



December 2025

*Our prayers and hearts continue to be with
Annunciation Catholic Church.*



St Joseph Bradley Religious Education



*Advent, the season of darkness, gives rise to
light, ever increasing. While we wait, we hope...
and we light candles.*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (HOPE) 11/30
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (PEACE) 12/07
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (JOY) 12/14
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (LOVE) 12/21



Advent Prayer

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus,
is your greatest gift to us, a
great sign of your love. Guide us
as we strive to walk in that love
together as a family this Advent.
As we prepare our hearts for
Christmas, bring us closer to
each other and to your son. Give
us the grace and strength we
need every day. Help us to
always trust in you. Come, Lord
Jesus, lead all people closer to
you. Come and dispel the
darkness of our world with the
light of your love. Amen.



**12/07
8AM - 1 PM**



**WHAT BETTER WAY TO
PREPARE FOR
CHRISTMAS THAN
BY SERVING AT FAMILY
MASS/DONUT SUNDAY?
@ 11 AM 12/14
SIGN UP NOW ON THE
PARISH WEBSITE**

**GIVING TREE TAG GIFT RETURN TO
CHURCH
DECEMBER 13TH 4 PM
AND 14TH 8:30 AM, 11 AM**



**12/19 10AM
12/29 1 PM**



WEDNESDAY, 12/03
RE SESSION K-8
5:30-6:45 PM PARISH HALL/GYM



MONDAY, 12/08
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS
7 AM, 8:30 AM, 7 PM

WEDNESDAY, 12/10
RE SESSION K-8
5:30-6:45 PM PARISH HALL/GYM

SATURDAY, 12/13
CHRISTMAS CAROLING
CSI/ YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY, 12/14
YOUTH/FAMILY MASS 11:00 AM
FOLLOWED BY DONUT SUNDAY
PWD MASS 2 PM
PWD SOCIAL 3 PM



WEDNESDAY, 12/17
PARISH ADVENT Penance SERVICE
6 PM-8:30 PM

SATURDAY, 12/20
FAITH BUDDIES
9:30 AM- 11 AM



WEDNESDAY, 12/24
CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 3:00, 5:00, 10:00 PM

THURSDAY, 12/25
CHRISTMAS MASS 8:30, 11:00 AM



WEDNESDAY, 12/31
NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS: 11 AM
NEW YEAR'S EVE VIGIL 4:00 PM

THURSDAY, 1/01
NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS : 11:00 AM



THE WORD "ADVENT" IS DERIVED FROM THE LATIN WORD ADVENTUS, MEANING "COMING," WHICH IS A TRANSLATION OF THE GREEK WORD PAROUSIA.

THE ADVENT SEASON NOT ONLY SYMBOLIZES THE WAITING FOR CHRIST'S BIRTH BUT ALSO FOR HIS FINAL RETURN.

You're Invited



Join US!




Christmas Eve
BAND/CHOIR CONCERT
PRELUDE TO 3PM MASS
Music starts at 2pm

PLEASE CONTACT OUR
MUSIC DIRECTOR, MR. BRAD BENOIT
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 **Time: 5:30 PM**

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Christmas.

Thank you for helping make this season brighter! 🎵❤️



Share the Spirit of Giving This Advent

What a wonderful opportunity at the beginning of Advent. Tags are hanging on the Giving Trees in the back of church—please stop by, pick one (or more!), and help brighten someone's Christmas this year. Be sure to check the yellow poster next to the trees to learn more about the wonderful organizations we're supporting this year. Gifts are due back the weekend of Dec. 13/14, with all donations returned before noon that Sunday. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ this Advent Season!

Advent At Home: Reflecting on the Names of Jesus

If your family was unable to attend our Advent event, you can still join us in this beautiful parish tradition from home. Each day of Advent, choose one of the Names of Jesus, read the Scripture that goes with it, and take a moment to pray together. You may wish to light a candle, move a small star closer to a manger, or place a piece of straw in a simple crib as a sign of preparing your hearts to welcome Christ. This quiet practice helps us remember that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Light who comes to dwell among us.



12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS SONG IS ROOTED IN OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Find out about it



An Advent Journey Toward Christ

Reflect on Jesus' Names

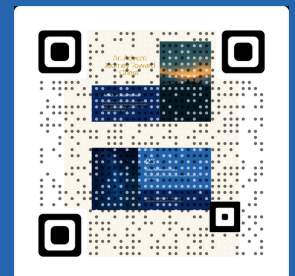
Celebrate Advent with your family by reflecting on the Names of Jesus each day. Light a candle, say a short prayer, and prepare your hearts for Christ, Our Eternal Light.



