

Dear Friends in Christ,

The weeks of Advent provide us with an incredible opportunity! While it is often a hectic time with preparations for a joyful Christmas and New Year's, it can also be a time to let God speak to the depth of our soul.

It is my sincere hope that the offerings at our parish can help you carve out some valuable time to allow the peace of this season to fill your home. Whether it is a short prayer with your family before meals with an Advent Wreath; quiet time away from work and the computer at evening Advent Eucharistic adoration; or simply thinking of those who have little to celebrate through your sharing in the Roses in December program. These and several other opportunities can truly make Advent special.

This year could I ask you to make a special effort to welcome family, friends or neighbors who have been distant from the Church to come and worship with us? In many ways this has been a difficult year for the Catholic Church. What better way to bring people together as we as we look to celebrate the birth of Jesus, a time of healing and peace!

Cordially yours,



#### Blessing of an Advent Wreath

Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessing upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen

## ST. IRENAEUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 2019

### **Come, let us adore Him!**

Advent Eucharistic Adoration  
Mondays December 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 7 to 8pm

### **Repent and be saved, the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!**

Individual Confessions:  
Saturdays December 7, 14, 21 from 3:30 to 4pm

Communal Penance:  
Sunday December 15 at 3pm

### **Worship Christ, the King!**

Sundays of Advent: Saturdays 5pm, Sundays 8, 9:45, 11:30am

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Monday December 9\*  
\*Not Holy Day of Obligation - 8:30am Mass

### **CHRISTMAS EVE, Tuesday, December 24**

4pm Mass  
Primarily for Families with Children  
Preceded by Christmas Story by Children's Choir at 3:30pm  
6pm Mass  
10pm Mass  
Musical prelude begins at 9:30pm

### **CHRISTMAS DAY, Wednesday, December 25**

9:45am Mass  
Choral prelude begins at 9:30am  
11:30am Mass  
Musical prelude begins at 11:15am

New Year's Day—Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God  
Holy Day of Obligation—10:00am Mass



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