3 december 2023 1st sunday of advent

#### Fr Smith's challenge: take your best selfie or family photo with the Great Nativity & share it on social media with #popgreatnativity

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#### A Parish Family of the Roman **Catholic Diocese of Charleston**

**Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune**, CS Diocese of Charleston

#### Pastor

Fr. Christopher Smith, STD

#### Parochial Vicar

Fr. Richard Tomlinson, STD

#### Deacons

Nestor Acosta, Michael Cavin, Robert Smith, Gus Suárez, Mark Thompson & Michael Thompson

#### **Our Mission**

To share the fullness of the Gospel to all we encounter in our lives by equipping disciples to create and strengthen a personal relationship with Christ. By the grace of God, we are called to strive for personal holiness, participate fully in the vibrant life of the Church's Tradition and transform the world.

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### **Office hours:**

Monday-Thursday 9a-4p \*office closed 1-2p Friday 9a-12p

#### Stay connected:

Website: www.princeofpeacetaylors.org

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Facebook & Instagram: @princeofpeacetaylors Recordings of homilies are on the parish website & Apple Podcast Sacred Music: Spotify (search Sacred Music at Prince of Peace) Formed: when you register at formed.org/register, use code GYYF72.

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#### Giving:

We appreciate your support: Parish Offertory & Parish School Giving

#### Library:

Online Catalog & Hours: https://www.librarycat.org/lib/POPCCS

#### Are you new? Welcome!

We are grateful that you have come to our parish and hope that you will soon call this faith community your home! Learn more by emailing us at welcome@princeofpeacetaylors.org.





#### An Extraordinary Parish for Ordinary People

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Confession before Christmas is encouraged in Catholicism to purify the soul and embrace the spiritual renewal symbolized by Jesus' birth. It allows believers to reflect, seek forgiveness, and reconcile with God, fostering a deeper connection to the essence of Christmas. By acknowledging shortcomings and receiving absolution, one enters the season with a cleansed spirit, ready to embrace the significance of Christ's arrival. It embodies the spirit of repentance and prepares the heart to fully appreciate the transformative message of hope, love, and redemption that Christmas represents, fostering a meaningful and spiritually fulfilling celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Come, reconnect with grace Himself with nearly 35 hours of additional times for Confession (as opposed to our normal 6 hours). Confession heals and brings peace. Embrace forgiveness, renew your spirit.

During Advent, we'll follow our normal schedule of Wednesdays 5-6p and Saturdays 3.30-4.30p with additional times during the week leading up to Christmas:

- Sunday, 17 Dec 7.30-9p
- Monday, 18 Dec 5-7p
- Tuesday, 19 Dec 7-9a, 11a-2p, 5-9p
- Wednesday, 20 Dec 7-9a, 11a-2p, 5-9p
- Thursday, 21 Dec 7-9a, 11a-2p, 5-9p
- Friday, 22 Dec 5-7p
- Saturday, 23 Dec IIa-2p & 3.30-4.30p

Let's journey together toward spiritual wholeness.

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"Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy." -St. Isidore of Seville

#### Our Map—A Smoke, Vape & Tobacco Free Campus I Parish House, under the protection of Our Lady of Fatima 7 (includes within it Croghan Hall) 2 Guadalupe Hall 3 Lourdes Hall & School Office 13 5 14 4 Walsingham Hall 5 PAC (Parish Activity Center) & PAC Classroom 6 St Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Hall 7 Blessed McGivney Hall 12 8 Church 9 Christ the King Adoration Chapel hy Creek Ros Parking Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14 2 View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com



