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# Letter from our Pastor, Fr Christopher Smith

An Extraordinary Parish for Ordinary People

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Catholics, we are the both/and, not the either/or religion. Faith and reason, faith and works, scripture and tradition: the list goes on and on. When the Second Vatican Council reformed the sacred liturgy, the Church also said that worship should be in both Latin and the vernacular. Not either Latin or the vernacular. Some people got the false idea that the Mass used to be in Latin, and now it is in English. The liturgical books reformed after Vatican II can be celebrated in Latin or English, but the Church **requires, instructs and commands** her pastors to make sure the faithful can participate in Mass in both the language of the Church as well as in their mother tongue.

In the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of 1962 we read:

*36. The use of the Latin language is to be preserved in the Latin rites.*

*54. In Masses which are celebrated with the people, a suitable place may be allotted to their mother tongue . . . Nevertheless steps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them.*

*116. The Church acknowledges Gregorian chant as specially suited to the Roman liturgy: therefore, other things being equal, it should be given pride of place in liturgical services.*

In *Musicae sacrae*, which governs the Church's regulations on sacred music, we read:

*47. Pastors of souls should take care that besides the vernacular "the faithful may also be able to say or sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them."*

The mind of the Church is very clear: the Mass is to be sung, in Latin, and in Gregorian chant. Now that doesn't mean that other things can't also be sung, but the patrimony of the Church has pride of place, and pastors are to make sure their people can do this. Unfortunately, these directives of the Church have been so ignored in this country that we now have generations of Catholics who have been denied their own heritage by their own priests, and they think that it is supposed to be that way. In Rome, pilgrims from all over the world come together and invariably it is the Americans who sit there mute while everyone else knows how to participate in the prayers of the Church in the language of the Church. The Our Father and the Creed are known by millions all over the world in Latin chant, but Americans are still far behind. How is this possible unless priests are not doing their job?

When I arrived here twelve years ago this week, the new translation of the Roman Missal into English had just arrived. We all had to learn to recite a new version of the prayers, and we have also learned to sing the ordinary parts of the Mass in the new wording. We have learned two versions of the Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus and Agnus Dei and one version of the Creed. At the 5p and 10a Masses we have also learned two Kyries in Greek and one Gloria, as well two Sanctus and Agnus Dei settings in Latin. Two. Only two out of eighteen provided for us by the Church! At the 12N Mass, they have mastered those settings as well as three Creeds and about five other settings of the Mass. The School Mass has also learned the Our Father and the Memorial Acclamation in Latin.

Sometimes people will say to me, "I don't know what the Sanctus means" and then literally recite it for me word for word perfectly in English. It is exactly the same thing! We really have to get past this illogical mental block against Latin at Mass. We have school children who can barely read who can sing many of the parts of the Mass from memory in Latin as well as in English. If they can do it, so can you. But you have to actually want to do what the Church expects us to do, and leave aside the attitude which says, "I am going to do what I want at Mass."

*Fr. Christopher Smith*

## Our Map—A Smoke, Vape & Tobacco Free Campus



- 1 Parish House, under the protection of Our Lady of Fatima (includes within it Croghan Hall)
- 2 Guadalupe Hall
- 3 Lourdes Hall & School Office
- 4 Walsingham Hall
- 5 PAC (Parish Activity Center) & PAC Classroom
- 6 St Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Hall
- 7 Blessed McGivney Hall
- 8 Church
- 9 Christ the King Adoration Chapel
- Parking Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14



