

ST MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A Holy Day of Obligation

Saint Mary

Friday December 7 at 12:10 pm

Saint Augustine

Friday December 7 at 6 pm

Saturday December 8 at 9 am



The Little Blue Book for the Advent and Christmas Seasons has arrived.

A \$1 donation per book is appreciated to cover the cost of this most requested resource for the Season.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Nstr. Sra. Stma. Guadalupe *Mother and Queen of the Americas Madre y Emperatriz de Las Américas*

Saint Augustine

Saturday December 8 at 5 pm

English & Spanish Mass

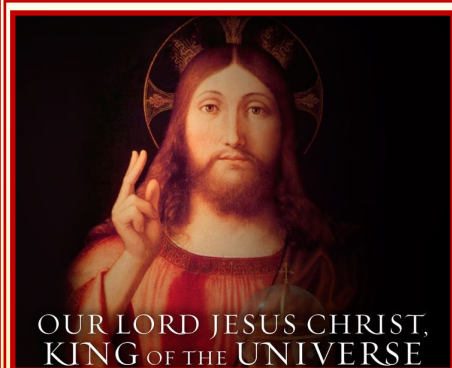
Followed by a festive potluck. Please bring a dish to share, if you can.

Please pray for all who are in need of prayer, are ill, having or recovering from surgery, all military at home and deployed.

For the repose of the soul of
Jim McCarthy

Christ the King & 1st Sunday of Advent

25 November & 2 December 2018

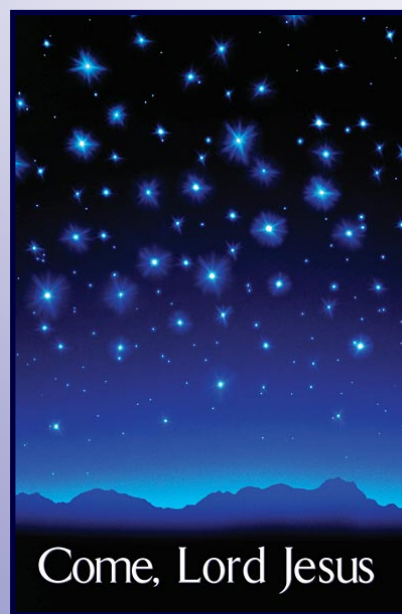


After World War I, Europe lay in ruins. Totalitarian movements were on the rise, much like the Islamic State today. Christians were being executed.

Faced with this turmoil, Pope Pius XI countered in 1925 by establishing today's **Feast of Christ the King**. Pope Pius XI was sending the message that there was one who was more powerful than any political leader or movement, and that one was, and is, Jesus Christ the King! *Father Paul Pluth*

'They will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with glory' *Jesus at the 1st Sunday of Advent Mass*

The season of Advent prepares us for Jesus coming at Bethlehem, Jesus coming into our hearts, and - on this 1st Sunday - coming on the Last Day to bring us into glory!



Parish Office

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
9 am - Noon & 1 pm - 3 pm
Information@StAugustineOH.org
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Mass at St Mary & St Augustine

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm	St Augustine
<i>Filipino Music 2nd Saturday</i>		
Spanish 1st Saturday	7:00 pm	St Augustine
Sunday	8:00 am	St Augustine
	9:30 am	St Augustine
	11:15 am	St Mary
Thurs, Fri, 1st Sat	9:00 am	St Augustine
Thurs	12:10 pm	St Mary

Confession at St Mary & St Augustine

Friday	8:30 am	St Augustine
Saturday	4:00 pm	St Augustine
3rd Sunday	12:15 pm	St Mary

Anointing at St Mary & St Augustine

1st Thursday	12:10 pm	St Mary
1st Friday	9:00 am	St Augustine

Other times by request. Please contact the Parish Office.

Holy Communion for Homebound

Please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Ministers

Pastor	Rev. Paul R. Pluth, JCL
Administration	Mary A. Waters
Religious Ed. Director	Rowena Harless
Religious Ed. Support	Maria Mitchell
Director of Music	Kathleen Dodge-DeHaven
Receptionist	Peggy McCormick



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Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services serve people of all beliefs and offer more than 175 programs and services nearly 100,000 people in need each year - and it's all because of you. We ask you to prayerfully consider making a financial gift to the "CCS Centennial Appeal for the Poor in support of our mission of compassion. Thank You!

Flu Season Protocol at St. Mary

Members of the congregation may abstain from the Blood of Christ, shaking hands at the Sign of Peace, and holding hands during the Our Father at their discretion.

As we head into flu season, for the benefit of the most vulnerable members of our congregation, the Pastoral Council is reminding everyone to please stay home from Mass if you are sick. Additionally, because we might be contagious without being aware that we are ill, some members of the congregation may elect to avoid taking the Blood of Christ from the chalice at Communion, as well as shaking hands during the Sign of Peace, or holding hands during the Our Father. Those who wish to avoid the Sign of Peace can offer a smile and the words "Peace Be With You" with hands folded together and can also keep their hands folded together during the Our Father as a sign that they wish to keep their hands to themselves. For those of you who wish to shake hands during the Sign of Peace and hold hands during the Our Father, please be understanding of parishioners who might not participate for fear of illness and offer a smile and "Peace Be With You" in return. The Order of the Mass does not require receipt of both species of the Eucharist, nor does it require the Sign of Peace or the holding of hands during the Our Father. Those with health concerns may freely abstain from these activities and know that we all understand it is with good reason.

