

Ascension of Our Lord Church

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First Sunday of

Advent

December 2, 2018

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength
to escape the tribulations that are imminent
and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

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Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon
Bishop of Joliet

Father Jose Kadukunnel, CMI
Pastor

Deacon Peter J. Rooney
Deacon

OFFICE HOURS

Sunday: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Monday - Thursday:
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

4:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Monday - Friday

12:00 Noon

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

WEDDINGS

Bride, groom or parents must reside in parish area and be registered parishioners. Please contact the parish office to prepare for your wedding at least six months in advance of your proposed wedding date and before making any preparations for a hall.

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office for information about our baptism schedule and preparation requirements.

Calendar

- Monday**
DECEMBER 3
St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Is 2:1-5
Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday**
DECEMBER 4
Advent Weekday
Is 11:1-10
Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday**
DECEMBER 5
Advent Weekday
Is 25:6-10a
Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday**
DECEMBER 6
Advent Weekday
Is 26:1-6
Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday**
DECEMBER 7
St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Is 29:17-24
Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday**
DECEMBER 8
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38
- Sunday**
DECEMBER 9
Second Sunday of Advent
Bar 5:1-9
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
Lk 3:1-6

Dear Padre,

I noticed in our Sunday bulletin that our parish is setting up a Jesse tree and a giving tree for Advent. What are these trees?

Parishes and families use the Jesse tree and the giving tree as two distinct ways to prepare for the coming of Jesus, the child king. We use the Jesse tree to remember Jesus' own royal family tree. The Gospel of Matthew traces Jesus' genealogy back to Abraham (1:1-17), while Luke lists his ancestors back to Adam (3:23-28). The purpose is to connect Jesus to Abraham and Adam, and convey the historical longing of the Chosen People for a messiah. Throughout Advent, names of significant figures in Israelite history and quotations from the Hebrew Testament are hung on the branches. Usually, the Jesse tree is placed in a prominent position, in church or at home, so all can see the history of Jesus unfold as we get ever closer to Christmas.

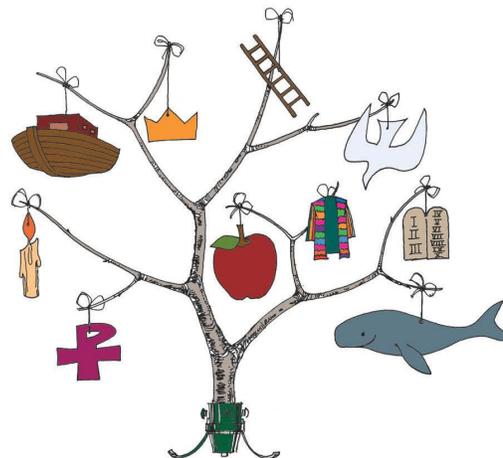


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The giving tree challenges each parish family or member to buy a gift for someone in need. The parish sets up a tree that is decorated with tags suggesting gifts for those in need. Clothing sizes and children's ages are connected with the requests on the tree, so that the givers can easily get the needed items and take their gifts to the church by a designated date. The gifts are then distributed before Christmas. The giving tree unites us to the great message Jesus continues to give us at Christmas: Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me (see Matthew 25:40).

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A Word From Pope Francis

Christmas is near, the signs of his approach are evident along our streets and in our houses....These outward signs invite us to welcome the Lord who always comes and knocks at our door, knocks at our heart, in order to draw near to us.

—Angelus, December 11, 2016



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Parish News

Minister Schedule

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 - 4:00 PM

Presider: Father Jose/Deacon Peter
Euch. Min.: Hariman, McGreevy
Lector: Santucci

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 - 8:00 AM

Presider: Father Bob
Euch. Min.: DeChristopher, Stephens, Vacco
Lector: Morrissey

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 - 10:00 AM

Presiders: Father Jose
Euch. Min.: J. Palisoc, G. Palisc, Racila
Lector: Jeske

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR WITH ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



I Thirst Prayer Group invites you to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in honor of First Friday on **DECEMBER 7th** at 10:30 a.m. in the Church followed by Mass at noon.

Come to Jesus, pray to Jesus, sit with Jesus. He is waiting for you.

Fr. Jose will be available to hear confessions.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Immaculate Conception



MASS TIMES:

**Friday, December 7th
(Vigil): 6:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, December 8th:
9:00 a.m.**

Note: 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday does not fulfill the Holy Day obligation.

We wish to offer our sympathy and a promise of our prayers to family and friends on the recent death of



Vincent Paul Dicola



Let's clear off the giving tree located in the Church vestibule by taking one or more tags.

Gifts must be returned to the tree by the end of the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 9th to allow adequate time for distribution.

Thank you for your generous heart!

C.C.W. COFFEE Sunday, December 9th

All are invited to stop after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and 10:00 a.m. Mass for refreshments and fellowship in Corpus Christi Hall.

STEWARDSHIP

**November 18, 2018 - \$6,090
Thanksgiving - \$1,598
Catholic Campaign for
Human Development - \$1,933
November 25, 2018 - \$6,961**

Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support .

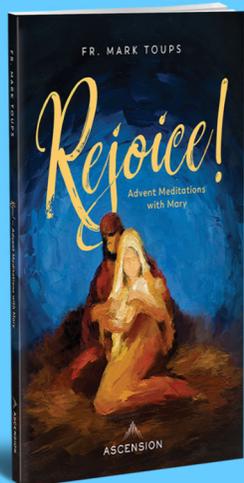


This year for Advent, walk with Mary, learning from her about her humanity & how she prepared to welcome Jesus into her life & the world. Learn about how Mary's encounters & experiences shed light on Advent for us as she carried Jesus.

