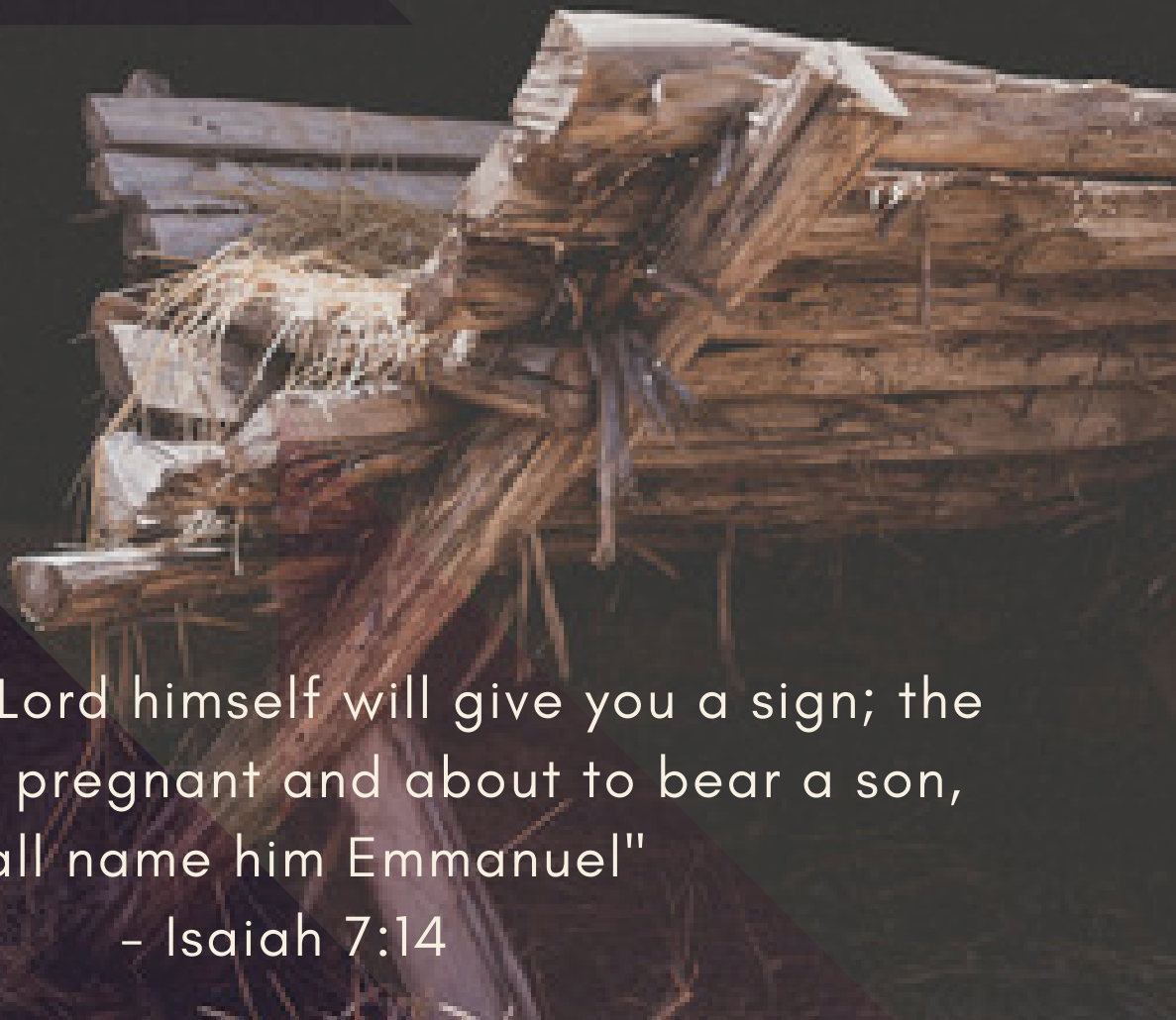


ST LUCY PARISH- ADVENT 2017 FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

ADVENTUS

a journey preparing for Christ's coming



"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign; the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him Emmanuel"

- Isaiah 7:14

December 3 - December 24

ADVENT:
comes from
the Latin
word
"ADVENTUS"
which means
"coming".

