

## BLESSING OF AN ADVENT WREATH

Gathering around the table where the advent wreath has been placed one of the parents leads the family in prayer. Another member of the family may read the scripture lesson. The candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and the number of candles lighted each week corresponds to the number of the current week of Advent. The rose candle is lighted on the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday. The Advent wreath candle should be lit as the leader begins.

*All make the Sign of the Cross as the leaders says:*

✠ Our help is in the name of the Lord.

✠ Who made heaven and earth.

*Then the scripture is read. (Isaiah 9:1-2, 5-6)*

Listen to the words of the Prophet Isaiah:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing. As they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as men make merry when dividing spoils.

For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever.

The Word of the Lord.

✠ Thanks be to God.

*With hands joined, the leader says:*

Lord our God, we praise you for your son Jesus Christ: He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, He is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May He come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. ✠ Amen.

*The blessing may conclude with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

## *The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord*



### CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24th

3:40 PM – Christmas Carols

4:00 PM – Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

### CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT

Wednesday, December 25th

12:00 AM – Missa in Nocte (Latin High Mass)

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25th

8:00 AM – Mass at Dawn

10:00 AM – Mass during the Day

11:40 AM – Missa in Die (Latin Mass)

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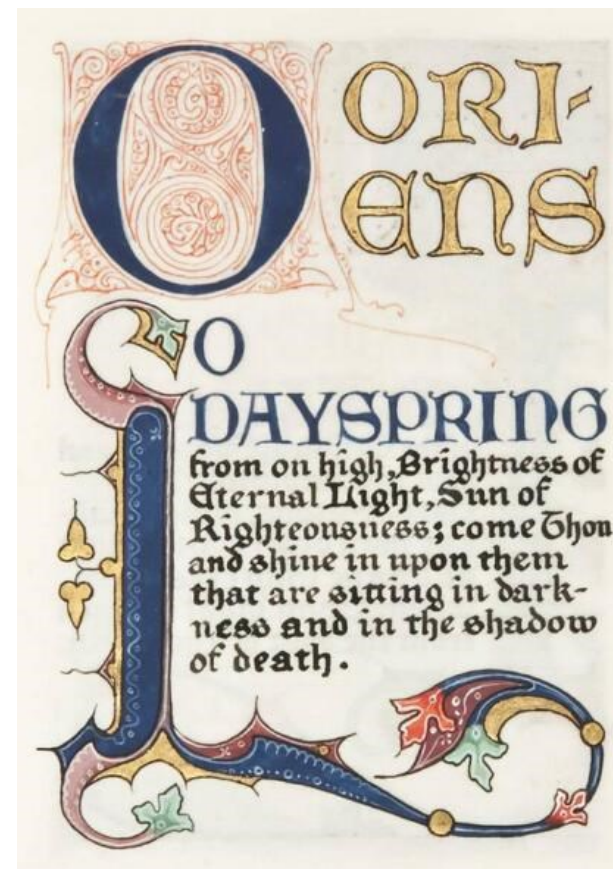
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## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS GUIDE 2024



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O- ri-ens, splendor lu-cis æ-térnæ, et sol  
justí-ti-æ: ve-ni, et illúmi- na sedentes in té-ne-  
bris, et umbra mortis.

Dear Parishioners,

My apologies for the tardiness of this guide. A recent illness I suffered before Thanksgiving prevented its timely completion. The seasons of Advent and Christmas are now upon us! This year Advent is twenty-four days in length.

This year Archbishop Hebda has issued a dispensation from attendance of Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which due to the 2nd Sunday of Advent having a higher place in the Table of Liturgical Days, means the transference of the Immaculate Conception to Monday, December 9th.

The Advent season is a time of preparation. We are bid to direct our minds and hearts to Christ's second coming at the end of time while also preparing to commemorate the anniversary of the Lord's first coming through his birth on December 25th. May the Blessed Virgin Mary be our model of joyful hope for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ!

Yours in the Sacred Heart,

Rev. Bryan J.B. Pedersen, Pastor

### Usual Mass Schedule

*(unless noted all Masses are in English)*

#### Daily Liturgy Schedule

**Tuesday - Saturday:** 8:00 AM Mass  
followed by Lauds

#### Lord's Day Mass Schedule

**Saturday:** 4:00 PM Vigil Mass  
Sung First Vespers following Mass

**Sunday:** 8:00 AM Mass  
10:00 AM Mass  
11:40 AM Latin Mass—1962 Missal

### Eucharistic Adoration

*Every Thursday from 8:30 AM until 8:30 PM the Holy Eucharist is publicly exposed in the monstrance for silent prayer. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament preceded by the recitation of the Litany of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus concludes Adoration. Come to the Sacred Heart Chapel on Thursdays and spend some time in prayer with Jesus.*

## Other Feast Days

### The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Latin—1954 Missal

Sunday, December 8th—Mass at 11:40 AM (Latin)  
*N.B. A commemoration of the 2nd Sunday of Advent is made as part of the Mass for the Immaculate Conception.*

English—2008 Missal

Monday, Dec. 9th— Mass at 8 AM  
*N.B. Archbishop Hebda has dispensed the faithful from this Holy Day of Obligation in 2024. Mass attendance is not obligatory though we will have a Mass in the morning on December 9th with the School Children.*

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD AND THE OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS

*N.B. New Year's is a Holy Day of Obligation in 2025.*

English—2008 Missal

Tuesday, Dec. 31st at 5:30 PM  
Wednesday, January 1st — Mass at 8:00 & 10:00 AM

Latin—1954 Missal

CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD & OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS  
Wednesday, January 1st - Mass at 11:40 AM

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

English—2008 Missal

Saturday, January 4th — Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM  
Sunday, January 5th — Mass 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

### THE FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Latin—1954 Missal

Sunday, January 5th — Mass at 11:40 AM (Latin Mass)

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

English—2008 Missal

Saturday, January 11th — Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM  
Sunday, January 12th — Mass 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

### THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Latin—1954 Missal

Sunday, Jan. 12th — Mass at 11:40 AM (Latin Mass)

## Sacrament of Penance

### Penance Form I

Tuesday through Saturday morning  
before Mass from 7:40—7:55 AM

Saturday afternoon from 3:00—3:45 PM.  
*One priest will be present in the Sacred Heart Chapel*

### Extra Confession Times—Form I

Saturday, December 21st, 9:15—10:30 AM  
*One priest will be present in the Sacred Heart Chapel*

Sunday, December 22nd, 7:00—8:00 PM  
*One priest will be present in the Sacred Heart Chapel*

Monday, December 23rd 6:00—7:00 PM  
*One priest will be present in the Sacred Heart Chapel*

### Penance Form II

At this communal service the Liturgy of the Word, a homily, and an Examination of Conscience will precede individual confession. Several priests will be present on this night to hear confessions.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 7:00 PM**

*“Receive the Holy Spirit: Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” (John 20:15-16)*

## Advent & Christmas Vespers



First Vespers will be sung at the Choir Stalls on the Saturday evenings of the Advent and Christmas seasons following 4:00 PM Mass. First Vespers of Christmas will be sung on Christmas Eve following the 4:00 PM Mass on December 24th.