

# Advent and Church Calendar





# Liturgical Cycle

- Three-year cycle for Sunday
- Two-year cycle for weekday
- Lectionary
  - Cycle A (Matthew)
  - Cycle B (Mark)
  - Cycle C (Luke)
- A new cycle begins on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
- What about John?

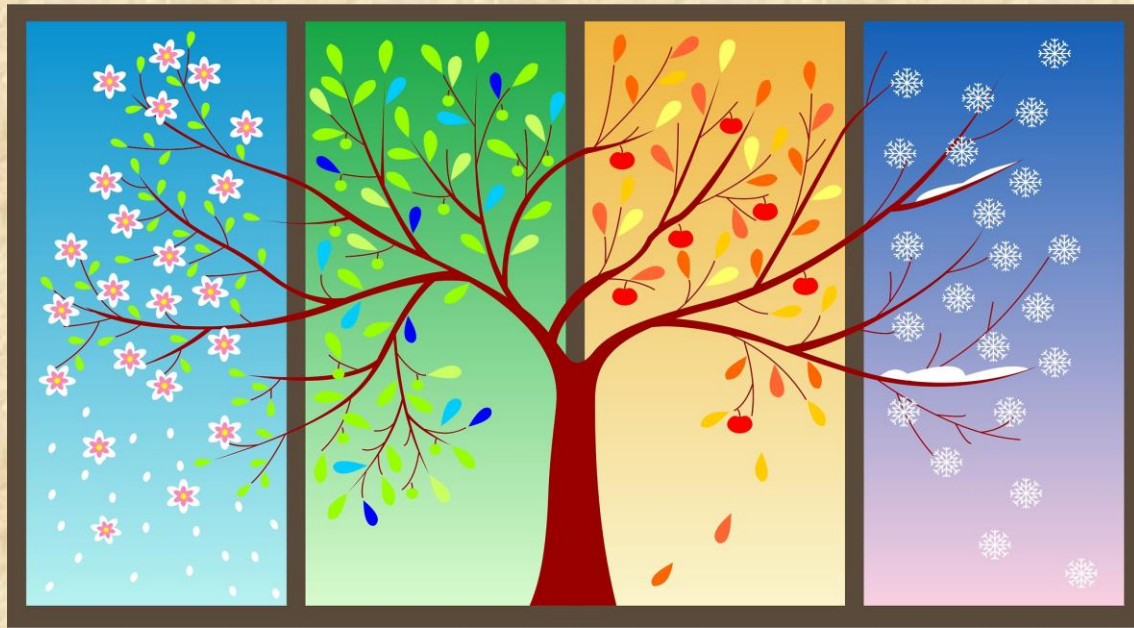


# Seasons

- Spring
- Summer
- Fall
- Winter

# California Seasons

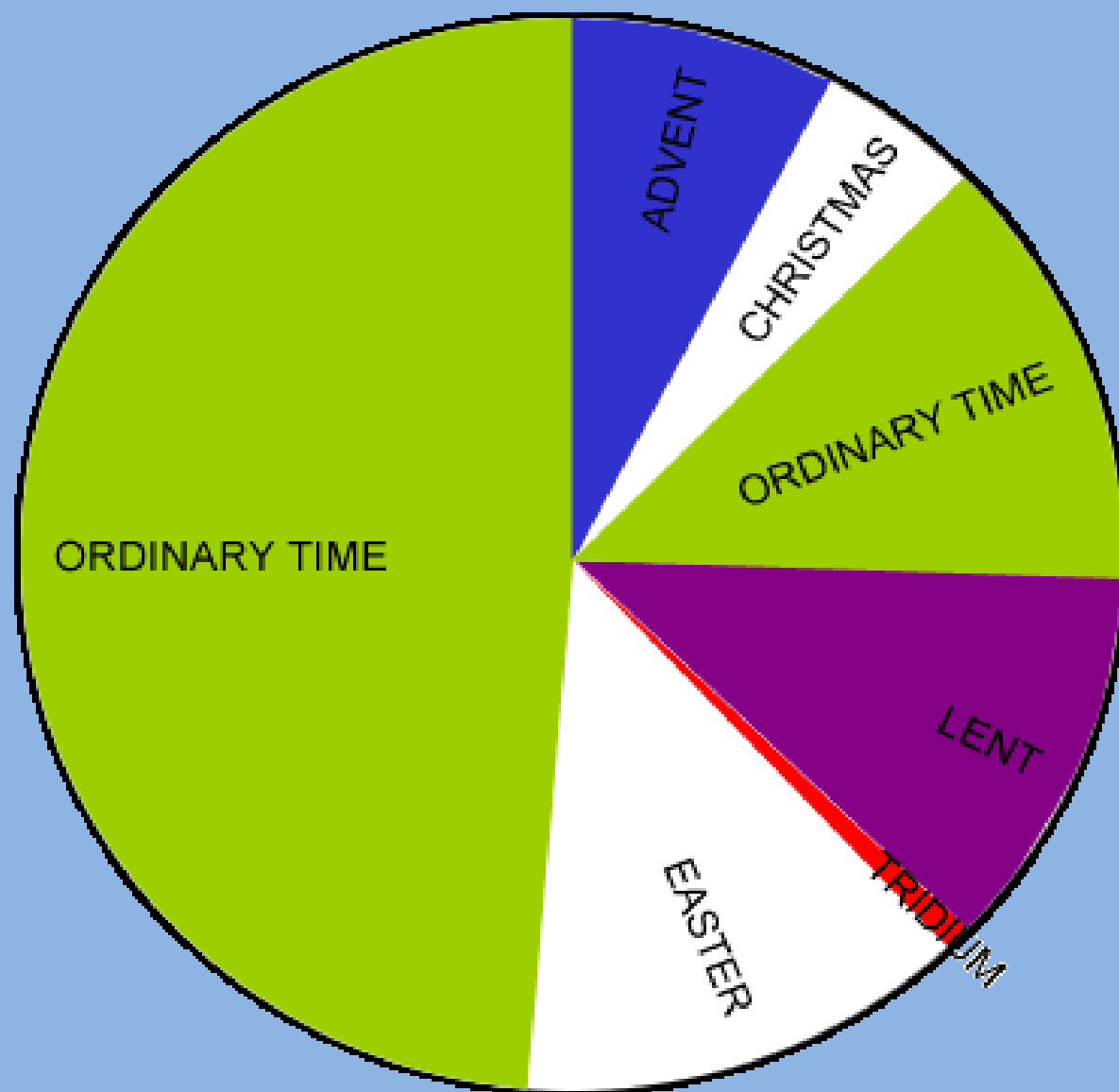
- Fog
- Fire/Wind/Heat
- Beach Time
- Slightly Chilly



# Seasons of the Catholic Church

- Advent
- Christmas
- Lent
- Easter Triduum
- Easter
- Ordinary Time (twice)







# LITURGICAL COLOURS AND SEASONS

*Celebrating the Church's year*



**ORDINARY TIME**



**PENTECOST**



**ADVENT**



**CHRISTMAS**



**LENT**



**EASTER**

# Advent

- 4 weeks
- START: Sunday Dec. 1  
END: Tuesday Dec. 24
- No Gloria
- Color: **PURPLE**





# CHRISTMAS

- 3-4 weeks
- START: Christmas Eve Mass
- END: Baptism of Jesus
  - Jan. 12
- Solemnity of Mary
  - Jan. 1
- Epiphany
  - Jan. 5
- Color: WHITE/GOLD