It is associated with the four weeks of preparation for Christmas. Advent always contains four Sundays, beginning on the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, (November 30) and continuing until December 24. It blends together a penitential spirit, very similar to Lent, a liturgical theme of preparation for the Second and Final Coming of the Lord, called the Parousia, and a joyful theme of getting ready for the Bethlehem event.

Since when?

Since the 900s Advent has been considered the beginning of the Church year. This does not mean that Advent is the most important time of the year. Easter has always had this honor.

Why Purple?

The traditional color of Advent is purple or violet which symbolizes the penitential spirit. Religious traditions associated with Advent express all these themes. It is considered a "mini-Lent" in this respect as it calls us to repentance.



the First week of Advent

12/3 - 12/9

What do I most pay attention to? Sports? Politics? Stock market? Work? What is Jesus asking me to be on watch for?



the Second week of Advent

12/10 - 12/16

Who are some people who have prepared me in my faith? How have they pointed out Jesus to me? What in my life is preparing me to meet Jesus?



the Third week of Advent

12/17 - 12/23

Does my life testify to a life of goodness and love? If no one ever read the Gospels would they believe in Jesus because of my actions and words?



the Fourth week of Advent

12/23 - 12/24 & Christmas

In what ways do my family treasure one another? How do we behold each other in good times and in bad? Are we ever present to one another with no agenda or task?

the First week of Advent

12/3 - 12/9

Sunday Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

December

watch

What do I most pay attention to?
Sports? Politics? Stock market?
Work? What is Jesus asking me to
be on watch for?

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Bless your Advent wreath.
Light one of the violet
candles marking the
season's first week as you
sing a verse of "O Come, O
Come, Emmanuel."

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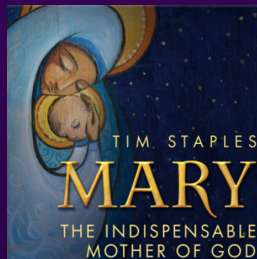
Go to www.formed.org and watch
"ADVENT: Session 1- Prepare the Way".
There are two parts to the videos.

kids: Go to
www.formed.org and
watch:



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Visit www.formed.org
& listen to this talk in
preparation for the
Immaculate
Conception.



6

On this feast of St Nicholas, place your
shoes outside the front door and take
turns putting in love notes to family
members shoes.

kids: Watch "Nicholas" on formed.org

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Go to www.formed.org and
listen to Bishop's Barron's Talk
titled , "A Journey Through
Advent", his reflections on the
Sunday Gospel,
Time 0:00 - 14:20.

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*Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception,
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Holy day of obligation.

Mass times:

**8am, 11:30am, 6:30pm,
8:00pm (Espanol)**

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Today, we remember
St. Juan Diego, to whom
Our Lady of Guadalupe
appeared in the 16th century
in what is now Mexico.
Pray to him today for the
protection of migrants.



the Second week of Advent

12/10 - 12/16

Sunday Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

December

prepare

Who are some people who have prepared me in my faith? How have they pointed out Jesus to me? What in my life is preparing me to meet Jesus?

10

Light the Second violet candle on your Advent wreath today as you pray for all future priests, religious brothers and sisters vocations in our parish. Put out your family creche/nativity scene and celebrate a family blessing. www.usccb.org

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Go to www.formed.org and watch "OPENING THE WORD: 2nd Sunday of Advent" reflection on the Mass readings.

kids: Watch "JUAN DIEGO" and tell your parents about the story about Our Lady of Guadalupe.

12 *Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Aztec dancers, choirs, food, Mass & more!

Visit www.stlucy-campbell.org to see the ways St. Lucy celebrates the **apparitions & miracles** of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Mexico City.



13 *Feast of St Lucy, our Patron Saint*

8:00 AM Mass (English)

11:30 AM School Mass

6:30 PM Mass (Bilingual)

Visit www.catholicicing.com/st-lucy/ and find amazing activities: (treats, songs, & crowns) that honor St. Lucy.

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Visit the website www.doinggoodtogether.org and find ways your family can serve the less fortunate, together!

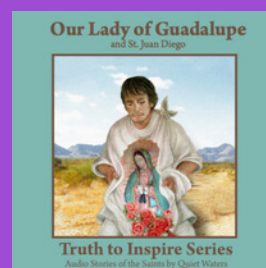
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Go to www.formed.org and listen to Bishop's Barron's Talk titled, "A Journey Through Advent", his reflections on the 2nd Sunday of Advent Gospel, Time: 14:20 - 26:48.

