

Advent & Christmas with Zoom Church Community

Advent begins Sunday, November 29!

Preparing for Advent

- Make or locate your Advent wreath; participants are encouraged to light their Advent wreaths communally at the beginning of Zoom church throughout Advent.
 - Find [instructions for a fun kid craft Advent wreath here!](#)
- Find your seasonal colors; participants are encouraged to wear Advent colors throughout the season (bluish purple the first, second, and fourth week; pink the third week)
- Each Advent liturgy will begin with quiet contemplative music for 10 minutes preceding the liturgy; please enter the space in that spirit
- Christine will lead the community in a gesture each week of Advent; gesture to be taught during announcements Nov. 22

First week of Advent (Nov. 29)

- During coffee hour after liturgy, the teens will lead the younger children in a craft during coffee hour, making cards to accompany Jesse Tree gifts
 - Kids should sign in on own devices during announcements so they can be sent to their breakout room while the adults meet in their own breakout rooms
 - If families wish to make their own Jesse Tree ornaments as a way to remember the families to whom they have donated gifts this season, we will be circulating a printable PDF of ornament designs

Second week of Advent (Dec. 6)

- During coffee hour after liturgy, the teens will lead the younger children in planning a Zoom pageant for the Virtual Lessons and Carols event on Saturday, Dec. 19
- Confirmation class 11:15

Third week of Advent (Dec. 13) – Gaudete Sunday

- Sunday (Dec. 13):
 - Wear pink!
 - Diving Deeper FREP; no special events after liturgy
- Tuesday (Dec. 15) from 7-8pm: the Adult Education Committee presents an Advent Reflection Retreat, led by Tom Ryan, over Zoom

Fourth week of Advent (Dec. 19-20)

- Saturday afternoon (Dec. 19 at 5pm): Virtual Lessons and Carols (and teens/kids present virtual pageant) over Zoom; families are invited to each share a reading, a song, or a reflection
- Sunday (Dec. 20):
 - Confirmation class 11:15; no special events directly after liturgy
 - 7pm: Paulist Center presents A Celebration of Past Advent & Christmas Concerts over Zoom

Christmas Eve (Dec. 24)

- 4pm: Zoom liturgy led by the teens; directly after, at 4:40pm, last year's Christmas pageant will be played, followed by the Paulist Center's 5pm mass
- 5pm: Paulist Center mass streamed (with live chat option). We invite everyone who is able to stay after the Zoom liturgy and participate in the mass as a community.
- Sunday, December 27 – Zoom church one-week hiatus; Paulist Center streamed mass available

Stay tuned for details on Zoom church in the new year!