



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 9, 2018

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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday
to Wednesday - 5:40pm - Rosary
- 6:00pm - Mass

Thursday - 3:00pm - Mass at AMCC

Friday - 3:00pm - Mass at QCC

Saturday - 4:30pm - Confessions
- 5:00pm - Rosary
- 5:30pm - Mass

Sunday - 10:30am - Mass

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT OLD ST. JOE'S



MASS SCHEDULE

Begin with Carols - @ 8:30pm
Christmas Eve Mass - @ 9:00pm

Christmas Day Mass - @ 10:30am

READERS AND EM'S FOR DECEMBER

Saturday December 8

5:30 Lector Sandi Nahriri
EMHC Sandi Nahriri

Sunday December 9

10:30 Lector Kitty Scott
EMHC Volunteers Needed

Saturday December 15

5:30 Lector Sandi Nahriri
EMHC Sandi Nahriri

Sunday December 16

10:30 Lector Nathan & Kathryn McTigue
EMHC Volunteers Needed

Saturday December 22

5:30 Lector Volunteer Needed
EMHC Volunteers Needed

Sunday December 23

10:30 Lector Sylvia Paniataaq
EMHC Volunteers Needed

**# 12/09/2018 Second Collection – Retirement Fund
for Religious**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Religious Education Classes for December are 2nd, 9th and 16th after the 10:30am Mass.
 2. This year Cookie Bazaar is on 15th of December from 11am to 1pm. Caroline needs volunteers to help bake the cookies.
 3. Lectors Work books for 2019 are on the back table with the Signup Sheet, Please take your copy.
 4. Signup for Lectors and EMHC
 5. Volunteers needed to shovel snow.
- # Please collect the Word Among Us Booklet from the back table to prepare spiritually during this Advent for Christmas.

SUNDAY CONNECTION



During the season of Advent, we choose to add many activities to our family's schedule to prepare for our celebration of Christmas. John the Baptist reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas. Parish communities often offer a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent season. Your family might choose to participate in the communal celebration of the sacrament, or you might seek out this sacrament on an individual basis.

Read together today's Gospel, Luke 3:1-6. Talk about how John the Baptist called upon the people to prepare the way of the Lord through repentance. Together as a family, prepare a simple reconciliation service in preparation for Christmas. Gather in a prayerful space, perhaps around the family Advent wreath. Read again from today's Gospel, Luke 3:1-6. Invite each family member to pray silently, asking God to forgive his or her sins. Pray together the Act of Contrition. Then celebrate God's forgiveness by sharing the sign of peace with one another.

PARISH STAFF

Megan Mackiernan – Vice President 443-4501
Rebecca Callahan – Member 443-7158
Patrick Callahan – Member 443-1236
Angie Gorn – Member 443-3286
Mo Koezuna – Member 304-1492
Caroline Proulx – 434-6010 R.E. Director

6. Volunteers needed to set up Crib/Manger after the 10:30am Mass on the Third Sunday of Advent on 16th of December.

7. Volunteers needed to make arrangements for the Christmas Celebrations at Old St. Joe's after the 10:30 am Mass on 23rd, the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; but second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to His second coming at the end of time. Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily.

First We Fast, Then We Feast

Traditionally, all great feasts have been preceded by a time of fasting, which makes the feast itself more joyful. Sadly, Advent today has supplanted by "the Christmas shopping season," so that by Christmas Day, many people no longer enjoy the feast.

The Symbols of Advent

In its symbolism, the Church continues to stress the penitential and preparatory nature of Advent. As during Lent, priests wear purple vestments, and the Gloria ("Glory to God") is omitted during Mass. The only exception is on the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday when priests can wear rose-colored vestments.

The Advent Wreath

Perhaps the best-known of all Advent symbols is the Advent wreath, a custom which originated among German Lutherans but was soon adopted by Catholics. Consisting of four candles(three purple and one pink) arranged in a circle with evergreen boughs (and often a fifth, white candle in the center), the Advent wreath corresponds to the four Sundays of Advent. The purple candles represent the penitential nature of the season, while the pink candle calls to mind the respite of Gaudete Sunday. (The white candle, when used, represents Christmas.