesus is the wise sage who instructs his followers how to be a church together, blesses those whom the world discards, and commands us to make disciples and to teach them all that Jesus has taught us about life in the Kingdom of God. Advent begins, as usual, with a focus on the second coming of Christ, turning our focus on the promised day when the fullness of God’s love will be all-in-all.

### THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS ARE FESTIVALS!

**Stephen, Deacon and Martyr** (December 26) One of the seven who were chosen to serve widows and others in need, Stephen preached the Gospel and it angered temple authorities. They ordered him put to death by stoning. As he died, he witnessed his faith and spoke of a vision of heaven.

**John, Apostle and Evangelist** (December 27) - One of the twelve apostles, John has been attributed as the author of the Gospel and three letters that bear his name. John's proclamation of Jesus as the "Word made Flesh" who lived among us, and the "Light that shines in the darkness" are most appropriate proclamations at Christmas time. According to tradition, in his later years John's sermons were rather short. He essentially said "Love one another as Christ loves you. Amen," a rather precise summary of John's themes in scripture.

**The Holy Innocents, Martyrs** (December 28) - The infants commemorated on this day were the children of Bethlehem, two years old and younger, who were killed by Herod, who was threatened by the birth of a new king.