Night 2: Sunday, December 16, 2018 6 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

- ~Progress Report on your daily Rejoice! Advent Journal
- ~Join us in Prayer on this Gaudete Sunday (Rejoice Sunday!)
- ~A Sung Journey through the O Antiphons
- ~Confession will be Available throughout the Evening

Each day, in a few short pages, Fr. Toups provides you with aids to help guide your prayer:



- **A word** - Focus on a single word each day to draw out the details, the specifics of who Our Lady is.
- **A reflection** - Learn more about Mary, the culture in which she was raised, and the world in which she lived.
- **A Psalm** - Each day, you're given a Psalm to pray (just as Mary herself would have prayed) to help you enter into prayer.
- **A reading** - In reading Scripture, you find the Word of God, bringing you closer to Mary, who carried the Word in her body.
- **A prompt** - Space is provided each day to journal. Record how the Lord is speaking to you this Advent.

Part 7 — “A Walk-through of the Mass”

Eucharistic Prayer

This is a great prayer of praise and thanks. While the words are different in the 13 different Eucharistic Prayers, the underlying structure is the same. Each Eucharistic prayer acknowledges our need to give thanks to God, offers the bread and wine, asks God to send the Holy Spirit to transform the bread and the wine into the very presence of Christ, and intercedes on behalf of the church, the world, the poor, and those who have gone before us. The Eucharistic Prayers are based on prayers that we have had in our tradition since the earliest years of the Church, as well as more recent prayers. In a very real way, everything that we have done at Mass before this point, has prepared us to enter into this great prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

This is the prayer that unites ALL Christians, the prayer that Christ gave us. Before we share in the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation, we recognize that our daily bread comes from God.

(from <http://legacy.archchicago.org/StrategicPastoralPlan/SundayMass/pdf/resource/WalkThroughMass.pdf>)

Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood



A NEW YEAR'S INVITATION FOR YOU

As we enter the new year in the Church with the beginning of Advent, we invite you to join our **St. Vincent de Paul Society parish Conference for this New Year. On Tuesday, December 4,** you can learn more about our work and your potential role in it to serve the employment, housing, food, basic utilities, transportation, and health care needs of the poor and homeless individuals and families of our area. As you have assisted us tremendously in the past with your ideas, donations and prayers, we continue to have many in need of our help for the basics of life. Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 PM we ask you to come to the Parish Office Conference Room to help us plan next year's projects and strategies for meeting the needs of the poor in our community and Diocese. We need to explore new ideas to meet the needs of the disadvantaged in our midst and find effective and efficient methods of serving the poor. You can be of major importance in shaping our program in this new year.

We again give you our thanks for all of your past help and hope that you might consider joining our work in the future.

JOLIET DIOCESE EASTERN CLUSTER SIMBANG GABI 2018 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

DATE	<i>22nd ANNUAL EASTERN CLUSTER</i>	
DECEMBER 14, Friday	CHRIST THE KING, 7:00 PM 1501 S Main Street Lombard, IL 60148 630.629.1717	Presider : Fr. Jeff Stoneberg
DECEMBER 15, Saturday	ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, 6:00 PM 1 S 314 Summit Avenue Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 630.629.5810	Presider : Fr. Mario Quejadas
DECEMBER 16, Sunday	ST. WALTER 3:00PM 130 W. Pine Ave., Roselle, IL 60172 630.894.2461	Presider : Fr. Mario Quejadas
DECEMBER 17, Monday	OUR LADY OF PEACE, 7:00 PM 701 Plainfield Road Darien, IL 60561 630.323.4333	Presider : Fr. Barron/Fr. Walter
DECEMBER 18, Tuesday	ST. MARY IMMACULATE 7:30 PM 15629 S. Rt. 59, Plainfield, IL 60544 815.436.2651	Presider : Fr. Pat Mulcahy
DECEMBER 19, Wednesday	DIVINE SAVIOR, 7:00 PM 6700 Main Street Downers Grove, IL 60516 630.969.1532	Presider : Fr. Augustin Ortega
DECEMBER 20, Thursday	VISITATION, 7:00 PM 779 S. York Street Elmhurst, IL 60126 630. 834.6700	Presider : Fr. Greg Skowron
DECEMBER 21, Friday	HOLY TRINITY, 7:00 PM 111 S. Cass Avenue Westmont, IL 60659 630.968.1366	Presider : Fr. Rafael Wasilewski
DECEMBER 22, Saturday	ST. DOMINIC ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH, 6:30 PM 440 East Briarcliff Road, Bolingbrook, Illinois 60440 630.739.5703 Combined Western and Eastern Clusters	

PARKING REMINDERS



Over the past several weeks illegal parking has been observed and noted in our parking lot. Please review the reminder below for the safety of all. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.



- ~Park only in the designated parking spots between the yellow lines.
- ~Parking around the islands or next to our Church sign is not allowed.
- ~Handicap parking should be reserved for those who have a handicap placard or license plate.
- ~Parking in the striped lines between handicap spaces is not allowed. Some handicap vehicles will need that additional space for ramps.
- ~Do not park in the fire lane.
- ~If our parking lot is full, please feel free to use the parking lot that is directly north of our parking lot. We have their permission to do so.