

# Advent and Christmas 2009

*Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel!  
The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst!  
He will rejoice over you with gladness and renew you in his love.*

*- Zephaniah 3.14, 15b, 17b*

## The Season of Advent

### **ADVENT SUNDAY VESPERS**

Sunday, November 29 – 4:00 pm, Church  
Sunday, December 6 – 4:00 pm, Church  
Sunday, December 13 – 4:00 pm, Church  
Sunday, December 20 – 4:00 pm, Church

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

OLPH School Reconciliation Service—Friday,  
December 11, 9:30 am  
First Reconciliation—Saturday, December 12, 10:00 am  
Parish Advent Reconciliation Service – Wednesday,  
December 16, 7:00 pm  
Fridays in Advent, 12 noon – 1 pm (Dec. 4, 11, and 18)

### **SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

*(Holy Day of Obligation, Patronal Feast of the USA)*  
Holy Day Masses – Monday, December 7—6:00 pm and  
Tuesday, December 8—8:00 am

### **INTERFAITH OPERATION SANTA CLAUS**

*Tags will be available beginning November 20. Wrapped gifts are to be returned to the church by Sunday, Dec. 6.*

### **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Advent Wreath Making – Sunday, Nov. 29, 1:00—3:00 pm, Parish Center  
Advent Wreath and Candle Sales—Saturday and Sunday, November 28 and 29, after all Masses  
Blest Art Olive Wood Sale—Saturday and Sunday, November 28 and 29, after all Masses  
PTO Pancake/Santa Breakfast—Sunday, December 6, 9:30-11:30 am, School Cafeteria  
OLPH School Christmas Program—Thursday, Dec. 17, 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm, Church

### **CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS**

*A Children's Choir will lead the music for the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. Rehearsals will be held during the month of December. For information, contact Katelyn Walker at the parish office. For information about the Children's Pageant at this Mass, please contact the school office.*

### **CHURCH DECORATING**

Sunday, December 21—12 noon, Church  
*Join with members of the Liturgy Committee and other parishioners to help decorate the Church for Christmas. Conclude the afternoon with Advent Sunday Vespers.*

## The Season of Christmas

### **CHRISTMAS—THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD**



Thursday, December 24

4:00 pm— Vigil Mass  
*Children's Pageant begins at 3:40 pm*  
7:00 pm— Vigil Mass

Friday, December 25

12:00 am— Midnight Mass  
*Musical prelude begins at 11:30 pm*  
9:00 am— Christmas Day Mass

### **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD**

*(Holy Day of Obligation)*  
Vigil Mass—Thursday, December 31—6:00 pm  
Holy Day Mass—Friday, Jan. 1—6:00 pm

### **EPIPHANY OPEN HOUSE**

Sunday, Jan. 3—4:00-6:00 pm—Priest's Residence  
*Celebrate the Christmas Season with your fellow parishioners while also enjoying Christmas refreshments and viewing Fr. Eric's collection of over 100 Nativity sets.*