### **Parish Calendar**

Fr Christopher Smith = FCS Fr Richard Tomlinson = FRT   Readings are Year B					
<b>sunday, 3 dec</b> first Sunday of advent (English & Latin)	<b>monday, 4 dec</b> st john damascene (English) st peter chrysologus (Latin)	<b>tuesday, 5 dec</b> weekday (English) feria of advent (Latin)			
8a Mass For the People of the Parish (FRT) 10a Mass Laverne DelNobile+(FCS) 12p Latin Mass Kevin Lewis-L (FCS) 7p Compline	7a Mass Anne Gabrielle Wersinger-L (FRT) 7.40a Lauds 12p Latin Mass Lindsey Kopeck-L (FRT)	7a Mass Andres Wersinger-L (FRT) 7.40a Lauds 12p Latin Mass Carol L Delgado & Family-L (FCS) 5.30p Vespers			
8.50a religious education Ip basketball pac Ip potluck parish house 4p lazos de amor mariano mcgivney hall 6.30p cyo svdp in narthex	5.30a men's workout 10.30a svdp svdp hall 6p basketball pac 6.30p scouts 6.30p legion of mary lourdes hall 6.45p young adults mcgivney hall	<i>6.30p fraternus &amp; fidelis 7p men's bible study guadalupe hall</i>			
wednesday, 6 dec st nicholas (English & Latin)	<b>thursday, 7 dec</b> st ambrose (English & Latin)	friday, 8 dec the immaculate conception of the blessed virgin mary (English & Latin) HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION			
8.30a Mass Lisa Fender-L (FCS) 12p Latin Mass Brian Mershon-L (FRT) 5p Confession	7a Mass Carol Mullman+(FCS) 7.40a Lauds 12p Latin Mass Jesus M Acosta+(FRT)	7a Mass Mary Anne Fitzgerald+(FCS) 8.30a Mass Lisa Fender-L (FRT) 12p Latin Mass Tim Seger+(FCS) 7p Mass Therese Rickards+(FRT)			
<i>6p advanced marian class mcgivney hall</i> <i>7p introduction to catholicism pac</i>	5.30p aoh mcgivney hall 6p basketball pac <mark>parish office closed</mark>	<i>6p basketball pac parish office closed</i>			
<b>saturday, 9 dec</b> st juan diego cuauhtlatoatzin (English) feria of advent (Latin)	<b>sunday, 10 dec</b> second sunday of advent (English & Latin)	<b>prayer requests</b> All those serving our country, Gena Cunningham, Julie Mallory, Bridgitte Gunnells, Wrenn Calcutt, Jim Bannis- tar, Stophan, Wiltharger, Lillia Nashitt, Kavin Stanton			
6.30a Rorate Mass Eleanor Lewis-L (FCS) 3.30-4.30p Confession 5p Mass Al Melone+(FRT)	8a Mass For the People of the Parish (FRT) 10a Mass McCullen/Simmons Family+(FCS) 12p Latin Mass Therese Rickards+(FCS) 7p Compline	ter, Stephen Wiltberger, Lillie Nesbitt, Kevin Stanton, Doris Pratt, Sarah Williams, Kenneth Price, Jackie Andrejack, Dcn Bob Smith, Lois Smith, Christy Smith, Shannon Harkins, Gloria Dussich, Rose Schillaci, Kristi- na Murphy, Laurie Taylor, Carl Jones, Luigina Warga, Marlene C. Eugenia Kolinko, Susan Subrizi, Mary Jean			
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Please contact the Parish Office to reque We will leave names on the prayer list for		Martina Farge, Nancy Methison, Judith Inghram, Janice & Alan Olson, Jacob Hinson, Jim Green, Mary Martin, Lucretia Albright and Daniel Bennett			



#### homebound ministry

If you are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact Deacon Mark Thompson at <u>mark.thompson@princeofpeacetaylors.org</u>

#### widows and widowers-"bounce"

Be comforted by those who have experienced the grief of the loss of a spouse on the first Saturday of the month at 10a in St Vincent de Paul Hall. Call Jean Casey at 864.423.7010 to learn more.

#### catholic youth organization

Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) is for grades 9-12. Young men and women meet on Sundays at 6.30p in Parish House to share a meal, play games, and talk about faith. Questions? Contact Stephanie and John Lasitter at cyo@princeofpeacetaylors.org.

#### help needed: ushers and greeters

Greeters and ushers are greatly needed across all Mass times! Contact Marco DeMaria at 864.631.7713 or <u>mad4jen@msn.com</u>!

#### lay dominicans

Learn about the life and charism of Lay Dominicans and how they share in the apostolic mission of the Dominican Order through the Four Pillars: Prayer, Study, Community and Apostolic Preaching, by emailing Janice Carl, OP at janice.carl@gmail.com.

#### substitute teachers needed

Join our Substitute Teacher list at the parish school! Please email Principal Nathan Barontini to learn more at principal@popcatholicschool.org.