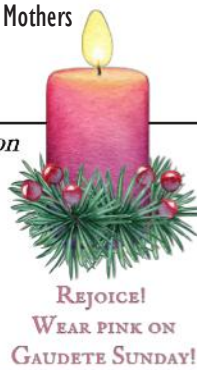


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# Parish Calendar

Fr Christopher Smith = FCS Fr Richard Tomlinson = FRT | Readings are Year B

<b>sunday, 10 dec</b> second sunday of advent (English & Latin)	<b>monday, 11 dec</b> st damascus I (English & Latin) st peter chrysologus (Latin)	<b>tuesday, 12 dec</b> our lady of guadalupe (English & Latin)
8a Mass For the People of the Parish (FRT) 10a Mass McCullen/Simmons Family+ (FCS) 12p Latin Mass Therese Rickards+ (FCS) 7p Compline	7a Mass Russell Cipolla+ (FRT) 7.40a Lauds 12p Latin Mass Charles Lewis-L (FRT)	7a Mass Denise Christian Wersinger-L (FRT) 7.40a Lauds 12p Latin Mass Kevin Lewis-L (FCS) 5.30p Vespers
<i>8.50a religious education</i> <i>1p basketball pac</i> <i>4p lazos de amor mariano mcgivney hall</i> <i>6.30p cyo</i>	<i>5.30a men's workout</i> <i>10.30a svdp svdp hall</i> <i>6p basketball pac</i> <i>6.30p scouts</i> <i>6.30p legion of mary lourdes hall</i> <i>6.45p young adults mcgivney hall</i>	<i>6.30p fraternus &amp; fidelis</i> <i>7p men's bible study guadalupe hall</i>
<b>wednesday, 13 dec</b> st lucy (English & Latin)	<b>thursday, 14 dec</b> st john of the cross (English) feria of advent (Latin)	<b>friday, 15 dec</b> advent weekday (English) feria of advent (Latin)
8.30a Mass Rosie Seger+ (FCS) 12p Latin Mass Robert Lewis-L (FRT) 5p Confession	7a Mass Joseph Tuyen Van Pham+ (FCS) 7.40a Lauds 12p Latin Daniel Lewis-L (FRT)	7a Mass Fr Bartholomew Leon-L (FCS) 7.40a Lauds 12p Latin Cullen Lewis-L (FCS) 5.30p Vespers
<i>6p advanced marian class mcgivney hall</i> <i>7p introduction to catholicism pac</i>	<i>6p basketball pac</i> <i>6.30p baptism class walsingham hall</i> <i>7p kofc mcgivney hall</i>	<i>6p basketball pac</i> <i>7p men's recollection</i>
<b>saturday, 16 dec</b> advent weekday (English) st eusebius (Latin)	<b>sunday, 17 dec</b> third sunday of advent (English) gaudete Sunday (Latin)	<b>prayer requests</b>
6.30a Rorate Kevin Lewis-L (FCS) 3.30-4.30p Confession 5p Mass Sherry Wright+ (FRT)	8a Mass For the People of the Parish (FRT) 10a Mass Heap Family (FCS) with Blessing of Expectant Mothers 12p Latin Mass Charles Lewis-L (FCS) with Blessing of Expectant Mothers 7p Compline 7.30-9p Confession	All those serving our country, Gena Cunningham, Julie Mallory, Bridgitte Gunnells, Wrenn Calcutt, Jim Bannister, 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, Kristina Murphy, Laurie Taylor, Carl Jones, Luigina Warga, Marlene C. Eugenia Kolinko, Susan Subrizi, Mary Jean Heap, Rosemary Craig, Janine Moore, Jean Casey, Thomas Dorsey, Jennifer Gregory, Kathleen & Dan Mottl, Peter McPherson, Annmarie Egas, Frank Cespedes, Mary Ann Egan, Julia Chatignyblais, Connie Meiners, Juan & Laura Pachur, Elizabeth Nowlan, Betty Baker, Deborah Baker, Andrew Frisari, Ed Matthews, Yanini Smith, Martha Catel, Anna & Casey Chevalier, Christine Tallman, Curtis Hagler, Kayla Whatley, Robert Dobbins, Matt Smith, Jenn Pfaffl, Valerie Pachur, Jim Eagan, Kathy Melone, Vanessa Baugh, Cal Valois & A. Thana Pacco Rivas, Tammy Jones, Caleb Sadowski, Brian Aho, Jim Roberts, Lorenzo Rosa, Jim Rimer, Martina Farge, Nancy Methison, Judith Inghram, Janice & Alan Olson, Jacob Hinson, Jim Green, Mary Martin, Lucretia Albright and Daniel Bennett
<i>9a women's recollection</i> <i>9.30a legion of mary lourdes hall</i> <i>10a girl scouts</i> 6.30p ordinary splendor-theological highlights of vatican II with jazz click parish house	<i>8.50a religious education</i> <i>1p basketball pac</i> <i>4p lazos de amor mariano mcgivney hall</i> <i>6.30p cyo</i>	
Please contact the Parish Office to request a name be added to the prayer list. We will leave names on the prayer list for two weeks, unless requested otherwise.		





# Happenings & Needs

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## homebound ministry

If you are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact Deacon Mark Thompson at [mark.thompson@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:mark.thompson@princeofpeacetaylors.org)

## 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](mailto: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 [mad4jen@msn.com](mailto:mad4jen@msn.com)!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:principal@popcatholicschool.org).

## 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](mailto:adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org). The following times are in need of adoption (\*urgent):

- Sunday - 8a & 11a; Monday - 6a;  
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 [baptisms@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:baptisms@princeofpeacetaylors.org)  
⇒ 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



bread & wine \$20  
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flowers \$300



music \$300

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## fourth sunday of advent & christmas

Get ready for back-to-back Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Masses this year! The Fourth Sunday of Advent is Sunday, 24 December. Christmas follows the next day. Both are days of obligation. **Therefore, we have two obligations to fulfill – we must go to two distinct Masses.** For the purposes of fulfilling one's obligation, the hymns, readings, prayers, or vestment color of the Mass have no bearing. The obligation is to attend any Mass within the timeframe allowed.

That means, for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, you can go to any Mass between 4p on Saturday, 23 December and 11:59p on Sunday, 24 December.

