

ADVENT 2025

A SEASON RECAP

From Advent
LONGING
To Christmas
JOY!

PARISH
FAMILY14

ST. ALPHONSUS

ST. BENEDICT

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST





ADVENT COMMUNITY DINNERS

Gather • Share • Prepare

Over four weeks of Advent, our Parish Family came together for Advent Community Dinners, sharing meals, prayer, and fellowship as we prepared our hearts for Christmas.

These evenings of hospitality and reflection reminded us that Advent is not only a season of waiting, but also a time of coming together as one family in Christ.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES

Giving as Christ Gave

This Christmas season, our Parish Family's Giving Trees were a meaningful sign of generosity and compassion. Through the kindness of parishioners, gifts were shared with individuals and families in need, reflecting our community's desire to live out the spirit of Christmas by sharing Christ's love.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Crafting Symbols of Hope

Our Parish Family gathered for Advent Wreath Making as we began the season of Advent together. Parishioners of all ages created wreaths that will accompany them through four weeks of prayer and reflection at home.

This cherished tradition helped us reflect on the meaning behind the Advent wreath - hope, peace, joy, and love - and helped prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Renewed in Mercy, Ready for Christmas

During Advent, parishioners took part in the Penance Service, entering a prayerful time of reflection, receiving God's mercy and preparing their hearts for Christmas.



PAROL (LANTERN) MAKING

Faith and Culture United in Light

Our Parish Family's *Parol* (Lantern) Making was met with overwhelming participation, drawing parishioners of all ages and backgrounds. While rooted in a Filipino Advent tradition, the event warmly welcomed and engaged participants from many different cultures, all coming together to create symbols of light and hope. The gathering beautifully reflected the diversity of our parish community, united in faith as we prepared for the coming of Christ.



A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Story of Christ Told in Songs

Through readings and songs, we reflected on God's promise of salvation and welcomed the joy of the Christmas season.



SIMBANG GABI

A Tradition That Brings Us Together

We joyfully celebrated *Simbang Gabi* with a festive lantern procession and joyful sounds of Filipino Christmas carols.

This cherished tradition brought our community together in faith uniting us in celebration and the hope of Christmas.

After Mass, the festive potluck dinner brought us together over delicious dishes and warm conversations. It was a great chance to strengthen Parish Family bonds and celebrate our community's joyful spirit.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Glory to God in the Highest

Our Parish Family Christmas Masses were a truly special celebration, filling our three parishes with warmth, joy, and reverence. Families and individuals came together in large numbers to celebrate the birth of Christ.

The Masses were enriched with beautiful music, inspiring homilies, and a spirit of togetherness, making this holiday season memorable for all.



ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH
Dec 24, 4 PM - 452 attendees
Dec 25, 9 AM - 120 attendees



ST. BENEDICT CHURCH
Dec 24, 4 PM - 390 attendees
Dec 24, 11 PM - 245 attendees



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH
Dec 24, 4 PM - 615 attendees
Dec 24, 4 PM (Overflow at Egan Hall) - 175 attendees
Dec 25, 9 AM - 215 attendees

EPIPHANY POTLUCK

Gathered by the Light of Christ

Our Epiphany Potluck was a joyful celebration of community and faith. Thank you to everyone who brought food, helped organize, and joined in making this gathering a beautiful reminder of God's light among us.