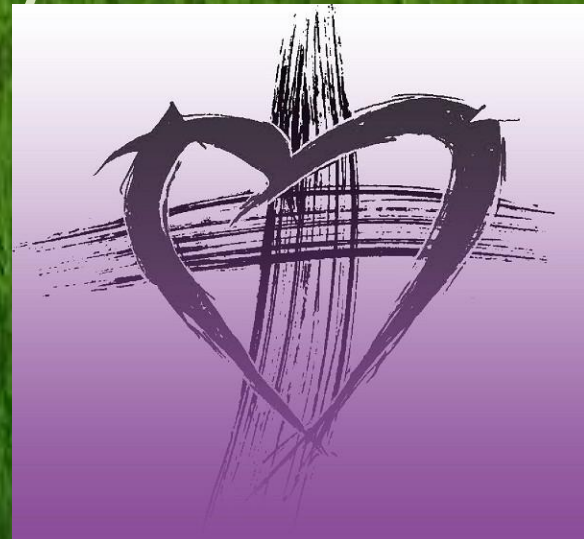


# Ordinary Time (Part 1)

- Very short
- 3-8 weeks
- START: Baptism of Jesus

END: Ash Wednesday

- Jan 12- Feb 26
- Color: GREEN



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*Fast • Pray • Give*

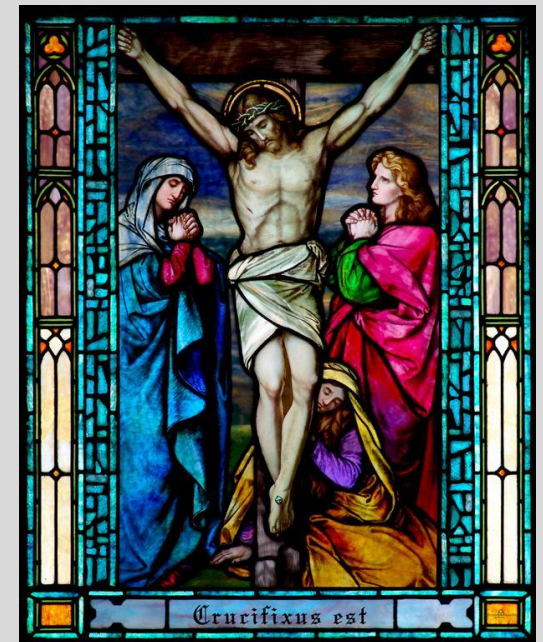
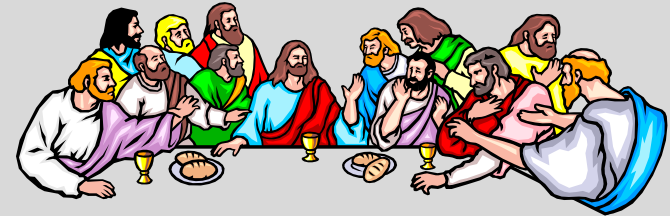
- 40 days
- START: Ash Wednesday  
END: Holy Thursday  
Feb 26- April 9
- No Gloria, No Alleluia, No bells,  
and No meat Fridays!
- Color: PURPLE







- Three days – High Holy Days
- Holy Thursday (April 9)
  - Lord's Supper
  - Color: WHITE
- Good Friday (April 10)
  - Passion of our Lord
  - Color: RED
- Holy Saturday (April 11)
  - Color: NO COLOR
- Easter Vigil (Night of April 11)
  - Sunset on Holy Saturday
  - Gloria, Alleluia, Bells
  - Color: WHITE



- 7 weeks
- START: Easter Vigil
- END: Pentecost
- April 11 – May 31
- Colors: WHITE/ **GOLD**
- Pentecost Color: **RED**





# Ordinary Time (Part 2)

- 22-27 weeks (very loooooonnnnnngggg)
- START: Trinity Sunday June 7  
END: Feast of Christ the King Nov 22
- Color: GREEN



# To Sum Things Up...

- Advent = Jesus is Coming
- Christmas = Jesus is born
- Ordinary Time = Jesus teaches
- Lent = Jesus prepares to die and rise
- Easter Triduum = Jesus eats one last meal with his friends. He is crucified and dies
- Easter = Jesus rises from the dead



# Special Liturgical Celebrations

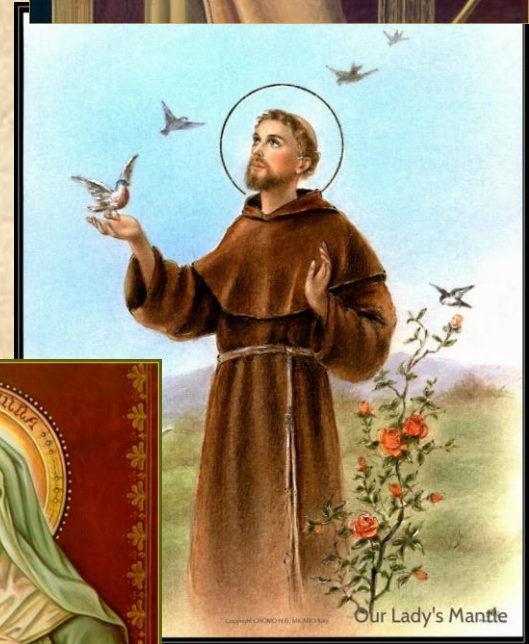
- Holy Days
  - Mary the Mother of God: Jan. 1
  - Ascension Thursday: May 21
  - Assumption of Mary: Aug. 15
  - All Saints Day: Nov. 1
  - Immaculate Conception: Dec. 8
  - Christmas: Dec. 25





# Special Feast Days

- Honor: Jesus, Mary, and the Saints
  - St. Joseph: Mar. 19
  - St. Francis of Assisi: Oct. 4
  - St. Ann and St. Joachim: July 26
  - St. Nicholas: Dec. 6
  - St. Maria Goretti: July 6