For Christmas, you can go to any Mass between 4p on Sunday, 24 December and 11:59pm on Monday, 25 December.

### Our Mass schedule:

- **4th Sunday of Advent Mass**  
**Times:** Anticipated Mass on Saturday at 5p (English); Sunday at 8a (Low Mass, English), 10a (Sung Mass, English), and 12n (Latin)
- **Christmas Mass Times:** Sunday, 24 December: 4p Family Mass (English) with Children's Choir, 6p Vigil Mass (English) with Youth Choir; Midnight (Latin) with St Cecilia Choir (music begins at 11.30p)
- Monday, 25 December: 10a Mass (English)

1st Obligation (Fourth Sunday of Advent)	Saturday, 23 December	5p
	Sunday, 24 December	8a 10a 12p 4p 6p
pick one from the right side		
2nd Obligation (Christmas)	Sunday, 24 December	4p 6p
	Monday, 25 December	Midnight 10a
pick one from the right side		

## 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](mailto: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: Anthony Paulo; William & Karen Wynne; Jason & Mary Jones and family; Jerome & Regina Hackett.

## 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
- 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 11a-2p & 3.30-4.30p

## 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.

View this bulletin online at [www.DiscoverMass.com](http://www.DiscoverMass.com)





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## 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 [sign up here](#). Contact John Olson with questions at [jamolson@gmail.com](mailto:jamolson@gmail.com).

## st vincent de paul news

St. Vincent DePaul accepts online giving through their [tithely](https://tithely.com) 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 [missfluff129@yahoo.com](mailto:missfluff129@yahoo.com) 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! **Please note that children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver at all times.** Contact John Olson to learn more at [jamolson@gmail.com](mailto:jamolson@gmail.com).

If you have questions about the library, email [library@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:library@princeofpeacetaylors.org)

## parish office closing

The parish office will be closed at noon on Wednesday, 20 December through Tuesday, 26 December.

## knights of columbus 9184

On Thanksgiving morning the Knights of Columbus 9184 delivered 50 turkeys to the less fortunate of the Greenville area. In partnership with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, 17 knights and their families participated in the event.

## 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 [email](#).

- Next Adult Volunteer Meeting: 22 January at 6.30p

## november offertory

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



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Offertory	As of November 30, 2023		
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)
Month	\$ 131,835	\$ 139,198	(\$7,363)
Year-To-Date	\$ 699,464	\$ 719,375	(\$19,911)

## 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.

## advent week 2 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 and second (purple) candles 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.

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## 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@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:vocations@charlestandiocese.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 a Catholic education possible with a check to POPCS or [online gift today!](#)



Annual Fund

## pickup candles and photos—until 1 january

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!

## 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 [pizzuti@fidei.email](mailto:pizzuti@fidei.email) or 864.501.8954.

## rorate mass

Join us for Rorate Mass on Saturday, 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.

## new years schedule

We follow the normal Sunday Mass schedule for 31 December. For the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, we have the following schedule:

- Sunday, 31 December: 5p Vigil Mass
- Monday, 1 January: 10a & 12p Latin



# 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. [See the schedule here.](#)
- **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. [See the schedule here.](#)
- **Spend time before our Lord present in the Eucharist** in the Christ the King Adoration Chapel. [Learn more.](#)
- **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 [here.](#)
- [Check out these family-friendly ideas](#) 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 Lucy on 13 December ([here's how](#))
- **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 (that means 20, 22 and 23 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 [prayers](#) to be said on Christmas Eve, which is when your tree should be put up. Use candy canes in your decor – read about the [meaning of the sweet treat here.](#)





# Contact Us

An Extraordinary Parish for Ordinary People

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*\*contact Deacon Acosta about baptisms, funerals, marriage, and RCIA*

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all speaking events begin at 6.30p. light refreshments provided.

## schedule

- 4 February: Fr Christopher Smith - Spirit of the Liturgy
- 4 March: Erin Lewis - Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week
- 22 April: Michael Sandifer - Anglicanorum Coetibus
- 27 May: Dcn Michael Thompson - Church Fathers: From Clement of Rome to Augustine
- 24 June: Nathan Barontini - Values in a Time of Upheaval
- 8 July: Fr Richard Tomlinson - Regensburg Address
- 29 July: Stephanie Lasitter - Deus Caritas Est
- 26 August: Dcn Gus Suarez - Spe Salvi
- 30 September: Sean Chapman - In the beginning
- 21 October: Maria Barontini - School of Prayer
- 18 November: Dcn Michael Cavin - Caritas in Veritate
- 16 December: Jazz Click - Theological Highlights of Vatican II

## 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. Espallat. 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 Lieu's Asian Bistro on Beacon Dr. on Tuesday, 12 December at 11.30a. Please RSVP to Dorothea Jones by 10 December at 864.268.3354.

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