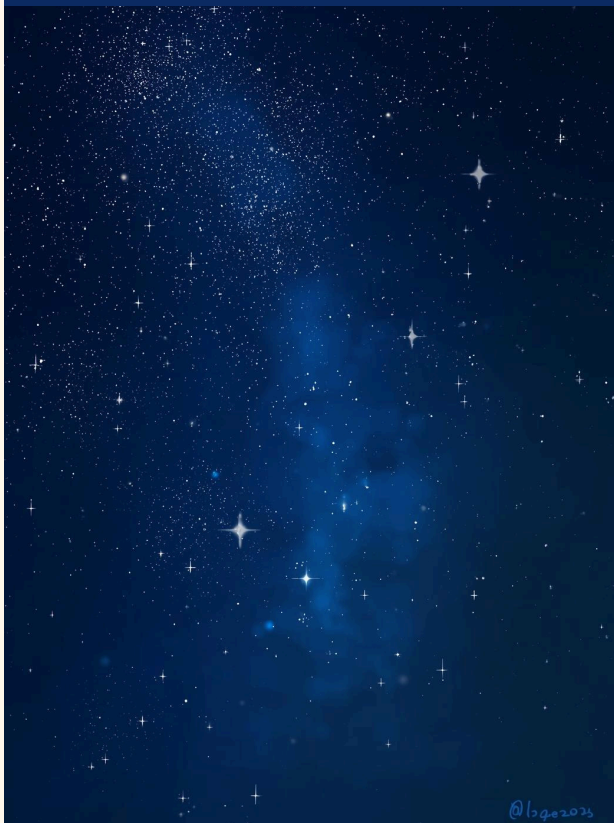
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Daily Reflection Days

Scan the QR code to download the Complete Scripture & Prayer Guide.



Join us for a meaningful Advent season.
Celebrate with family and reflect daily.



Journey to the Light: The Way, the Truth, and the Life
An Advent Journey Toward Christ, Our Eternal Light

WEEK 1 — HOPE (Prophecy & Promise)

Messiah (Dan 9:25) — Jesus, fill our hearts with hope.

Emmanuel (Mt 1:23) — Stay close to us, God-with-us.

Root of Jesse (Is 11:1) — Let new faith grow in us.

Wonderful Counselor (Is 9:6) — Guide us with Your wisdom.

Mighty God (Is 9:6) — Strengthen our hearts.

Everlasting Father (Is 9:6) — Hold our family in Your care.

Prince of Peace (Is 9:6) — Bring peace to our home and world.

WEEK 2 — PEACE (Incarnation & Birth)

Jesus (Mt 1:21) — Save us and lead us.

The Son (1 Jn 4:14) — Help us share Your love.

Son of God (Mt 3:17) — Teach us to listen to You.

Word Made Flesh (Jn 1:14) — Dwell in our hearts.

Unspeakable Gift (2 Cor 9:15) — Make us grateful and generous.

Savior (Lk 2:11) — Fill us with joy.

Lamb of God (Jn 1:29) — Teach us mercy and forgiveness.

WEEK 3 — JOY (Identity & Mission)

Good Shepherd (Jn 10:11) — Lead us safely.

Bread of Life (Jn 6:35) — Nourish our souls.

True Vine (Jn 15:5) — Help us bear good fruit.

Son of Man (Lk 19:10) — Bring us back when we wander.

Holy One (Jn 6:69) — Make our hearts holy.

Redeemer (Job 19:25) — Restore and strengthen our hope.

WEEK 4 — LOVE (Kingship & Eternal Glory)

King of Kings (Rev 17:14) — Reign in our hearts.

Lord of Lords (Rev 19:16) — Be the center of our lives.

Alpha and Omega (Rev 22:13) — Be with us in every beginning and ending.

Morning Star (Rev 22:16) — Shine Your light on our path.

I Am (Jn 8:58) — Help us trust Your eternal presence.

CHRISTMAS DAY — THE LIGHT HAS COME

Light of the World (Jn 8:12)

Jesus, Light of the World, dwell in our hearts and shine through our lives. Amen.

THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS – A SIMPLE GUIDE FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE CELEBRATION OF THE YEAR?

CATHOLICS LOVE TO CELEBRATE—FAITH, FAMILY, JOY, HOPE, NEW LIFE, AND GOD'S GOODNESS. AND CHRISTMAS IS ONE OF OUR BIGGEST CELEBRATIONS! BUT DID YOU KNOW CHRISTMAS ISN'T JUST ONE DAY? FOR CATHOLICS, CHRISTMAS BEGINS ON DECEMBER 25 AND LASTS FOR 12 BEAUTIFUL DAYS, ENDING THE DAY BEFORE EPIPHANY. THIS IS WHY YOU CAN KEEP YOUR DECORATIONS UP LONGER—BECAUSE THE CHURCH IS STILL CELEBRATING! THE POPULAR SONG "THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS" HAS OLD CATHOLIC ROOTS. EACH GIFT IN THE SONG POINTS TO A PART OF OUR FAITH. HERE IS A SIMPLE WAY FOR FAMILIES TO FIND MEANING IN EACH DAY.

