

Advent Schedule

Saturday November 19

Taco/Tamale Feed Fundraiser 4pm Parish Hall

Sunday November 20

Family Advent Fair 1045am Parish Hall

Sunday November 27

First Sunday of Advent

Friday December 2

Showing of the film "Star of Bethlehem"

630pm Conference Room

Saturday December 3

Parish Advent Retreat

Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe 7pm

Thursday December 8

Immaculate Conception of Our Lady

English Mass 8am

Spanish Mass 6:30pm

Saturday December 10

Minister Appreciation Dinner

Sunday December 11

RE Family Mass 10:45am

Monday December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

English Mass 8am

Spanish Mass :30pm

December 16-24

Posadas 7pm Gym

Christmas Schedule

Week of December 19

Evening Confession

Vigil of Christmas December 24

Carols 5:00pm

Children and Family mass at 5:30 pm

Christmas Solemnity December 25

Carols TBA

Mass at Midnight

The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day December 25

English Mass 9:30am

Spanish Mass 12:00pm

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary New Year's Day

January 1, 2017

English Mass 9:30am

Spanish Mass 12:00pm

MARANATHA, COME LORD JESUS!

The word "Advent" means "coming." In Advent we celebrate the various comings of Jesus, the Word incarnate and God on earth. We commemorate his coming at Bethlehem two thousand years ago, his Second Coming at the end of the world, and his coming to us in time at our baptism and in the reception of his sacraments, such as the Holy Eucharist. The Church urges us to open our hearts to receive him with faith, hope and love.



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Sometimes people mistakenly think that Advent is part of the Christmas celebration. But Advent is a time of preparation all its own. For the Church, Christmas doesn't begin until the first Mass is celebrated on Christmas Eve; the Twelve Days of Christmas continue until the Feast of Epiphany on January 6. In our current culture, we are tempted to skip over the penitential aspects of Advent and focus on the joy of Christmas. This is a great tragedy. Focusing on the joy alone denies a crucially important truth: that the Christ Child is Our Lord and Savior, Who will suffer and die for our salvation.

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Advent is given to us as a time to prepare our souls for the coming of the Lord. How do we prepare ourselves? By fervent and daily prayer, by being faithful to our commitments and state in life, by practicing acts of self-denial, by carrying our cross daily, by kindness towards others (especially members of our family), by avoiding all sarcasm and unjust criticism of others.

EMMANUEL

Like the early Christians, we should yearn for the coming of Christ. They prayed, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Now he comes to us in the Mass, offering us his body and blood in the Eucharist. Let us receive him with open hearts and dedicate ourselves to him anew. If we can do that much, we will have accomplished in some part what the Church bids us do during this blessed Season: "Be prepared. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect. Come, Lord Jesus!"