***It's Time For A Break***



# *Advent*

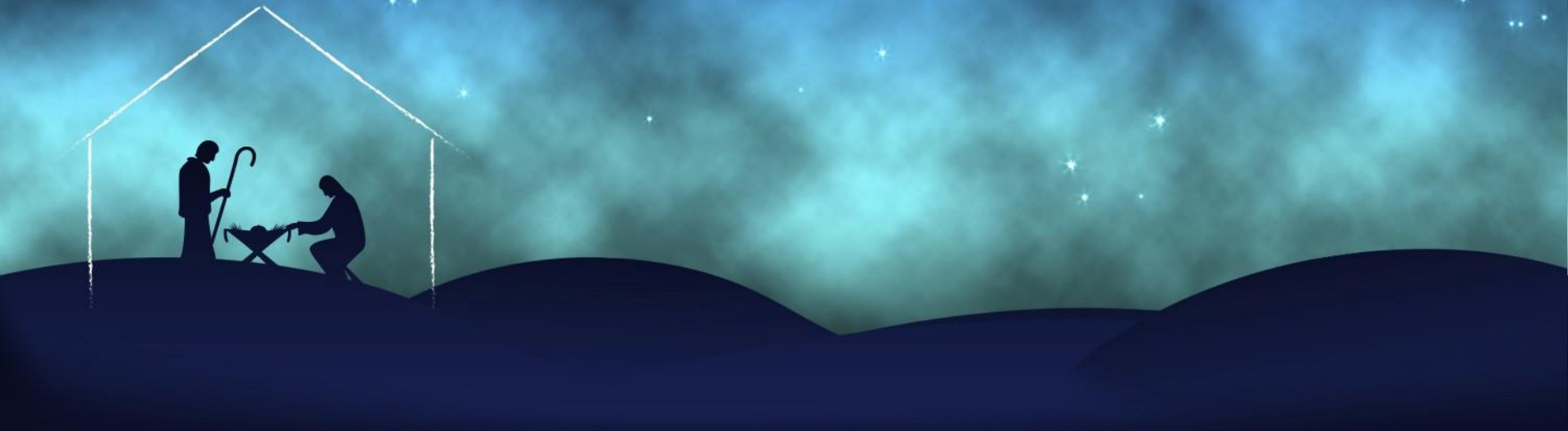
*Hope · Love · Joy · Peace*





# Table Discussion

- What traditions do you value most during this time of year?





# What is Advent?

- To Do lists
- Buying gifts
- Decorating the house/tree/lawn
- Traveling to see family
- Preparing Christmas dinner
- Mailing Christmas cards/letters
- Christmas parties
- School plays
- Black Friday
- **STRESSING!**





CELEBRATING

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# *Advent*



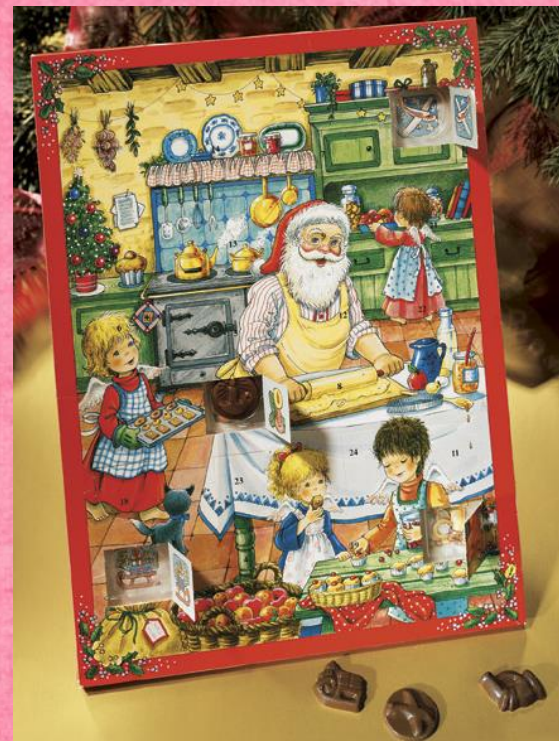
THE COMING OF THE  
MESSIAH

- 4 Weeks
  - Mini retreat
  - Readings: preparing for the second coming of Christ
- Color: PURPLE
  - Except 3rd Sunday
    - Gaudete Sunday
      - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent
      - Latin meaning: rejoice!
      - Color: PINK





# Advent Calendar





# Advent Wreath



# Table Discussion

What is something concrete I can plan to do during Advent to prepare myself to **SEE** the Real presence of Jesus **IN OTHERS** and to **BE** the Real presence of Jesus **FOR OTHERS**.

What will I do to prepare myself for a **TRUE** Christmas experience?



# ADVENT IN 2 MINUTES





# Luke 21:34-36

- Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch.

# Luke 3:2-4

- The word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: “A voice of one calling, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”