DAY 1 – A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

MEANING: JESUS, WHO GAVE HIS LIFE FOR US.

FAMILY IDEA: TAKE 5 QUIET MINUTES TO THANK JESUS FOR HIS LOVE. KIDS CAN DRAW A BIRD IN A TREE.



DAY 2 – TWO TURTLE DOVES

MEANING: THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS.

FAMILY IDEA: READ ONE SHORT BIBLE VERSE FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT AND ONE FROM THE NEW.

DAY 3 – THREE FRENCH HENS

MEANING: FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE.

FAMILY IDEA: DO 3 SIMPLE GOOD DEEDS—ONE THAT SHOWS FAITH, ONE THAT GIVES HOPE, ONE THAT SHOWS LOVE.

DAY 4 – FOUR CALLING BIRDS

MEANING: THE FOUR GOSPELS—MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE, JOHN.

FAMILY IDEA: READ A FAVORITE GOSPEL VERSE TOGETHER.



DAY 5 – FIVE GOLDEN RINGS

MEANING: THE FIRST FIVE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE (GENESIS—DEUTERONOMY).

FAMILY IDEA: SHARE YOUR FAVORITE BIBLE STORY FROM THESE BOOKS (CREATION, NOAH, MOSES, ETC.).

DAY 6 – SIX GEESE A-LAYING

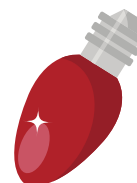
MEANING: THE SIX DAYS OF CREATION.

FAMILY IDEA: GO OUTSIDE AND ENJOY GOD'S CREATION—TAKE A SHORT WALK OR LOOK FOR SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL.

DAY 7 – SEVEN SWANS A-SWIMMING

MEANING: THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

FAMILY IDEA: PRAY, "COME HOLY SPIRIT," TOGETHER.



DAY 8 – EIGHT MAIDS A-MILKING

MEANING: THE EIGHT BEATITUDES.

FAMILY IDEA: PICK ONE BEATITUDE AND TRY TO LIVE IT THAT DAY (BE KIND, BE PEACEFUL, FORGIVE SOMEONE, ETC.).

DAY 9 – NINE LADIES DANCING

MEANING: THE NINE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

FAMILY IDEA: TALK ABOUT WHICH FRUIT YOUR FAMILY WANTS TO GROW IN (LOVE, PATIENCE, JOY, ETC.).

DAY 10 – TEN LORDS A-LEAPING

MEANING: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

FAMILY IDEA: CHOOSE ONE COMMANDMENT TO FOCUS ON LIVING BETTER TODAY.



DAY 11 – ELEVEN PIPERS PIPING

MEANING: THE 11 FAITHFUL APOSTLES.

FAMILY IDEA: READ ONE SHORT STORY ABOUT AN APOSTLE (PETER WALKING ON WATER, JOHN AT THE CROSS, ETC.).

DAY 12 – TWELVE DRUMMERS DRUMMING

MEANING: THE 12 PARTS OF THE APOSTLES' CREED—OUR BASIC CATHOLIC BELIEFS.

FAMILY IDEA: PRAY THE APOSTLES' CREED TOGETHER.

Saints Feast Day Of December

December 3
Francis Xavier, Priest
Memorial
December 7
Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor
Memorial
December 8
The Immaculate Conception
Solemnity
December 13
Lucy
Memorial
December 14
John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor
Memorial
December 25
Christmas
Solemnity
December 26
The Holy Family
Feast
December 27
John, Apostle and Evangelist
Feast
December 28
Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Feast

THANK YOU!



THANK YOU does not adequately express our gratitude to all of our Catechists and volunteers who share their time, faith and love for Christ with our children & families!
Without them we could not have an RE program!
May God continue to bless them for their generous spirits!

**Support Our Parish Groups
Lend a Hand
and/or Spread the Word!**

Please check the church bulletin and social media platform for more information other upcoming parish events



December Family Challenge

DIY Advent Wreath
DIY Advent Calendar
Celebrate the Saints!
Sing Christmas Carols
Give God Time Every Day
Don't Forget the Candy Cane!
DIY Jesse Tree
Read Christmas Stories
Create Holy Moments
Dedicate One Night for Family
Watch a Christmas Movie
Play with a Nativity Scene
Sing Happy Birthday to Jesus

REMINDER



HAVE YOU PAID YOUR RE TUITION AND/OR SACRAMENT FEES?

Just a quick reminder,
Please make a payment or
contact Brenda in the RE Office
to discuss possible assistance, if
necessary.

WISHING YOU
a Merry
Christmas
and a
WONDERFUL
New Year

God's peace & blessings,
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