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#### perpetual eucharistic adoration



"God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar." - St. Maximilian Kolbe

Share a Holy hour with the Lord! Contact Lisa Buss at 864.508.7123 or email adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org. The following times are in need of adoption (\*urgent):

 Sunday - 8a & 11a; Monday - 6a & 10p; Thursday - 9a & 5p; Friday - 8a & 12p; Saturday - 12p

#### baptism class

Parents desiring Baptism for their child must attend a Baptism Class. The next class will be held on Thursday, 14 December at 6.30p in the Walsingham Hall Art Room. Contact Deacon Gus to join at 864. 420.0497 or <u>baptisms@princeofpeacetaylors.org</u>

⇒ Baptisms cannot be scheduled until the class is completed. Only Deacon Acosta can schedule Baptisms.

#### mass intentions

The parish has Mass cards for Mass intentions to be said in the Holy Land. The Mass intentions book for the parish is closed for the remainder of 2023.

#### men's bible study

Deacon Michael Thompson leads a Men's Bible Study meeting Tuesdays at 7p in Guadalupe Hall studying the Book of John! All men should come. Contact Deacon Thompson at 864.365.8178 to learn more.

#### Donations (envelopes in the narthex may be dropped into the offertory baskets)



sanctuary candle \$20 donated by Martin G Leo in memory of Gerrard M Leo



flowers \$300



bread & wine \$20 donated by Martin G Leo in memory of Gerrard M Leo



music \$300

#### year b begins today

Did you know the Lectionary is arranged in two cycles, one for Sundays and one for weekdays? The Sunday cycle is divided into three years, labeled A, B and C. In Year A, we read mostly from the Gospel of Matthew. In Year B, we read the Gospel of Mark and chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. In Year C, we read the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel of John is read during the Easter season in all three years. The year of the cycle does not change on January I, but on the First Sunday of Advent which is the beginning of the liturgical year.

The first reading, usually from the Old Testament, reflects important themes from the Gospel reading. The second reading is usually from one of the epistles, a letter written to an early church community. These letters are read semi-continuously. Each Sunday, we pick up close to where we left off the Sunday before, though some passages are never read.

We begin year B readings in the St Isaac Jogues Missals on 3 December.

#### advent week 1 prayers



Lord, our God, we praise You for your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us. He is the Savior of us all.

O Lord let your blessings come us as we light the first (purple) candle of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation. May He come quickly and do not delay. We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

#### rorate mass

Join us for Rorate Mass on Saturdays in Advent, 9,16, and 23 December, at 6.30a in Latin. The Rorate Caeli Mass is a traditional Advent devotion wherein the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Advent is offered just before dawn. The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. Because it is a votive Mass in Mary's honor, white vestments are worn instead of Advent violet.

• A Solemn High Rorate Mass will be 9 December.

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#### parish school rosary

All are invited to join praying a rosary at 2.45p at the Blessed Mother statue outside of Parish House for the good of the school, its teachers and families within it. If the weather is bad, go inside the church.

#### prayer shawl ministry

The prayer shawl ministry meets on the third Friday of the month at 10.30a. They crochet/knit shawls/lap robes which they donate to nursing homes, cancer and dialyses centers. They welcome more volunteers and donations of yarn are always welcome. For information call Paulette at 864.434.0278.

#### welcome committee

Interested in helping new folks feel at home at our parish? From emails to phone calls to events, there's a way to pitch in! Contact Tracy Rozsa at welcome@princeofpeacetaylors.org to learn more about the Guild of St Benedict Welcome Committee.

#### welcome new parishioners

Join us in welcoming the following new parishioners: Marvin & Jennifer Corney and family.

#### friends of st josemaria recollections

The purpose of a recollection is to help participants sanctify their ordinary life in and through their work, family, and recreational activities. In the spirit of Opus Dei, the next Recollections are: **Men:** Friday, 15 Dec at 7p with reception **Women:** Saturday, 16 Dec at 9a

#### advent confession schedule

Our normal schedule of Wednesdays 5-6p and Saturdays 3.30-4.30p. In addition, the following:

- Sunday, 17 Dec 7.30-9p
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- Tuesday, 19 Dec 7-9a, 11a-2p, 5-9p
- Wednesday, 20 Dec 7-9a, 11a-2p, 5-9p
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#### fr smith's advent reading recommendation

Fr Smith recommends reading The *Culture of God by* Nadin Nassar this Advent keeping in mind his caveats explained in the 12 November bulletin letter.



