



Our Lady of Fatima Parish



Advent, Christmas & New Year 2017-2018



This pamphlet provides you with the full schedule of the Advent and Christmas season, as well as a suggestion for family or personal meal prayer.

We also provide you a copy of Pope Francis' words "In the Light of Hope: Encouragement and Daily Prayers for Advent". This booklet can be used daily for your personal prayer and reflection. You may also wish to use parts of it, perhaps once a week before Sunday Eucharist, as a basis for a family prayer or discussion. The Advent themes offered in this booklet speak to our deepest longings: peace, light, hope, mercy and the coming of Christ the Saviour. Let us ponder the real meaning of the Advent-Christmas season as one which reflects the joy of God's interaction with us, even in the midst of this busy season.



The Liturgical Schedule for the Season is as follows:

Eucharist of the Sundays of Advent

3 December, 10 December, 17 December,

Vigil Mass: Saturdays – 4:30 p.m.

Sundays - 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 a.m.

24 December – 10:00 and 11:30am (no 8:30am Mass)

Special Celebrations

Morning Prayer on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, 8 December – 8:00 a.m.

Join us for a time of quiet reflection and communal prayer at a busy time!

Celebration of Reconciliation

Before all Saturday evening Masses, at 4:00 p.m.

Advent Communal Reconciliation: Thursday, 7 Dec., 7:00 p.m.

Eucharist of Christmas

Christmas Eve, 24 December: 4:30, 7:00 and 10:00 p.m.

(preceded by half hour program of music at 4:00, 6:30, and 9:30 p. m.)

Christmas Day, 25 December: 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.

Feast of the Holy Family

Vigil Mass: Saturday, 30 December: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 31 December: 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day (Day of Obligation)

Vigil of Mary, Mother of God: Sunday, 31 December: 4:30 p.m.

Feast of Mary, Mother of God: Monday, 1 Jan: 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.

Eucharist of the Epiphany

Vigil Mass: Saturday, 6 January, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7 January: 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.

Eucharist of the Baptism of the Lord

Monday, 8 January: 9:00 a.m.



PERSONAL MEAL PRAYER



**Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight.
O God, You promise: "My word will not pass away." Help
us each day to look to your Word.**

**As You have blessed us so bountifully, make our love
overflow into the lives of those who need it so.**

**Accept the offerings we give, in whatever form we give
them, and sanctify them in Your Service.**

**Hear our prayers for the rulers of this world, and for the
citizens they serve, that Your Word may have free course
among the nations.**

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FAMILY MEAL PRAYER



Leader Glory to God in the Highest.

All And peace to his people on earth.

Leader Lord Jesus, in the peace of this season our spirits rejoice:

With the beasts and the angels,

With the shepherds and stars,

With Mary and Joseph,

we sing God's praise.

By your coming, may the hungry be filled with good things,
and may our table and home be blessed.

Glory to God in the highest.

All And peace on earth to people of good will.

Leader The Word became flesh, alleluia!

All And dwelt among us, alleluia!