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Go to www.formed.org and listen to the Audio Drama, "Our Lady of Guadalupe: Truth to Inspire Stories"

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the Third
week of Advent

12/17 - 12/23

Sunday Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

December

testify

Does my life testify to a life of goodness and love? If no one ever read the Gospels would they believe in Jesus because of my actions and words?

17

On **Gaudete Sunday**, we light the rose (pink) candle on the Advent wreath and shift our reflection from "the Lord is coming" to "the Lord is near."

18 **PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: 7:00PM**

Celebrate the Sacrament of Confession and make room in your heart for Jesus to enter. He loves you and wants to give you JOY!

19 Sing to the tune of Twinkle twinkle

*Advent is a time to wait,
not quite time to celebrate
count the candles one by one
until Advent time is come.
Day by day we work and pray
to prepare for Christmas day!*

20

Go to www.formed.org and watch "OPENING THE WORD: 3rd Sunday of Advent" reflection on the Mass readings. **Serve:** Find a local community shelter that serves a hot meal to our homeless brothers and sisters.

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Go to www.formed.org and listen to Bishop's Barron's Talk titled , "A Journey Through Advent", his reflections on the 2nd Sunday of Advent Gospel, Time: 26:38 - 39:12

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Kids: Go to www.formed.org and watch the movie "Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree"
Parents: There is also a prayer Card and a Family Discussion Guide.

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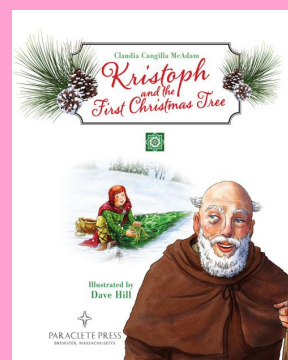
Gather some friends & family and make a joyful game of going house to house & **sing Christmas carols** that only talk about Jesus' birth. Sorry reindeer, Grandma, & Santa.

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the Fourth week of Advent

12/23 - 12/24 &
Christmas, 12/25 - 1/6/18

December

behold

In what ways do my family treasure one another? How do we behold each other in good times and in bad? Are we ever present to one another with no agenda or task?

24 Read the Christmas story (Luke 2:1-4) together as a family and reflect on the gift of Christ's life.

Go to www.formed.org and watch

"The Nativity Story"

Mass times: 4pm, 6pm, 8pm (Spanish),
12midnight

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Merry Christmas

Mass Times: 7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm (Spanish)

Before or immediately after opening your presents say a prayer in Thanksgiving to God for giving us Jesus!

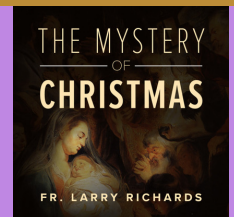
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On **St. Stephen's feast day today**, pray for those who serve the poor in foreign and often unsafe lands. Make a care package and keep in your car to give to the local poor.

27 Kids: Watch Bro. Francis "O Holy Night".



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Parents: Listen to Fr. Larry Richards speak on "The Mystery of Christmas"

29

As you go around the neighborhoods seeing other Christmas lights imagine the North Star over the Manger where Jesus was born, radiant & bright!

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Adults:

Listen to Jason Evert's talk:



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Feast of the Holy Family

Take a moment to thank God & your parents for their sacrifices they've made to love and care for you.

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Solemnity Mary, Holy Mother of God

In Jewish tradition on the 8th day the baby was presented to God in the in the temple asking for God to bless the newborn.

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Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

