



Saint Joseph,
Pillar of Families

ADVENT + CHRISTMAS

Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday, November 30th

4:00PM Sacred Heart of Jesus

St. Michael Children's Pageant

Sunday, November 30th

6:00PM St. Michael

Immaculate Conception Masses

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 8th

8:00AM Sts. Peter & Paul

8:00AM Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:25AM St. Michael

8:30AM Holy Angels

11:40AM Holy Angels

7:00PM Holy Angels

7:00PM Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:00PM St. Michael

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays - Holy Angels

Exposition after 7:00AM Mass

Benediction at 6:00PM

Wednesdays - St. Michael

Exposition after 8:25AM Mass

Reposition at 9:00PM

Thursdays - Sacred Heart of Jesus

Exposition after 8:00AM Mass

Benediction at 7:00PM

1st Friday - Holy Angels

Exposition after 8:30AM Mass

Benediction at 5:00PM

Nativity of the Lord Masses

Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, December 24th

3:30PM Holy Angels

4:00PM St. Michael

4:00PM Sts. Peter and Paul

4:00PM Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:00PM St. Michael

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration at St. Michael's on the 24th.

Thursday, December 25th

12:00AM Holy Angels

12:00AM Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00AM Holy Angels

8:00AM St. Michael

9:00AM Sacred Heart of Jesus

9:30AM Sts. Peter and Paul

10:30AM Holy Angels

11:00AM St. Michael

There will be no evening Confessions or Eucharistic Adoration at Sacred Heart of Jesus on the 25th.

Mary, The Holy Mother of God Masses

Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, December 31st

4:00PM St. Michael

4:30PM Holy Angels

5:00PM Sacred Heart of Jesus

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration at St. Michael's on the 31st.

Thursday, January 1st

9:00AM St. Michael

9:30AM Sacred Heart of Jesus

10:00AM Holy Angels

10:30AM Sts. Peter & Paul

There will be no evening Confessions or Eucharistic Adoration at Sacred Heart of Jesus on the 1st. Also, no 4:30-5:30PM Confessions at Sts. Peter & Paul on the 1st.

Weekly Confessions

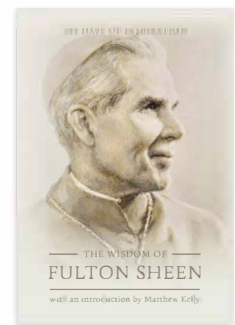
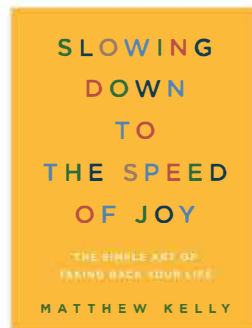
Tuesdays	5:00-6:00PM	Holy Angels
	5:00-5:45PM	St. Michael
Wednesdays	12:00-1:00PM	Holy Angels
Thursdays	6:00-7:00PM	Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturdays	3:00-3:45PM	St. Michael
	3:15-4:15PM	Holy Angels
	3:30-4:30PM	Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sundays	7:15-7:45AM	Sacred Heart of Jesus
	8:30-9:00AM	Holy Angels
	9:15-9:45AM	Sacred Heart of Jesus
	10:15-10:45AM	St. Michael
Thursdays before 1st Friday		
	3:00-4:00PM	Holy Angels
	4:30-5:30PM	Sts. Peter & Paul
1st Fridays	4:00-5:00PM	Holy Angels

Advent Book Program

Free copies of the book "Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy" will be available at the entryways to St. Michael Church, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, & Sts. Peter & Paul Church, the first Sunday of Advent (November 29th/30th).

Free copies of the "The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen" will be available at the entryways to Holy Angels Church, the first Sunday of Advent (November 29th/30th).

One copy per family until the books run out.



What is Advent?

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well.

The above is from the USCCB website article, "What is Advent"