



Advent at Saint Jude

Prepare the way of the Lord

Advent Masses

Advent is a season of longing for the coming of the Lord. We long for Christ's coming in glory at the end of time, even as we wait with 'joyful expectation' for our annual celebration of Christ's coming in time. It is a time to prepare our hearts by works of charity and penance. The Church is decorated more simply and violet vestments are worn. The music is more restrained and the gloria is not sung during Advent.

Advent Wreath

On the first Sunday of Advent, we will bless the Advent Wreath, composed of evergreen branches, three violet candles and one rose candle (for the third Sunday of Advent- Gaudete Sunday when Rose Vestments are worn). Each Sunday an additional candle is lit in anticipation of the coming of Christ, the light of the world. Advent wreath prayers to say at home can be found on the back of this flyer. This year a Boy Scout troop from Holy Family will be selling Advent Candles and wreath materials after all the Masses on the First Sunday of Advent.

Giving Tree

We invite you to take a dove from one of the Christmas trees in the narthex and buy a gift for someone in need. What a wonderful way to brighten someone's Christmas and enter into the real spirit of the season. All gifts are due to the parish by December 10. Gifts can be placed under the trees and gift certificates dropped off in the parish office mail slot. Questions can be addressed to Gary or Susan Pilawski at 425-488-3238 or email pilawski5@gmail.com.

The Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on **Friday, December 8 at the 9 am and 7 pm Masses**. This is the patronal feast of the United States and a holy day of obligation. We pray in a special way for the spread of the Catholic faith in our nation.

Parish Reconciliation Service

Monday, December 18 at 7pm will be our annual Advent Reconciliation Service. We begin with readings, prayer, and song to help us open our hearts to the gift of God's mercy. Six confessors will be available to hear individual confessions and provide absolution.

How to Read the Bible

An Advent Scripture Series given by Mark Shea

St. Jude Church welcomes back Mark Shea! Mark is a popular Catholic speaker and writer who hails from our very own Seattle. Mark will be presenting a series of three talks during the Advent season that are designed to help us make sense out of sacred scripture. Mark is a skillful and witty speaker that you won't want to miss. All talks will be in Lovett Hall. Come to learn and be inspired.

Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 pm –

"Natural Revelation and the Old Testament"

Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm –

"New Testament and Fulfillment"

Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00 pm –

"The Four Senses of Scripture"

Church Decorating

This year we have a very short time to decorate the Church because the 4th Sunday of Advent is Christmas Eve! Can you spare some time after the 9am Mass, **Sunday, December 24 at 10:15 pm to help decorate**. This is always a fun activity and we really need your help this year. Please RSVP to Sr. Betty at her email: betty@stjude-redmond.org

Christmas Nativity Display

Fr. Dave Rogerson started a wonderful tradition here at St. Jude by putting on a display of hundreds of nativity scenes each year. We invite you to help keep this tradition alive. Please contact Rosemarie Ives at Ivesredmond@aol.com. We need help after the 11 am Mass on Sunday, December 17th.

Special 4th Sunday of Advent Schedule

5:00pm..... Saturday Vigil Mass, December 23rd
9:00am..... Sunday Morning Mass, December 24th
(NO 11:00am Mass) 10:15 Decorate the Church!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24, 2017

5:00 pm Vigil Mass with Children's Choir in the Church
5:00 pm Vigil Mass in Lovett Hall
10:00 pm Mass during the Night –
Scripture and Carols begin at 9:15 pm
Midnight Mass – Carols begin at 11:45 pm

Christmas Day Monday, December 25, 2015

9:00 am Mass at Dawn
11:00 am Mass of Christmas Day

ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS

The Beginning of Advent

Leader: We gather around our wreath to begin the celebration of Advent. Let us ask our Father in heaven to fill our hearts with grace.

Silent pause for prayer

Heavenly Father, we look forward to the celebration of Christmas and to the coming of the Lord in glory. Bless this Advent wreath and all of us. As we pray daily around it, fill us with your life and strengthen us for our daily tasks. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The First Week of Advent

[One violet candle is lit.]

Leader: Heavenly Father, as we begin this Advent, give light to our eyes and peace to our hearts. May the Lord find us watching and waiting in joy when He comes. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Second Week of Advent

[Two violet candles are lit.]

Leader: Father in heaven, set our hearts ablaze to follow in the steps of John the Baptist. May we bring light and love to all we meet, that the darkness of sin and fear may be overcome. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Third Week of Advent

[The Rose candle and Two Violet candles are lit.]

Leader: As we draw near to you, Lord God, help us to rejoice in your presence in all we do. Come with power to enlighten us by your grace, that we may live in praise and peace all our days. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Fourth Week of Advent

[All four candles are lit.]

Leader: Lord Jesus, we approach that holy moment when Your coming as newborn child is renewed in our hearts. Give us peace and allow us to celebrate Your presence with joy, that we may one day share in Your glory. We ask this through you, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, as One God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

CHRISTMAS EVE BLESSING OF THE CRECHE

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation you have made
manifest your love:
when our need for a Savior was great you sent your
Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.

To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy,
and love.

Lord,
bless all who look upon this manger,
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and
raise up our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives
and reigns for ever and ever.
R. Amen.