



Join us for a video presentation of Dr. Brant Pitre's **“Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Advent”** and **“The Jewish Roots of Christmas”**

This will be done in **two sessions**.

- The **first session** is on **Saturday, October 25th** from 9AM to 3PM
 - **“Jesus and The Jewish Roots of Advent”** (disc 1 & 2 of 3).
- The **second session** is on **Saturday, November 8th** from 9AM to 3PM.
 - **“Jesus and The Jewish Roots of Advent”** (disc 3)
 - **“The Jewish Roots of Christmas”** (1 disc)

All videos are approximately an hour thirty-five minutes.

- Each video will be broken into about **three** 30-minute periods with discussion after each period.
- There will be a **30-minute break for lunch** (not provided) at 12:00pm (pack your own; beverages will be provided).

Schedule restrictions? Come for either the morning or the afternoon viewing.

Presentation is in the **Kaminski Center** (Room 103).

Please sign up by calling the Parish office (440-943-2133)

In the **“Jesus and The Jewish Roots of Advent”** series, Dr. Brant Pitre shows how a deeper understanding of the ancient Jewish prophecies of the Messiah can help unlock the hidden meanings of the season of Advent. In this close study of the Sunday readings from the Advent lectionary, you will learn about:

- The Second Advent at the End of Time: What will happen at the end of time? And why does Advent begin with end-time prophecies about the Tribulation, the Final Judgment, and the second coming of Christ?

- Jewish Prophecies of the Messiah: How do Catholics know that Jesus is truly the Messiah and not just one more religious leader? What are the most important Old Testament prophecies about the first “coming” of the Messiah?
- John the Baptist: Who was the mysterious figure of John the Baptist? Why did Jesus call him the greatest of all the prophets, and why does the Church spend so much time on him during the Advent season?
- The Jesse Tree: What are the Jewish roots of the Advent custom of the Jesse tree? Where does this tree come from in the Jewish Bible?
- The City of Bethlehem: Ancient Jewish prophecy foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. Why? What is the Hebrew meaning of Jesus’ Nativity?
- The Virgin Birth: Why was Jesus born of a Virgin? How did the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph react to the news? What should Catholics say to those who are skeptical about this great miracle? And what does it mean for our lives as Christians?

In the **“Jewish Roots of Christmas”** video, Dr. Pitre answers

- What is the true meaning of Christmas?
- Why is the birth of a Jewish boy in Bethlehem the center of human history?
- Why is the feast of Christmas so beloved, not just among Christians, but even among unbelievers?

He will be going back to the Bible and ancient tradition to shed light on the little-known Jewish roots of this beloved holiday. You will learn about:

- The Birth of "the Christ"--how Jesus was not the first "Christ," and why keeping the "Christ" in Christmas is so important.
- The Sign of the Manger--why Jesus is laid in a manger, and what it reveals about the mystery of his identity.
- The Mystery of the Magi--who the Magi were and how they knew to follow the star to the newborn Jewish king.
- The Star of Bethlehem--what ancient Christian tradition reveals about the kind of star that led the Magi to Jesus.
- The Significance of December 25th--the real reason Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 25th.
- The Fulfillment of Hannukah--how the birth of Jesus fulfills the Jewish winter festival of "Lights".