#### triune mercy kitchen—feed the hungry

Make a **corporal work of mercy by feeding the hungry** of Triune Mercy Kitchen on the first Sunday monthly. Please <u>sign up here</u>. Contact John Olson with questions at <u>jamolson@gmail.com</u>.

#### st vincent de paul news

St. Vincent DePaul accepts online giving through their <u>tithe.ly</u> and checks made directly to SVDP. Pantry donations may be left in the large wooden bin in the Narthex. Current pantry needs are:

- pasta sauce
- canned beans
- toilet paper
- dish detergent
- size 4, 5, and 6 diapers
- laundry detergent
- soup

#### meal train at pop

Parishioners and school families are invited to reach out to Jennifer Pfaffl by email at <u>missfluff129@yahoo.com</u> during times of need to have a Meal Train organized. It takes a village to provide support to those in need. Please consider supporting the gift of comfort for those in need.

over 900 books, socializing and fun await

The Blessed McGivney Hall is open on Sundays after the 8a and 10a Mass. And, for parents who await their child(ren) attending RE. Grab a coffee or hot chocolate, peruse a library of over 900 vetted Catholic titles, and socialize with parishioners. Indoor and outdoor activities are available for kids of all ages! Contact John Olson to learn more at jamolson@gmail.com.

If you have questions about the library, email <a href="mailto:library@princeofpeacetaylors.org">library@princeofpeacetaylors.org</a>

#### blessing of the bambinelli

Bring your baby Jesus figurines from your home nativities (and those received as a gift at the Advent Market) to Mass on the Ist Sunday of Advent for a special blessing!



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#### angel tree

The St. Vincent DePaul Angel Tree will be in the Narthex beginning 25 November after the 5p Mass through 3 December after the I2n Mass. You can also find the Angel Tree at the Advent Market. Tree



tags are for \$25 donations; this season we are seeking 200 donations of \$25 each to provide funds for parents and caretakers to purchase Christmas gifts for children. Donations by check can be dropped into the poor box or Sunday collection baskets, but please note "SVDP Christmas" on the memo line. You can also donate via our tithe.ly account (see QR code).

#### dates to remember

**Our 2024 Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for 8-12 July. It will be modeled after our in-house programming unveiled in 2023. If you'd like to volunteer, contact Maria Barontini by <u>email</u>.

Next Adult Volunteer Meeting: 22 January at 6.30p

#### october offertory

Giving to the offertory is convenient and easy. Scan the QR code to connect to Tithely to make your gift. Options to give to special projects are available.



	As of October 31, 2023					
Offertory		Actual Budget		Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)	
Month	\$	153,558	\$	161,894	(\$8,336)	
Year-To-Date	\$	567,629	\$	580,177	(\$12,548)	

#### thank you for your generosity

This holiday season we thank everyone who has supported Prince of Peace Catholic Church this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions, and look forward to support from all of our parishioners in the year ahead.

• If you have any questions about your giving or setting up electronic giving across the busy holidays, contact Mark Pulley at 864.331.3907.

#### latin mass community monthly potluck

The Latin Mass community hosts a potluck the first Sunday of each month in Croghan Hall after the 12n Latin Mass. Please bring a main dish to share. Help set up and clean up! Questions? Contact the Green Family at 719.660.3440.

men's discernment of religious vocations

Men interested in discerning religious vocations should contact Rev Rhett B Williams at vocations@charlestondiocese.org.

- 12-14 January: Men's Discernment Retreat at Camp Gravatt in Aiken
- 2-4 February: Men's Seminary Come & See

#### attraction books

The Columbiettes are selling \$25 Attraction Coupon Books for 2024 in the parish office or by calling Cheryl Wargo (864.616.2264).

#### parish school donations

Did you know that 45% of families rely on financial assistance to attend the parish school? Your donations to our Annual Fund are needed. Save now to make a gift on Giving Tuesday (28 November) or prayerfully consider making



Annual Fund

a Catholic education possible with a check to POPCS or <u>online gift today</u>!