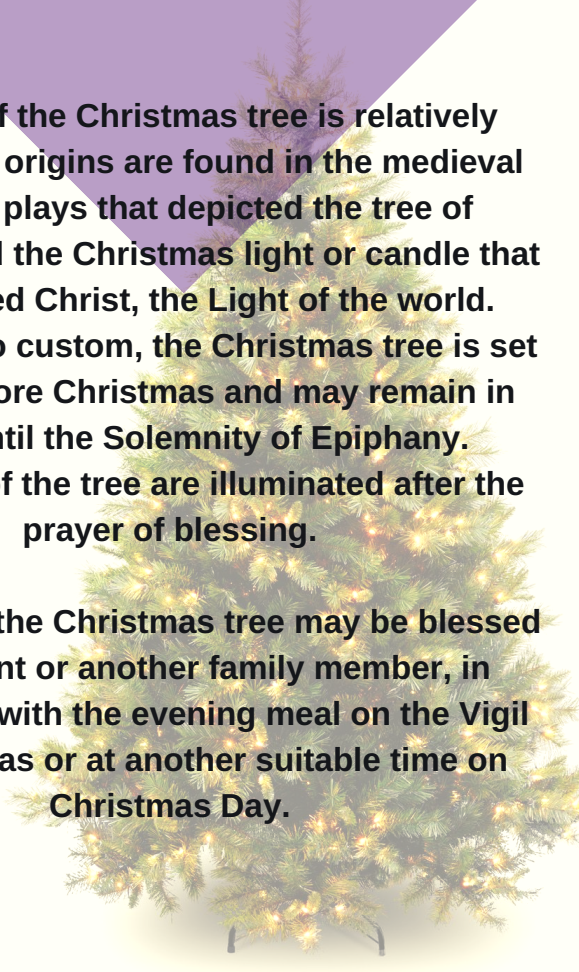
The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass;

Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his **second coming** to judge the living and the dead.

The use of the Christmas tree is relatively modern. Its origins are found in the medieval mystery plays that depicted the tree of paradise and the Christmas light or candle that symbolized Christ, the Light of the world. According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up just before Christmas and may remain in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany. The lights of the tree are illuminated after the prayer of blessing.

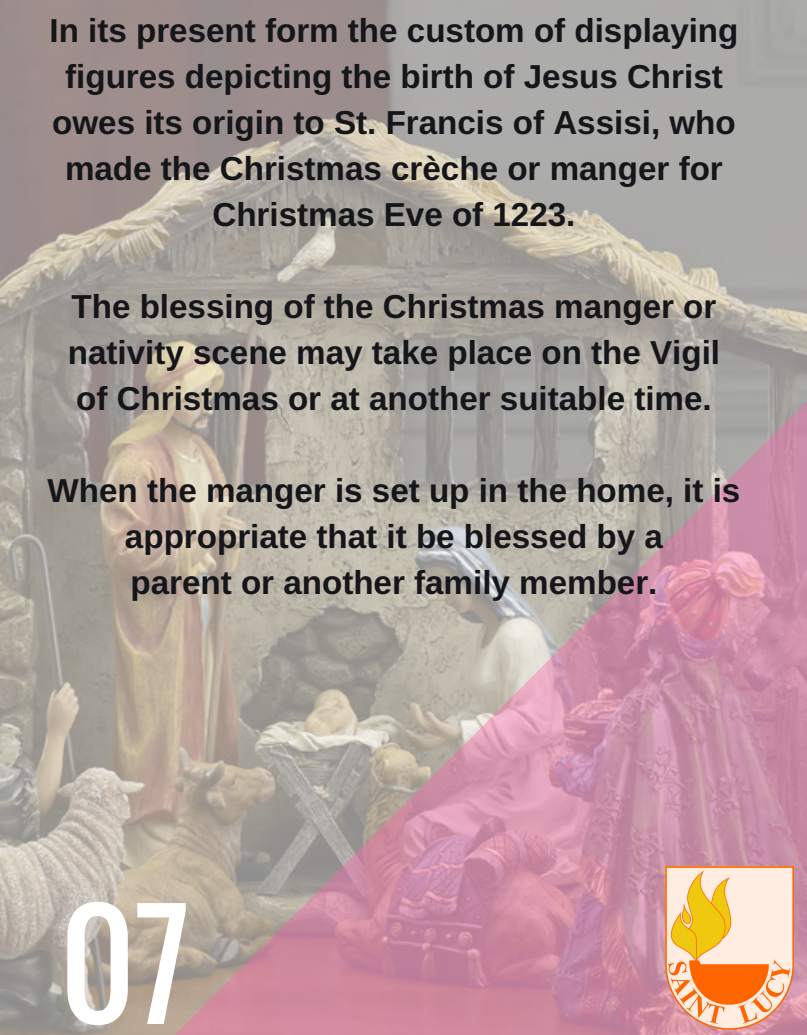
In the home the Christmas tree may be blessed by a parent or another family member, in connection with the evening meal on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time on Christmas Day.



In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223.

The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time.

When the manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member.



During Advent, biblical persons representing the ancestors of Jesus, either in faith or bloodline, are gradually added onto a tree or branch, named after the father of David. The symbols such as Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Jesse, David, Solomon, Joseph and Mary can be drawn, cut out or purchased.

