

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DECEMBER 2020



December's Virtue is Purity
Purity is keeping your soul free of sin.

Beginning November 29, the 8:45 am Masses will be changed to 9 am for all Masses.



New Advent Tradition: Beginning December 1st, read one chapter of the Gospel of Luke each day. There are 24 chapters. On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus' life and wake up Christmas morning knowing who and why we celebrate!

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon./Tue., Nov. 30/ Dec. 1
RE Class # 9

Sun., Dec. 6
2nd Sunday of Advent
Feast of St. Nicholas

Mon./Tue., Dec. 7/8
RE Class # 10

Mon., Dec. 7, 7:30 pm
Vigil Mass
Immaculate Conception

Tue., Dec. 8, 6:30, 9 am & 5:30 & 7:30 pm Masses
Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation

Wed., Dec. 9, 7 pm
Parish Penance Service

Sat., Dec. 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sun., Dec. 13
Third Sunday of Advent

Mon./Tue., Dec. 14/15
RE Class # 11

Mon., Dec. 14
RE Confessions

Tue., Dec. 15, 10 am-12 noon
Book Club: *Man and Mystic*
St. John of the Cross

Sun., Dec. 20
4th Sunday of Advent

Mon., Dec. 21-Fri. Jan. 1
RE Office limited hours

Tue., Dec. 24
Christmas Eve

Wed., Dec. 25
Christmas
Holy Day of Obligation

Hail Mary, Full of Grace
"The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin."
Bl. Pope Pius IV



Plan ahead to start your New Year's Resolution off right and learn to live life through the lens of scripture. Sign up to join Fr. Mike Schmitz: Bible in a Year podcast to read the entire Bible in 365 episodes. Fr. Mike provides commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. <https://bibleinayear>

Upcoming Holy Days of Obligation are:

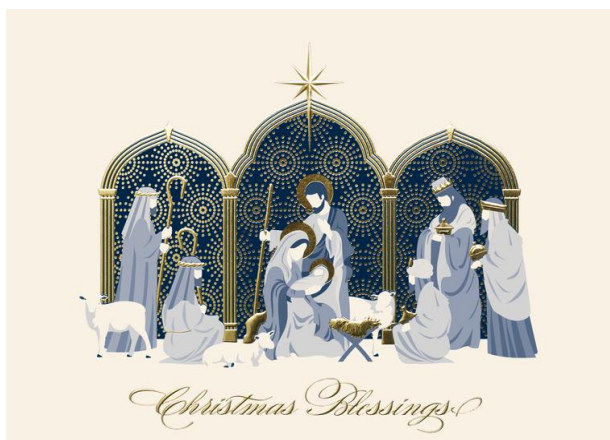
Dec. 8 – Immaculate Conception
Dec. 25 – The Nativity of the Lord
Jan. 1 – The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Days Mass Times

Immaculate Conception
Vigil 12/7, 7:30 pm
12/8, 6:30, 9 am, 5:30 & 7:30 pm

Christmas
Vigil 12/24: 5, 7:30 pm & midnight
12/25 7:30, 9, and 10:30 am

Mary, Mother of God
Vigil 12/31: 7:30 pm, midnight
1/1: 9, 10:30 am & 12:30 pm



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DECEMBER SAINTS

3rd Francis Xavier

4th Barbara

6th Second Sunday of Advent & Nicholas

7th Ambrose

8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Holy Day

9th Juan Diego

11th Damasus I

12th Our Lady of Guadalupe

13th Third Sunday of Advent & Lucy

14th John of the Cross

20th Fourth Sunday of Advent

21st Peter Canisius

24th Vigil of Christmas

25th Christmas

26th Stephen

27th Holy Family & John

28th Holy Innocents

29th Thomas Becket

31st Sylvester I



PURPLE IS FOR PREPARATION

Place an **Advent Wreath** in the middle of the dining room table. The greenery in the wreath symbolizes the promised new life in Jesus. The four candles denote the four Sundays of Advent. There are three purple candles and one rose candle. Purple is a sign of penance, and rose is the color denoting the anticipation of joy. Light a candle on each Sunday evening of Advent, saying a short prayer or singing a verse of [“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”](#) or [“Light One Candle for Hope”](#). The light of the candles represents the light coming into the world as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth.