#### pickup candles and photos

Candles and photos from the Altar of Remembrance are available for pickup in the parish office.

#### gaudete sunday

On Gaudete Sunday (17 December), all expectant mothers are invited to receive a special blessing at the 10a & 12p Masses. Everyone is invited to wear rose-colored clothing that day.

#### compline during advent

Compline (also known as Night Prayer) is the final church service (or office) of the day in the Christian tradition of canonical hours. The prayers are always the same, so it is very easy to learn! We will have Compline on Sundays during Advent at 7p in the Church beginning 3 December. Prepare for the coming of the Prince of Peace in this special way!

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#### make pop beautiful this christmas

Lit trees are \$250 each with sponsors listed in the Christmas bulletin! Make your check payable to Prince of Peace Catholic Church, mail or drop off your check in the parish office clearly marking "Christmas Tree" on your check and attn; Maria Rauch and Christmas Tree on outside envelope. Deadline is 11 December.

Christmas flowers (poinsettias) in memory or honor of loved ones may be donated using the Christmas flower envelope by 16 December at noon.

Please clearly **print** the name of your loved one on your envelope

monday morning workout for men

Join the men (18 and older) of the parish who "offer it up" and attack the week every Monday morning from 5.30-6.15a for outdoor exercise and prayer. No fitness background is necessary. Men should dress accordingly and bring their own hydration. Park in the lot between the PAC and McGivney Hall. Participants will offer up prayer and suffering for Fr. Smith, Fr. Tomlinson, all clergy, our own families, and the marriage and family life throughout the Parish. Questions? Contact Paul Pizzuti at <u>pizzuti@fidei.email</u> or 864.501.8954.

#### men's breakfast

All men of the parish and their friends are invited to join for breakfast and fellowship on Thursday, 7 December at 8a at Denny's on Wade Hampton Blvd. For more information, call Don Foertsch at 864.268.3810.

#### st rafka's dinner

St Rafka's monthly pasta dinner will be Thursday, 7 December, 5.30-7.30p Adults are \$10 and children \$5.

immaculate conception-holy day of obligation

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrates the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, St Anne, free from original sin by virtue of the merits of her son Jesus. The feast day is 8 December, which lands on Friday this year. Mass times are:

7a, 8.30a, 12 Latin, and 7p

**Celebrating Advent** 

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# The Christmas season is a time for holiday cheer, friends and family. As Catholic Christians, we have a unique way of celebrating Jesus, Who is the reason for our season.

