

St. Paul Catholic Church 2017 Advent Calendar






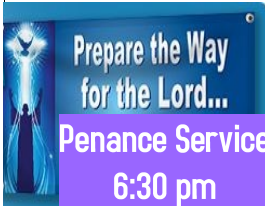




In the season of Advent, we await the coming of Christ on all the levels which we experience time:
in the past — as a babe in the stable of Bethlehem; *in the present* — as grace in our souls;
 and *in the future* — as the Judge at the end of time.

“...to prepare our hearts to welcome the Lord we must learn to recognize His presence in the events of our daily life.”

Pope Saint John Paul II



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 First Sunday of Advent WATCH & WAIT 8:30 am MASS 11:15 am MASS  Isaiah 63: 16-19, 64:2-7	4 HOPE URGES US ON Psalm 130:5	5 REASONS FOR HOPE MASS – 8:30 am Isaiah 43:19	6 JESUS HEALS MASS – 6:00 PM John 3:17	7 JESUS WAITS FOR US MASS – 8:30 am Revelations 3:20	8 First Friday  Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION 8:00 am Adoration MASS – 8:30 am 9:00am-7:00 pm Adoration 7 pm MASS Luke 1:38	9 First Saturday OPEN OUR HEARTS MASS: 8:30 AM Confession: 4:00-4:45 pm SUNDAY VIGIL MASS 5:00 pm HISPANIC MASS 6:30 pm 1 John 1:3
10 2nd Sunday of Advent PREPARE THE LORD'S WAY 8:30 am MASS 11:15 am MASS  4 PM Christmas Posada & Pot Luck Family Nite Isaiah 40:3	11 HE IS COMING Matthew 3:11	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe  PROCLAIM GOD'S GREATNESS MASS – 8:30 am MASS – 7 pm Luke 1:46-47	13 GOD IS NEAR MASS – 6:00 PM Mark 1:15	14 GOD WILL HELP US MASS – 8:30 am Isaiah 41:13	15 HAVE FAITH 8:00 am Adoration MASS – 8:30 am 9:00am-7:00pm Adoration John 1:18	16 THE POWER OF GOD'S LOVE Confession: 4:00-4:45 pm SUNDAY VIGIL MASS 5:00 pm HISPANIC MASS 6:30 pm Daniel 2:22
17 Gaudete Sunday JOYFUL SUNDAY 8:30 am MASS 11:15 am MASS  Philippians 4:4	18 JESUS IS OUR JOY John 17:13	19 MASS—8:30 AM  Prepare the Way for the Lord... Penance Service 6:30 pm	20 RENEWAL FROM WITHIN MASS – 6:00 PM 1 Peter 1:8	21 SEEKING REAL JOY MASS – 8:30 am 1 Timothy 3:16	22 AFRAID TO BE FREE 8:00 am Adoration MASS – 8:30 am 9:00am-7:00pm Adoration John 8:36	23 LISTEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT Confession: 4:00-4:45 pm SUNDAY VIGIL MASS 5:00 pm HISPANIC MASS 6:30 pm John 14:26
24 Fourth Sunday of Advent  8:30 am MASS 11:15 am MASS MIDNIGHT MASS Singing begins 11:30 pm Cider & Cookies after Midnight Mass in the church hall	25 CHRISTMAS DAY MASS – 9:00 am  Merry Christmas	<p>THIS CHRISTMAS MEND A QUARREL. SEEK OUT A FORGOTTEN FRIEND. DISMISS SUSPICION AND REPLACE IT WITH TRUST. WRITE A LETTER. GIVE A SOFT ANSWER. ENCOURAGE YOUTH. MANIFEST YOUR LOYALTY IN WORD AND DEED. KEEP A PROMISE. FORGO A GRUDGE. FORGIVE AN ENEMY. APOLOGIZE. TRY TO UNDERSTAND. EXAMINE YOUR DEMANDS ON OTHERS. THINK FIRST OF SOMEONE ELSE. BE KIND. BE GENTLE. LAUGH A LITTLE MORE. EXPRESS YOUR GRATITUDE. WELCOME A STRANGER. GLADDEN THE HEART OF A CHILD. TAKE PLEASURE IN THE BEAUTY & WONDER OF THE EARTH. SPEAK YOUR LOVE, AND THEN SPEAK IT AGAIN.</p>				

ADVENT WREATH CIRCLE : the immortality of our soul **EVERGREENS**: the new, everlasting life brought to us by the birth of Jesus. **PURPLE CANDLES**: our prayers, penance, sacrifices & good works undertaken at this time. **ROSE CANDLE**: joy that light is overcoming the darkness of sin **PROGRESSIVE LIGHTING** of the candles symbolizes the expectation & hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world & the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead. The **LIGHT** signifies Christ, the Light of the world.

