

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I invite you to take part in some of the events happening in our parish this Advent season. We will honour the Lord's coming with music, Scripture, and Prayer. Please take advantage of the extra time for confession, as the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas.

**May God Bless You and Your Families
During The Advent and Christmas Seasons,**

*Bishop Ustrzycki, Fr. Ian, Fr. Bill, Deacon Quinto,
Brother Anthony, and all the Parish Team*

An Advent Scripture Challenge

On the First Sunday of Advent we begin reading the Gospel According to St. Matthew at Sunday Masses. This Advent consider taking the time to read through St. Matthew's Gospel each day from the beginning of Advent until Christmas Eve. St. Jerome encourages us to know Scripture in order to know Christ.

**Advent Service of Lessons and Carols
Sunday, November 27 at 7:00pm**

The weeks before Christmas are usually a hurried time of shopping, preparations, and card writing. For Christians, however, these weeks should be marked by prayerful preparation for the Feast of Christmas. Plan to attend our annual *Advent Service of Lessons and Carols*, as a way to begin this season in prayer and recollection. This service will be a reflection on the Season of Advent through Scripture and Music. Please come and bring a friend!

Holy Hour and Mass on Saturday Mornings

During the Season of Advent Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am on Saturday mornings. Mass will be preceded by a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 8:00am, with Confessions from 8:00-8:45, and the Office of Lauds (*Morning Prayer*) at 8:30am.

**Novena of Masses and Feast Day Mass for
The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

Once again, this year we will celebrate a Novena (nine days) of Masses leading to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, our Parish's Patronal Feast Day. Masses will be held at 7:00pm each evening from November 29 to December 8, with guest presiders and preachers each evening. There will be confessions one hour before each evening Mass, except Saturday, December 3.

**The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Thursday, December 8**

9:00am	The Office of Lauds (<i>Morning Prayer</i>) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Noon
12:00pm	Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm	<i>Solemn Mass for the Immaculate Conception.</i>

Bambinelli Sunday

Sunday, December 11

On the Third Sunday of Advent, also called Gaudete Sunday, you are invited to take part in one of the newer traditions in our Catholic life. Please bring the Baby Jesus statues from your home nativity set(s). The images will be blessed at all of the Masses on "***Bambinelli Sunday***" before you place them in your home's Nativity.

