

Calendar

Monday

December 5
Advent Weekday
Is 35:1–10
Lk 5:17–26

Tuesday

December 6
Advent Weekday
Is 40:1–11
Mt 18:12–14

Wednesday

December 7
St. Ambrose, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church
Is 40:25–31
Mt 11:28–30

Thursday

December 8
The Immaculate
Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9–15, 20
Eph 1:3–6, 11–12
Lk 1:26–38

Friday

December 9
Advent Weekday
Is 48:17–19
Mt 11:16–19

Saturday

December 10
Advent Weekday
Sir 48:1–4, 9–11
Mt 17:9a, 10–13

Sunday

December 11
Third Sunday of Advent
Is 35:1–6a, 10
Jas 5:7–10
Mt 11:2–11

Dear Padre,

I have two questions about Christmas.

First, why do we use red and green during the season? Second, what does the word *Noël* mean?

The Church uses colors as symbols to mark the change of liturgical seasons and to remind ourselves of religious themes. White (or gold) is actually the liturgical color for the Christmas season, and violet (purple) for the weeks of Advent.

Red and green were associated with a wintertime feast that predates Christianity. However, since these colors have additional meanings for Christians that relate to this time of year, they are still in use and commonly associated with the holiday (holy) season. December 28 is the feast of the

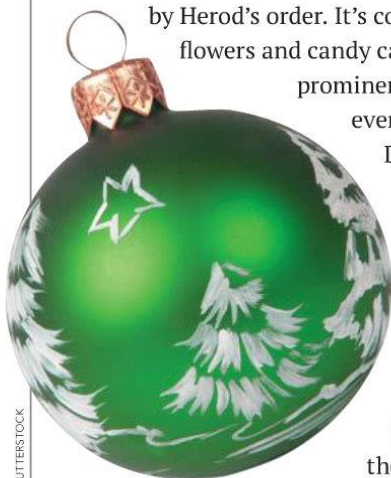
Holy Innocents, the male children of Bethlehem who were slaughtered by Herod's order. It's color is red, the color of martyrs. Poinsettia flowers and candy canes, popular Christmastime accents, also prominently feature red. Green—most visibly found in

evergreen trees and wreaths—is the color of life.

During Advent, it witnesses to the imminent birth of Jesus, which brings hope for new and eternal life to the world.

In response to your second question, *Noël* is an old French word meaning “Christmas,” “the Christmas season,” or “yuletide.” The French word comes from the Latin for “birth” or “birthday.” As we all know, Christmas is the time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus and the Incarnation of our Lord and Savior.

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A Word From Pope Francis

“When we contemplate the life of [John the Baptist], so great, so powerful...we discover a mystery...We are offered [a model of] a Church ever at the service of the Word.”

—Morning Meditation, June 24, 2013



2nd Sunday Of Advent

December 04, 2016



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I am baptizing you with water, for repentance,

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m.
to 9:30 a.m

SACRAMENT OF

RECONCILIATION

Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

Mass Schedule for this Week

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule

Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family

St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat 4:00 pm Our Parish Family

Sun 9:00am Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00am Benefactors

Tues 8:00 am Spec Int

Wed 7:00 pm Benefactors

Thu 8:00 am +Fr Pete

7:00 pm Benefactors

Fri 8:00 am Spec Int

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This weekend's Gospel directs our thoughts towards the most personal advent of Christ, through the words of St. John the Baptist: Jesus comes to each of us as Lord. True, many folks ignore and reject the way of repentance and faith, and so reject His leadership and His offer of salvation. But we who do recognize Christ as Lord of our lives submit our wills to His, and resolve to lead our lives in a manner pleasing to Him. Although it is a challenging way to go through life mostly because most of the world chooses another path being a Christian, and especially a Catholic believer, is also a most satisfying, fulfilling existence. We have chosen to be different, but our choice is due to what God has chosen for us: simple goodness and righteousness. And at the end of our lives, we encounter the third way in which the Lord comes to us: eventually we meet Christ in death. It's an individual meeting and judgment, often a bit scary because of the unpredictability and finality of the end of life in this world.

In saying that, each one of us strong encourages to take St. John the Baptist's call this week for "repentance for the forgiveness of sins" to heart. Make up your mind to act upon your faith by living a virtuous life. Listen earnestly to the voice of God speaking to you in His Holy Scripture and in the communal and private prayers you share. Let your generosity to family and friends at Christmas be mirrored by similar kindness to the Church and the needy. Seek out the Lord's mercy in confession and His grace in Holy Communion. Encourage others to be humble and holy, too, especially by the important, vocational choices in life: career, marriage, and lifestyle. The "true

meaning of Christmas" can become visible not just in decorations, and gift wrapping: it can also be seen within you, if you try!

Have a great week! May God bless all of us!

...Fr. Khoa

The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary Wed Dec 7th at 7:00pm and Thurs Dec 8th: **8:00am and 7:00pm.**

Knights of Columbus: Meet this Sunday. If you have any question, please contact Thomas Moran.

Altar Society: meets next Sunday.

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:**

75Identifiable: \$1,793.00; Loose: \$1,432.00; Total: \$2,884.00; Children: \$23.25;

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Identifiable: \$45.00; Loose: \$150.00; Total: \$150.00.

****Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.**

Thank you for your generosity.

Church Cleaning: David and Joretta cleans up the church on Nov 29 & Dec 3 & 10. Please call Ellen at 341-0279 to sign up.

Christmas Basket: With Christmas quickly approaching, our Parish is anticipating the need for non-perishable items to help make the holidays special for those in need.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Dec 03 5pm	Lanny Acosta	Rita Acosta , Kay VanPelt, Henrietta Ladner	Austin Scarengoas	Kermit Mike Mays	Patricia Lizana
Dec 04 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Dec 04 9am	Kathyn Ladner	Marlow Ladner , Nicki Quintini , Lisa Cuevas	Nick Will	Will Burke Pat	Marie Nance
Sat Dec 10 5pm	Kathleen Cuevas	W C King , Lenell King , Doris Snowden	Austin Scarengoas	Doug Ira Necaize	The Van Pelts
Dec 11 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Dec 11 9am	Lisa Cuevas	Lester Palmer , Kim Wood , James Quintini	Carson Conner	Garland M Dale Babin	Pat & Robin Peterson Family

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

CCD: If you have any questions, please contact Robert Lizana the DRE. Thank you.

RCIA: Please contact **Henrietta Ladner**.

Bereavement Committee: Please contact **Sharon Leimer** at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

Parish Council: meets 3rd Saturdays.

MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are available at the office.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE
Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding. Our advice is to call well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive info: one's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

Lizana Light: For more information, please contact Doris or Diane. Thank you.

Bible Study: We study **Gospel of Luke: the gospel of Mercy.** Please join us. Classes are on **Tues at 9am and Wed at 6:30pm.** For more information, please contact **Ruth and Henrietta.**

The Word Among Us Reflections for Advent is available at the Church entrance.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:
Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Regina Franke, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Larry Shruff, Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Madison Phelps, Breanna Ladner, Curtis (Cubby) Ladner, Gerald Barrilleaux, Hollis Moran, Albert Necaize, and Margaret Northrop.