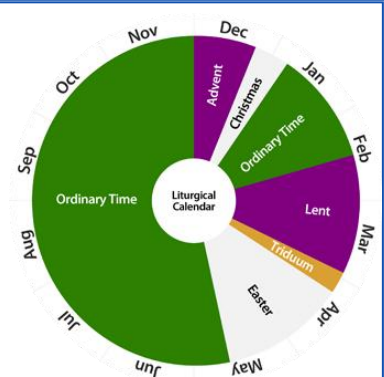
An **Advent Calendar** is a daily reminder as we prepare for the coming of Jesus' birthday. One door is opened each day from December 1 through December 24, revealing a picture.

The **Jesse Tree** is a symbolic tree with spreading branches. An ornament which has a symbol depicting the genealogy of Jesus on one side and a scripture verse on the other is hung on the tree every day during Advent.

For the **Feast of St. Nicholas** children leave their shoes out on December 5 and parents place candy or other treats in the shoes as a reminder of Nicholas's gift to the three maidens of Myra. It is common today to leave candy coins and candy canes in the children's shoes to symbolize Bishop Nicholas and his gift of gold coins.

St. Lucy celebrations include a procession of young girls in white dresses carrying candles. Most of the girls carry a single candle, but the girl chosen to represent Lucia wears a crown with lit candles (now you can use battery candles) and carries a tray of saffron-scented [St. Lucia Buns](#).

What is the Liturgical Calendar? The Liturgical Calendar begins every year on the First Sunday of Advent and runs through the Solemnity of Christ the King at the end of November. In each cycle of the Liturgical Calendar you will find six Seasons: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Triduum, Easter, and Ordinary Time. The Church uses purple for Advent and Lent because it is a time of preparation and penance. Green is used for ordinary time, white for Christmas and Easter, and red for the Holy Spirit and martyrs.



We wish you a blessed and joyous Advent and Christmas season.

RE Office Hours Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 1 - 7:30 pm; Wednesday 1-5 pm; Friday closed.
The Religious Education Office will have limited hours December 21-31 and will be closed December 23-25 and January 1.

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3 Our Lady of Fatima - Patron of People who are Ridiculed, the Rosary
3 Our Lady of Lourdes - Patron of France, Healing, Illness
5 Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Patron of the Brown Scapular, the Carmelites, Chile, Protection
4 Pope Francis
5 St. Andrew - Patron of Fishermen, Greece, Russia, Scotland
2 St. Anne - Patron of Cabinet Makers, Homemakers, Miners, Women in Labor
3 St. Anthony - Patron of Expectant Mothers, Lost Things, Seafarers
4 St. Benedict - Patron of Europe, Monks, Poison Victims, Students
1 St. Bernadette - Patron of Healing, Illness
2 St. Blaise - Patron of Animals, Choking/Throat Ailments, Veterinarians
1 St. Brigid of Ireland - Patron of Artists, Children of Separated Parents, Ireland, Midwives, the Rejected
2 St. Catherine of Siena - Patron of Illness, Loss of an Infant, Purity
4 St. Clare - Patron of Television, Homebound
2 St. Dymphna - Patron of Depression, Mental Illness, Runaways
3 St. Edith Stein - Patron of Atheists, Europe, Judaism, Loss of Parents, Nurses, Women
2 St. Elizabeth of Hungary - Patron of Bakers, the Poor, Widows

4 St. Faustina - Patron of Divine Mercy
1 St. Florian - Patron of Firefighters
3 St. Francis de Sales - Patron of Adult Education, Hearing Loss, Journalism, Writers
1 St. Francis Xavier - Patron of Japan, Missionaries, Sailors
1 St. John Paul II - Patron of Hope, Perseverance, Poland
2 St. John Vianney - Patron of Parish Priests
1 St. Josemaria Escriva - Patron of Diabetics, Job Seekers, Ordinary Life
1 St. Joseph - Patron of a Happy Death, Carpenters, Fathers, Men, Workers
1 St. Jude - Patron of Hope, Impossible Causes
3 St. Junipero Serra - Patron of California, Hispanic Americans, Ministry Vocations
1 St. Kateri Tekakwitha - Patron of Converts, Native Americans, Outcasts, the Environment
1 St. Katharine Drexel - Patron of Philanthropy, Racial Justice, Social Equality
4 St. Louis and St. Zeli Martin - Patron of Marriage, Parenting, Widowers
4 St. Martin de Porres - Patron of Barbers, People of Mixed Race, Pet Owners
1 St. Sebastian - Patron of Athletes, Endurance, Sports
1 St. Teresa of Calcutta - Patron of Right to Life, Marginalized
1 St. Thomas Aquinas - Patron of Colleges, Philosophers, Schools