

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



3rd Sunday Of Advent

December 11, 2016



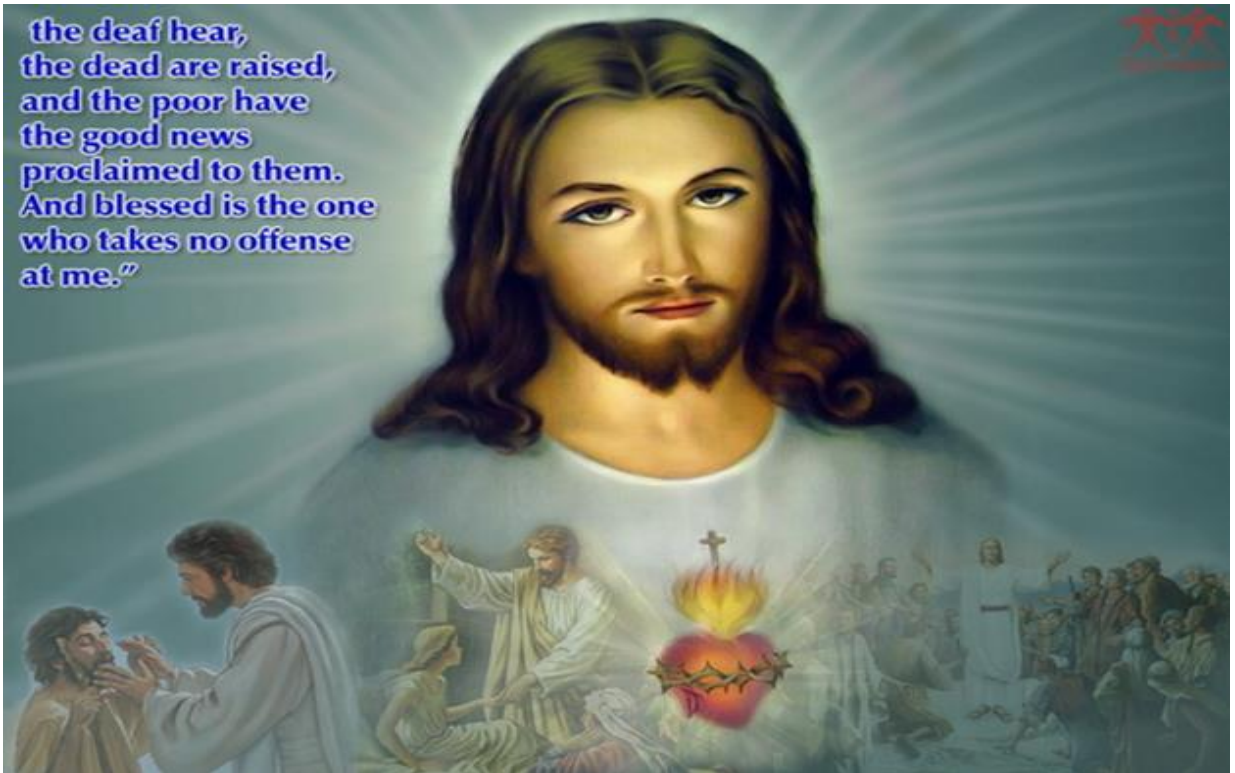
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m.
to 9:30 a.m.
**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**
Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

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
Fri 8:00 am Spec Int

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The reading for this Sunday of Advent remind us that “waiting” for the return of the Lord is not just a season of the liturgical year. Long after the seasonal decorations are taken down and the carols have ceased being sung in the shopping malls, we will still be called to be alert to the Lord’s coming. This way of living in expectation is beautifully described in the first reading from the prophet Isaiah, “Be strong, fear not! Here is your God . . . He comes to save you.” A vital dimension of our Advent faith is to constantly be looking forward in hopeful expectation to the definitive establishment of God’s Kingdom where we will relate to God, to one another, and to all creation in a new way. The truth of our Catholic faith reminds us that this present world is not our true home. Our world at this time is unfinished and temporary. It serves us fairly well at times but it cannot satisfy our deepest longings and needs as human beings. It is foolish to expect such fulfillment from the created world. The kind of a world that can fully satisfy us human beings simply has not yet been fashioned by our Creator. But God does promise that one day it will be fully His Kingdom and we are invited to help bring it about by our faithful response to God’s call in our lives.

Thus, there is a healthy tension in our experience of being human and Christian. The Word of God reveals the secret of how we can live joyfully with this tension. It is the confident patience that what we wait for is already in our midst. It is realized in our trusting hope in the promises God has made to us in Jesus, our Savior. The Church’s liturgy highlights a person who helps us practice this

important Christian virtue of patient waiting: Mary, the Mother of the Savior. Hers is the patience of a person who knows that she is doing all that she can to prepare for the arrival of God’s Kingdom. At the same time she does not fully understand how all this will come about but only that it will in God’s time and in God’s way. She simply offers herself as an earthen vessel and a humble servant. That is her vocation and it is a powerful one for the whole Church. She teaches us to be patient servants of the Kingdom and in so doing we hasten the arrival of the Kingdom in our world. We accomplish this by doing what her son Jesus has taught us to do.

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

...Fr. Khoa

St. Ann and OLC Penance Service
is on Wednesday December 21 after 6 pm mass.

Christmas Flowers: There are envelopes for donations for Christmas flowers at each pew. Thank you for your generosity.

Knights of Columbus: Meet 1st Sunday. For more info, please contact Thomas Moran.

Altar Society: meets **this Sunday.**

Parish Council: meets next Saturday.

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. The deadline for nomination is Dec 16. The picking up date is Sun Dec 18 from 10-10:15am. Thank you

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Dec 10 5pm	Kathleen Cuevas	W C King , Lenell King , Doris Snowden	Austin Scarengoas	Doug Ira Necaie	The Van Pelts
Dec 11 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Dec 11 9am	Lisa Cuevas	Lester Palmer , Kim Wood , James Quintini	Carson Conner	Garland M Dale Babin	Pat & Robin Peterson Family
Sat Dec 17 5pm	Henrietta	Mike Mays , Diane Mays , Van Pelts	Austin Scarengoas	Doug August	Patricia Lizana
Dec 18 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Dec 18 9am	Matthew Peleaz	Will Burke , Susan Peleaz , Robin Peterson	Will Nick	Robert Pat	Danny & Kim Wood Family

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:**

67Identifiable: \$1,536.00; Loose: \$1,141.00;

Total: \$2,677.00; Children: \$14.60;

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Identifiable: \$570.00; Loose: \$289.00; Total:

\$859.00.

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

Thank you for your generosity.

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

Church Cleaning: thank you David and Joretta for cleaning the church for the last 4 weeks. WC and Lennell King will clean up the church on Dec 17 and 24. Please call Ellen at 341-0279 to sign up.

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.

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

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

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.

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 Necaie, and Margaret Northrop.