

Calendar

Monday

December 4
Advent Weekday
Is 2:1–5
Mt 8:5–11

Tuesday

December 5
Advent Weekday
Is 11:1–10
Lk 10:21–24

Wednesday

December 6
Advent Weekday
Is 25:6–10a
Mt 15:29–37

Thursday

December 7
St. Ambrose, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church
Is 26:1–6
Mt 7:21, 24–27

Friday

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

Saturday

December 9
Advent Weekday
Is 30:19–21, 23–26
Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6–8

Sunday

December 10
Second Sunday
of Advent
Is 40:1–5, 9–11
2 Pt 3:8–14
Mk 1:1–8

Dear Padre,

Why do we have Advent?

Advent as we know it today developed many centuries after Jesus' life on earth. Because of the number of persons being baptized in the early Church, a practice developed of having another time for baptism in addition to the Easter Vigil. Christmas was chosen as another baptismal season. Since Lent served as a time of preparation for the baptisms at the Easter Vigil, the weeks leading up to Christmas became a time of penance and preparation.

Combined with this penitential practice, of course, was the preparation for Christmas. The Sunday and weekday Scriptures during Advent recall the centuries of longing for the coming of the Messiah, the conception of John the Baptist, and the family history of Mary and Joseph. Today



the writings of the prophet Isaiah are featured during Advent because they so eloquently speak of Israel's longing for salvation.

Among the special signs and symbols that the Church uses to recall and enter into these central parts of our Christian heritage are the Advent wreath, vespers, reconciliation services, the O Antiphons, Scripture readings, the Jesse tree, the giving tree, the Christmas tree, the crèche, gift-giving, and of course, Midnight Mass. Hopefully, these symbols of the season will remind you of your own birth in baptism and your own commitment to living a life filled with peace and love.

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A Word From Pope Francis

The Lord comes...into our life as a liberator; he comes to free us from all forms of interior and exterior slavery. It is he who shows us the path of faithfulness, of patience and of perseverance because, upon his return, our joy will be overflowing. Christmas is near,...[and] outward signs invite us to welcome the Lord who always comes and knocks at our door, knocks at our heart, in order to draw near to us.

—Angelus, December 11, 2016



1st Sunday Of Advent

December 03, 2017



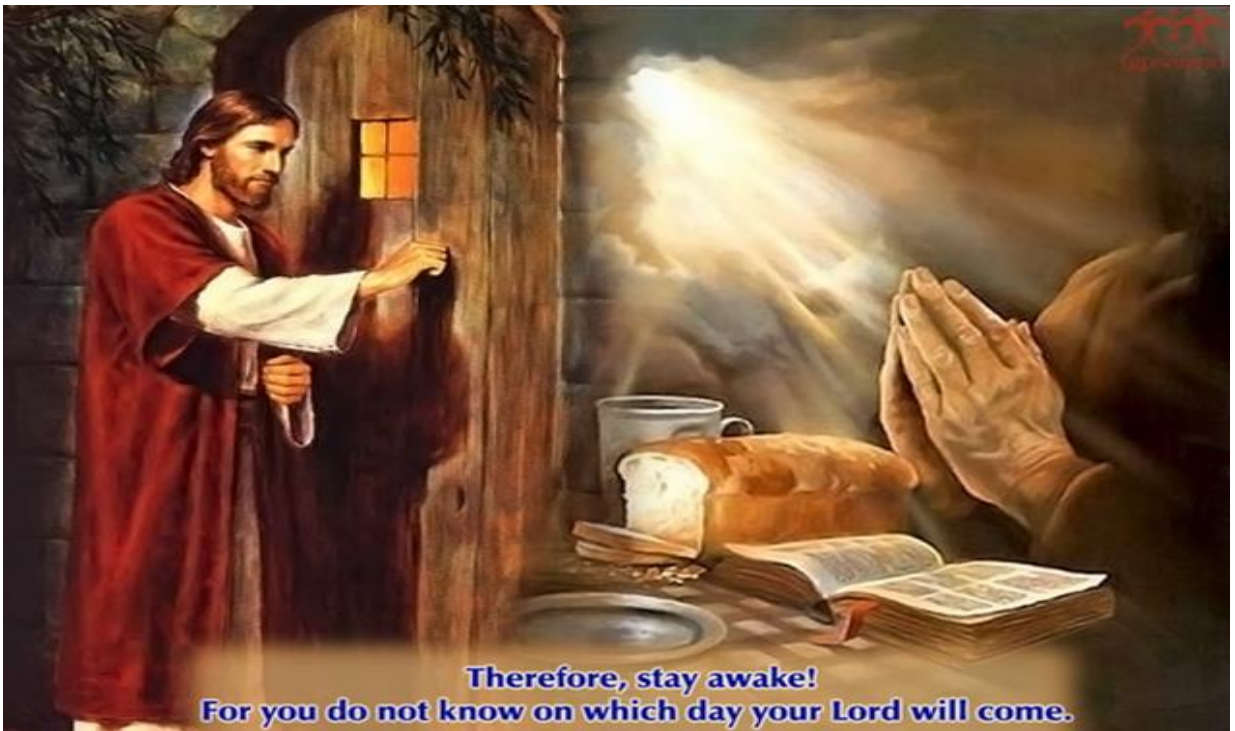
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m.
to 9:30 a.m
**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**
Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

