

2021 Events in Advent & Christmas at St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish (All events take place in St. Philip Neri Church, unless otherwise indicated)



Advent Kick-Off!

Start off Advent with some fellowship, food, and refreshments after every Mass on the first weekend of Advent.

- November 27th: 6 p.m. (Parish Center)
- November 28th: 8:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. (Parish Center)

Evening Prayer on Advent Sundays

In anticipation of Christmas, join in Solemn Chanted Evening Prayer (otherwise known as Vespers) at 4 p.m. on the four Sundays of Advent. At the Second Vatican Council, the laity were highly encouraged to take part in these prayers known as the Liturgy of the Hours.

- November 28th: 4 p.m.
- December 5th: 4 p.m.
- December 12th: 4 p.m.
- December 19th: 4 p.m.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

Celebrate the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, St. Ann.

- December 7th
 - 7:00 p.m. Mass
- December 8th
 - 8:15 a.m. Mass & 7 p.m. Mass

Night of Prayer for the Unborn

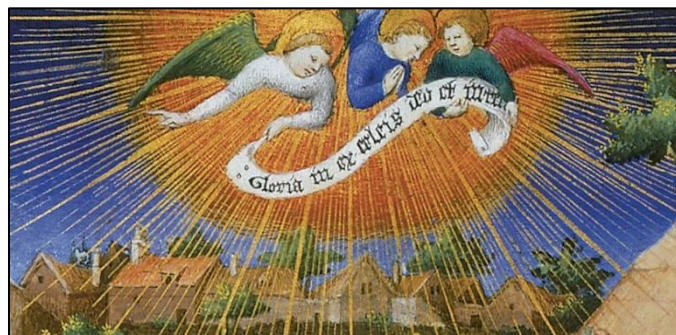
Because of the special Masses on Dec. 7th & 8th, there will be no Eucharistic Exposition from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. those evenings; however, all are invited to take part in the National Night of Prayer on Dec. 8th. Come for an hour of Eucharistic Exposition or make a shorter visit. The rosary and pro-life prayers will begin every hour, on the hour. Please use the southern breezeway door or main, eastern doors of the church to enter. Visit www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ea5aa2da3fb6-night.

- December 8th:
 - 8 p.m.-9 p.m.
 - 9 p.m.-10 p.m.
 - 10 p.m.-11 p.m.
 - 11 p.m.-12 midnight (Benediction)

Pancake Breakfast

Feast upon delicious breakfast fare; sponsored by our parish Knights of Columbus.

- December 12th: 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Parish Center)



Advent Parish Reconciliation Service

Receive the merciful and liberating grace of the sacrament of Reconciliation with various priest confessors assisting. No Eucharistic Exposition from 5 p.m.-9 p.m.

- December 14th: 7 p.m.

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Rectory Open House

Stop into the Parish Office and Rectory, where Fr. Cook lives, to prepare for Christmas. Visit with Father, enjoy each other, and delight in cookies, hors d'oeuvres, and refreshments. Ever wonder where Fr. Cook lives? Now is your chance to see. For entrance, please use the west door of the Rectory, near the garages.

- December 19th:
 - Anytime b/w 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
(Parish Office/Rectory)

Cleaning & Decorating of the Church

Everyone is invited to come and help clean and decorate our beautiful church for Christmas. Christmas cookies, snacks, and light refreshments will be provided. We will be removing cobwebs, dusting, polishing the pews, scraping gum from beneath pews, washing interior windows and the lower stained-glass windows, cleaning the choir loft, etc. Cleaning solutions, polishes, and rags will be provided; please bring gloves, if desired.

- December 23rd: 9 a.m. until finished

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)

Give thanks for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

- December 24th: 4 p.m. Vigil Mass
- December 25th: 12 a.m. Midnight Mass, 7:30 a.m. Mass, and 10:30 a.m. Mass (The regular Saturday confessions at 4:15 p.m. and Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. are **CANCELED** on Dec. 25th. **PLEASE NOTE:** Catholics are obliged to attend Mass twice between the evening of Friday, 12/24, and the evening of Sunday 12/26. One of those times needs to happen before Sunday. The other of those times must happen Saturday evening or thereafter.)

Important Christmas Week Details

Parish Office Closure: In celebration of the holy days, the Parish Office will be closed Christmas week, Dec. 27th-Dec. 31st. Phone messages will be checked daily but non-emergencies will be attended to after Jan. 3rd.

No Morning Mass on Dec. 28th: There will be no morning Mass on Tuesday, Dec. 28th. Please consider assisting at a Mass at a nearby parish on that weekday.

Only Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: There will be no formal Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Dec. 27th-Dec. 31st. Eucharistic Adorers are still welcome to come and adore the Eucharist in the tabernacle on their regular days and times, but they should contact the Parish Office before Christmas Eve to obtain the code to unlock the church door in the breezeway.

Adorers, please be advised: A wedding rehearsal will occur in the church on the evening of Wed., Dec. 29th.



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on a Saturday)

Celebrate Our Lady and usher in the New Year!

- January 1st
 - 9 a. m. Mass
 - 5 p.m. Mass