- **Confession** before Christmas is encouraged in Catholicism to purify the soul and embrace the spiritual renewal symbolized by Jesus' birth. "Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy." -St. Isidore of Seville
  - We will follow our usual Confession Schedule with additional opportunities. <u>See the</u> <u>schedule here</u>.
- Attend Rorate Mass, a traditional Catholic Advent service celebrated before dawn, focusing on the anticipation of Christ's birth, often lit only by candlelight. See the schedule here.
- End your Sunday with Compline. Compline is the final prayer service in the Liturgy of the Hours, traditionally observed before bedtime to seek peace and protection through psalms, prayers, and reflections. <u>See the schedule here.</u>
- Spend time before our Lord present in the Eucharist in the Christ the King Adoration Chapel. Learn more.
- **Pray the <u>St Andrew's Christmas Novena</u>** 15 times a day from 30 November until Christmas.
- Visit the Advent Market on Saturday, 2 December where The Great Nativity will be unveiled and will remain open for visitors through the Christmas season. Learn more.
- Bring your Christ child figurine for a Blessing of the Bambinelli at all Sunday Mass times on 3 December. This tradition was first instituted by St. John Paul II! Each year, the children of Rome are encouraged to bring the baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from each of their Nativity sets to St. Peter's Square. Following the Sunday Angelus address, the Pope blesses the figurines. This Advent tradition is a way for children to connect their Nativity scene at home to the celebration of Christmas at their church.
- **Put up a Nativity Scene.** In Advent, the three wisemen should be stationed far away from the central figures of Mary and Joseph. And the Baby Jesus too should not be displayed yet. As Advent unfolds, day by day have someone ideally a small child in your family move the wisemen closer to the Holy Family. On Christmas Eve, put the Baby Jesus in the manger and say the traditional family prayer to bless the Nativity scene. Keep advancing the wisemen until 6 January, the Feast of the Epiphany, when they finally arrive to adore the newborn King. Children should know the difference between Christmas and the Epiphany and understand the 12 Days of Christmas are those between the two feasts not the 12 days leading up to Christmas.
- **The Jesse Tree** is a traditional Advent practice in Catholicism. It involves displaying a tree or a branch decorated with symbols or ornaments representing biblical stories and figures from Jesus' genealogy. Each day leading up to Christmas, a new ornament or symbol is added, recounting the lineage of Jesus through Jesse, the father of King David. It serves as a visual and devotional way to reflect on the anticipation and preparation for the birth of Jesus while connecting to the broader narrative of salvation history. Learn more and get the graphics. Or, here's a coloring book for young children.
- **Read Fr Smith's recommended Advent Reading**, which he explains caveats about in his pastoral letter <u>here</u>.
- <u>Check out these family-friendly ideas</u> on how to celebrate Advent in your home from our Catholic Identity Committee of the parish school.
- Celebrate the saints with feast days during Advent, especially St Nicholas on 6 December (<u>here's how</u>), St Lucy on 13 December (<u>here's how</u>) and St Martin (here's how).
- Fasting helps prepare us to celebrate the one Holy Day of Obligation during Advent: The Immaculate Conception on Friday, 8 December. For those not already fasting throughout Advent, 7 December is an ideal day to fast (on years when it does not fall on a Sunday). Mass times are 7a, 8.30a, 12p (Latin) and 7p.
- **Ember Days** are set aside to pray and offer thanksgiving for a good harvest and God's blessings. If you are in good health, fast on the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday immediately following the Feast of St. Lucy on 13 December.
- The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is on Gaudete Sunday, 17 December, at 10a and 12n Mass.
- **Pray the O Antiphons** as part of Vespers on 17-23 December. Each of the titles of the O Antiphons addresses Jesus with a special title given to the Messiah and refers to a prophecy from the Prophet Isaiah. Listen to the O Antiphons chanted here. Or, print this prayer companion for home.
- Bless your Christmas tree! Here are the <u>prayers</u> to be said on Christmas Eve, which is when your tree should be put up. Use candy canes in your decor read about the <u>meaning of the sweet treat here</u>.



### **Contact Us**

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CYO (Catholic Youth Organization)	John & Stephanie Lasitter		cyo@princeofpeacetaylors.org			
Food & Financial Assistance	St. Vincent de Paul Society	864.331.3937	7			
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In honor of our late, beloved Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Prince of Peace is hosting a series of 12 talks this year on a selection of his published works. Each talk will be at 6.30p in Croghan Hall with light refreshments. Missed a lecture? Watch the recordings on our YouTube channel (<u>here</u>)!



#### eucharistic conference

There are limited tickets available to each parish to give out to parishioners for the 6 April Diocesan Eucharistic Conference at the Columbia Convention Center. Keynote speakers will be Dr. Edward Sri and Bishop Joseph A. Espaillat. There will be music, speakers, a Eucharistic Procession, and Adoration. Email Maria Barontini your request.

#### last minute advent items?

Check with the parish office if you're in need of advent wreaths, candles, meditation books, calendars, etc. Supplies are limited and depend upon sales at the Advent Market on 2 December!

#### ladies lunch bunch-december

The Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet at Lou's Asian on Beacon Dr. on Tuesday, 12 December at 11.30a. Please RSVP to Dorothea Jones by 10 December at 864.268.3354.

#### st nicholas day-6 december

The most popular way to celebrate St. Nicholas Day is to put shoes out for St. Nicholas to leave small treats and gifts in. This tradition is done in remembrance of how St. Nicholas himself would leave gifts for the poor outside their windows or doors at night.

#### St. Nicholas Day shoe gift ideas:

- Chocolate gold coins (to represent the gold coins St. Nicholas left for 3 poor daughters)
- Candy canes, Life Savers, or other little candies
- Small toys or trinkets
- Ginger or gingerbread cookies
- Clothing or new shoes (to represent how St. Nicholas gave clothing to the poor)
- A Christmas ornament
- Clementines (because they also represent the gold St. Nick gave away)
- Religious items (medals, holy cards, rosaries, saints books or videos, saints peg dolls, etc)





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