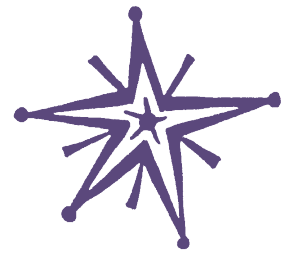


Advent 2018

AT ST. ANTHONY DE PADUA CATHOLIC PARISH



The Two Parts of Advent

Part One: The Prophets' Anticipation

While most liturgical seasons focus on the gospel, during the first weeks of Advent, until December 16, the Church gives us daily readings from the prophet Isaiah. With the eyes of faith, these foretell the coming of the Messiah. Rather than a continuous gospel narrative familiar to us for most of the year, this part of Advent offers a wide variety of gospel readings that support the first reading of the day.

After almost two weeks of Isaiah readings, we hear the foretelling of a Messiah from other prophets in the Hebrew scriptures - Sirach, Numbers, Zephaniah and then return to Isaiah. With each passing week, the prophets speak more clearly of the coming of a Savior. During the first readings we hear the anticipation, expectation, hope and promise. In listening to the second reading, we hear the fulfillment, or connection with the gospel.

Part Two: The Gospels Lead Us to Christmas

In these last eight days before Christmas, from December 17-24, the relationship between the readings changes. Now the gospel leads us to our celebration of Christmas.

The gospels are taken from the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke. On each of these days, the first reading is taken from the Hebrew scriptures and chosen to match the gospel. In many cases we can imagine Matthew or Luke having the first reading open on their desks while they wrote the gospel.

When we read the gospel before the first reading, we can sense the anticipation and fulfillment building as we witness the story of the preparation for Jesus' first coming into this world for us.

We invite you to prepare your hearts for the coming of the Lord with us at St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Parish. All are invited to attend the many opportunities for prayer, formation, and service during this blessed Season of Advent.

WEEK 1

NOVEMBER 27

Advent Mission Series
St. Anthony and
Franciscan Spirituality
6:15pm in the church

DECEMBER 1-15

Advent Giving Tree
Help a family in need.
Tree & tags in the vestibule

DECEMBER 7-8

Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation
Masses 5:30 pm Friday &
8:15 am Saturday

DECEMBER 8

Immaculate Conception
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Carry-out Dinner
Tickets required.
Following the 4:30pm Mass

WEEK 2

DECEMBER 4

Advent Mission Series
St. Anthony's Love
of Scripture
6:15pm in the church

DECEMBER 1-15

Advent Giving Tree
Help a family in need.
Tree & tags in the vestibule

DECEMBER 9

Saint Nicholas Breakfast
A special visit from
St. Nicholas at noon.
After all Sunday Masses, in the gym

DECEMBER 13

Parish Penance Service
4 Priests available for
reconciliation, 6:15pm

WEEK 3

DECEMBER 11

Advent Mission Series
St. Anthony's Love
of the Eucharist
6:15pm in the church

DECEMBER 15-16

Holy Land Items for Sale
After all Masses

DECEMBER 16

Advent Lessons & Carols
Pre-K Students
2:00pm in the church

DECEMBER 17

Advent Lessons & Carols
Grade School Students
7:00pm in the church

WEEK 4

DECEMBER 18

Advent Mission Series
St. Anthony's Love
of the Christ Child
6:15pm in the church

DECEMBER 22

Anointing of the Sick
Sacrament will be available
after the 4:30pm Mass

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve, 4:30 pm
Midnight Mass, 12:00 am
Christmas Day, 10:00 am

Solemnity of Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
January 1, 10:00 am

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