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 +Cubby Ladner
Sun 9:00am Our Parish Family
Sun 6pm +Maria

Mon 8:00am Benefactors
Tues 8:00 am Spec Int
Wed 6:00 pm Benefactors
Thu 8:00 am +Maria
7pm +Fr Pete
Fri 8:00 am Spec Int
7pm Spec Int

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends, Jesus likes you. Jesus loves you. Jesus longs for you!

Another Advent is here! Do you remember what you did during Advent last year to prepare for the coming of Jesus? Did you feel a sense of anticipation while being watchful and alert? You can be honest.

This weekend begins the season of Advent in the liturgy of the Church. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord in our lives. The brief parable in Mark's Gospel reminds us that the Lord will come at a moment we least expect. Jesus speaks of a man who leaves on travels and before he departs he puts his stewards in charge, so that upon his return his home will be ready. You and I are those whom Jesus has put in charge. We each have our own work to do. If we are not preparing using our own unique gifts and talents, who will do our work? Perhaps we think we can do that later, or maybe next year. But if no one knows when he is coming, how do we gauge how much time we have to complete our work?

Most of us get so caught up in holiday shopping, making travel plans, preparing for guests, and attending holiday parties that even if we meant well, the motivation we had on day one of the Advent season slowly slips away. This year, let us resolve to be good stewards and be about our Lord's work. He trusted us enough to leave us in charge. He must believe we are up to the task. Let us once again learn to wait well during this Advent season.

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

...Fr. Khoa

Saint Vincent DePaul Pharmacy: This weekend is the Special Diocesan Collection for the Pharmacy.

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

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:**

71Identifiable: **\$1,948.00**; Loose: **\$1,571.00**;
Total: **\$3,519.00**; Children: **\$20.07**; Human
Development: **\$243.40**. Donation: **\$50.00**

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Identifiable: **\$90.00**; Loose: **\$218.00**; Total:
\$308.00.

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

Thank you for your generosity.

Knights of Columbus: meet **this Sunday.** For more info, contact Garland M. 697-1266.

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

Altar Society: meets next Sunday.

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

Bible Study: We study **St James.** Please join us. Classes are on **Mondays 6:30pm.** For more information, please contact **Ruth.**

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 02 4pm	Lanny Acosta	Mike Mays, Dianne Mays, Rita Acosta.	Austin Scarengoas	Kermit Shorty	Shorty and Ann Shaw
Sun 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Dec 03 9am	Jason Necaise	James Quintini, Susan Peleaz, Kim Wood	Nick Carson	Will Burke Lester	Lisa Cuevas Family
Sun 6pm	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sat Dec 09 4pm	Richard Dunlap	Kermit Northrop, Dianne Northrop, Kay Van Pelts.	Austin Scarengoas	August Dale	Julia Lizana
Sun 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Dec 10 9am	John Davis	Will Burke, Lester Palmer, Robin Peterson	Will Keegan	Garland Robert	Gary Thomas Family
Sun 6pm	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

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.

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.

Church Cleaning 2018: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At this time, there will be no one calling to schedule the church cleaning, so if you want to help and can take two weeks at a time, please sign up on the schedule at the back of the church. January is quickly approaching and needs to be filled. A very big "thank you" to those who donated their time this year!!

Church Cleaning: Thank you Susan Mayberry for cleaning the church. Please call Ellen at 341-0279 to sign up.

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.

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill: Leslie Cuevas, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Breanna Ladner, Gerald Barrilleaux, Margaret Northrop, Andrew, James Moran, Sharon Somora, and Marie Nance, Patricia Lizana, August Schonewitz, William Shaw, Robert Necaise, Nancy Ladner, Loretta Ladner, Paul Sicotte, Matt Bryant, Anthony Moran, Paul Ladner, and Dianne Dearman .