

# Mass Planning – 2018 Advent and Christmas

Date	Sunday	Readings	Theme/Question	Notes
Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2018	First Sunday of Advent	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:4-5,8-9,10,14 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-28,34-36	How is God calling me to conduct myself this Advent season?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In what ways does God call us to conduct our lives?</li> <li>Gospel – do not let your hearts become drowsy</li> </ul>
Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Second Sunday of Advent	Baruch 5:1-9 Psalm 126:1-2,2-3,4-5,6 Philippians 1:4-6,8-11 Luke 3:1-6	How can I overcome the obstacles in my life to become closer to God?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gospel – winding roads shall be made straight</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> reading – discern what is of value</li> <li>What in my life can be straightened out this Advent?</li> <li>How can I accept God's help to straighten out the crooked paths in my life?</li> </ul>
Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Third Sunday of Advent	Zephaniah 3:14-18a Isaiah 12:2-3,4,5-6 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18	How does prayer bring joy to my life?	<b>Gaudate Sunday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – types of prayer</li> <li>Teaching weekend – how to pray</li> </ul>
Dec. 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2018	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Micah 5:1-4a Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45	How am I bringing Christ to others this season?	<b>Christmas Week</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How is the Lord speaking to me today?</li> <li>How does the word of God bring me joy today?</li> <li>How during this Advent season can I become closer to God?</li> <li>How is God calling me to help others prepare for Christmas?</li> </ul>
Dec. 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Feast of the Holy Family	1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28 Psalm 84:2-3,5-6,9-10 1 John 3:1-2,21-24 Luke 2:41-52	What can the example of the Holy Family teach me?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus on Marriage and the family - Relationships within a family</li> <li>However we find our family today, God needs to be the foundation</li> <li>Why do we call them to Holy Family?</li> <li>What strengths and wisdom can we take from the Holy Family?</li> <li>What strengths of the Holy Family can we bring into our lives?</li> </ul>
Jan. 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	The Epiphany of the Lord	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13 Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12	In what ways is God being revealed to me?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Epiphany – a realization of a truth</li> <li>What aspect of God draws you to Him?</li> <li>In what ways is God revealing Himself to me?</li> </ul>
Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	The Baptism of the Lord	Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 Psalm 104:1b-2,3-4,24-25,27-28,29-30 Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16,21-22	How can I live out my Baptismal grace in ordinary times?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The readings talk about the whole community</li> <li>Jesus came to save all people</li> <li>Psalm – spiritual food – we are renewed by God</li> <li>In what ways does God's mercy show through in our daily lives?</li> <li>In the ordinary, how am I pleasing to God?</li> </ul>

## Upcoming Dates:

**Adoration on Wed., November 21<sup>st</sup> Formation on Wed., December 19<sup>th</sup>**

Formation evenings are from **6-7pm** followed by **Mass at 7pm**. These evenings will be held in the Parish Hall at Sacred Heart. These evenings are for all adults, especially Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers and Greeters/Ushers.