



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

6:00PM St. Michael

7:00PM Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:00PM Holy Angels

## 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

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

*There will be no evening Confessions at Sacred Heart of Jesus on December 25th.*

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

*"Confession is an act of honesty and courage – an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God."*

*St. John Paul II*

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## 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, "What is Advent"*