

ADVENT & Christmas

The Jesse Tree and Our Saint Mary Magdalen Tradition

The Jesse Tree represents the family tree of Jesus Christ. It is named for Jesse, the father of King David.



Place an ornament on the Jesse tree outside of the chapel in remembrance of someone who needs prayers or a special intention you may have for the Advent season. Please bring your own ornament that is suitable for the outdoors.

When you come to the chapel during Advent, we invite you to include the Jesse tree intentions as part of your prayer time. In this way, the intentions on the tree will be prayed over throughout Advent.

CHRISTMAS 2020 at Saint Mary Magdalen Catholic Church.

We invite you to join us in making this a Christmas to remember. Our plans include the familiar – and some new surprises, starting with this: Christmas Eve, we will be celebrating 3 Masses outdoors on the soccer field.

CHRISTMAS EVE - Outdoor Celebrations

- 2pm
- 4pm (Livestream)
- 6:30pm Bilingual Mass (Livestream)

CHRISTMAS EVE - Inside the Church

- 9pm Mass in Spanish (Livestream)
- 12pm Midnight Mass, featuring pre-Mass musical medley with brass ensemble

CHRISTMAS DAY - Inside the Church

- 8am
- 10am (Livestream)
- 12Noon



The Jesse Tree at Home Each day of the month read the scripture passage and decorate an ornament to add to your Jesse tree. By Christmas you will have learned about all of Salvation History (The story of God entering into human history to save us) from Genesis to Jesus.

Date	Symbol Scripture	Reading
1-Dec	Earth / Sun, Moon, & Stars	Genesis 1
2-Dec	Adam & Eve/ Garden	Genesis 2
3-Dec	Fall of Man/ Apple	Genesis 3
4-Dec	Noah/ Ark & Rainbow	Genesis 6-9
5-Dec	Abraham / Stars or Tent	Genesis 12:1-8 & 17:1-8
6-Dec	Isaac / Ram	Genesis 22: 1-18
7-Dec	Jacob / Ladder	Genesis 28:10-22
8-Dec	Joseph / Coat of Many Colors	Genesis 37, 39-45
9-Dec	Moses / Burning Bush	Exodus 1-3
10-Dec	Israelites/ Exodus	Exodus 11-15
11-Dec	10 Commandments	Exodus 19; Deuteronomy 5
12-Dec	Joshua / Ram's horn or wall	Joshua 2,6,23-24
13-Dec	Ruth / grain	Ruth 1 -4
14-Dec	Samuel / crown	1 Samuel 3, 10-12
15-Dec	David/ Slingshot	1 Samuel 16-18; 2 Samuel 5-6
16-Dec	Isaiah	Isaiah 6,9
17-Dec	Flower of Jesse	Isaiah 11: 1-5
18-Dec	Suffering Servant	Isaiah 53
19-Dec	The Good Shepherd	Ezekiel 34:11-15; John 10:1-18
20-Dec	Mary / White Lily	Luke 1: 26-38
21-Dec	Elizabeth & Zechariah	Luke 1: 39-45, 57-79
22-Dec	Joseph/ Carpenter	Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:41-52
23-Dec	John the Baptist/Shell & Water	Luke 3:1-16; Matthew 11:2-11
24-Dec	Jesus	Luke 2:1-20
25-Dec	Christ	Matthew 1:1-25; John 1:1-18

The Advent Wreath

Set up an Advent wreath in your home this December – you can make your own or purchase a kit. Typically they are made of laurel, spruce or similar foliage with four candles that are lighted successively in the weeks of Advent to symbolize the light that the birth of Christ brought into the world. Traditionally three of the candles are purple, and one is rose-colored, used to mark the Third Sunday of Advent.

An Advent wreath can be a great focal point for family prayers and holiday celebrations. Lighting candles in an Advent Wreath is a simple way to start a tradition of family worship in the home.

Each day the family gathers around the Advent wreath, generally before the evening meal. A prayer is said and the proper number of candles are then lit.