Pastoral Council Corner

Time and Talent Ministries Brochure

Thank you to those of you who are offering your talents and time to serve our parish. For those of you who can't offer your time or talent at this time, we ask you to pray for our Pastoral Council work and for the work of all the ministers who are serving in various ways in our parish. For those of you who can serve, please fill out the Time and Talent Ministry Brochure and return it to the Sunday collection baskets, to an usher, or to a Pastoral Council member. If there is a talent you wish to offer and it is not on the brochure, please write that in the brochure. We will be getting in contact with you after the first of the year regarding ministries you are interested in. From this Sunday until December 30, the Reflection Question will be replaced by the Time and Talent Ministry Brochure. If your prayers are your gift, please fill out your name and write inside the brochure that you are praying. We are thankful for your time, talent, and prayers and the opportunity to serve you.

This Week at St. Mary
11/25 - 12/2

This Week at St. Mary
12/2 - 12/9

Sun 11/25	Christ the King NO RE today 10:55 am Rosary (C) 11:15 am Mass 12:15 pm Coffee & Donuts 1:00 pm Bazaar table set-up 1:00 pm Parking Lot closes 6:30 pm Lutheran Service (C, HH)
Mon 11/26	Office is open 9 am - 12 noon & 1 pm - 3 pm 9:30-2:30 pm Bazaar set-up
Tue 11/27	Office is Closed 9:30-2:30 pm Bazaar set-up
Wed 11/28	Office is open 9 am - 12 noon & 1 pm - 3 pm 9:30-2:30 pm Bazaar set-up 9:30 Choir practice 1:00-3:00 pm Works of Mercy
Thu 11/29	Office is open 9 am - 12 noon & 1 pm - 3 pm 9:30-2:30 pm Bazaar set-up 10:00 am Bible Study 11:45 am Rosary 12:10 Mass - RIP +Robert R Spencer 1:00 pm Adoration
Fri 11/30	Office is open 9 am - 12 noon & 1 pm - 3 pm 9:30-2:30 pm Receive baked goods for bake sale
Sat 12/1	9:00 am-2:00 pm Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale in Harrington Hall
Sun 12/2	First Sunday of Advent 10:55 am Rosary (C) 11:15 am Mass RIP +Sally Foley +Suzanne Auffray 12:15 pm Confessions will be heard 12:15 pm Bazaar & Bake Sale shopping in Harrington Hall 1:00 pm Parking Lot closes 6:30 pm Lutheran Service (C, HH)

Sun 12/2	First Sunday of Advent 10:00 am RE gr K-11th 10:55 am Rosary (C) 11:15 am Mass - RIP +Sally Foley +Suzanne Auffray 12:15 pm Confessions will be heard 12:15 Bazaar & Bake Sale shopping in Harrington Hall 1:00 pm Parking Lot closes 6:30 pm Lutheran Service (C, HH)
Mon 12/3	Office is open 9 am - 12 noon & 1 pm - 3 pm
Tue 12/4	Office is Closed
Wed 12/5	Office is open 9 am - 12 noon & 1 pm - 3 pm 9:30 Choir practice 1:00-3:00 pm Works of Mercy
Thu 12/6	Office is open 9 am - 12 noon & 1 pm - 3 pm 10:00 am Bible Study No mass today 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus meeting
Fri 12/7	Office is open 9 am - 12 noon & 1 pm - 3 pm 12:10 pm Mass - (HDO) Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 12/8	No activity
Sun 12/9	Second Sunday of Advent 10:00 - 11:00 am RE grades K-11 10:55 am Rosary (C) 11:15 am Mass - INT-Pat Marks 12:15 pm Confessions will be heard 12:15 am Coffee & Donuts 12:30 pm Pastoral Council meeting 1:00 pm Parking Lot closes 6:30 pm Lutheran Service (C, HH)

Please Note.

All 2018 contributions to the parish must be received by December 31, 2018 in order to be counted towards your 2018 income tax.

2019 Catholic Calendar

The 2019 Catholic Calendars will be available for you to pick up on Sunday, December 2nd in Harrington Hall

Sunday, December 2nd

Come over to Harrington Hall, have some coffee/tea and sample some of our Women of St Mary baked goods, while you do your Christmas shopping!

December Daily Scripture Readings 2018

1 – Sat – 34th wk in Ord Time

Rv 22:1-7
Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab
Lk 21:34-36

2 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16
Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
1 Thes 3:12—4:2
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

3 – Memorial of St Frances Xavier, Priest

Is 2:1-5
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9
Mt 8:5-11

4 – Tue – 1st wk in Advent

Is 11:1-10
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Lk 10:21-24

5 – Wed – 1st wk in Advent

Is 25:6-10a
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Mt 15:29-37

6 – Thu – 1st wk in Advent

Is 26:1-6
Ps 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
Mt 7:21, 24-27

7 – Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Is 29:17-24
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Mt 9:27-31

8 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38

9 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9
Ps 1126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
Lk 3:1-6

10 – Mon – 2nd wk in Advent

Is 35:1-11
Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14
Lk 5:17-26

11 – Tue – 2nd wk in Advent

Is 40:1-11
Ps 96:1-2, 2 & 10ac, 11-12, 13
Mt 18:12-14

12 – Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Judith 13:18bcde, 19
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

13 – Memorial of St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Is 41:13-20
Ps 145:1 & 9, 10-11, 12-13ab
Mt 11:11-15

14 – Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Is 48:17-19
Ps 1:1-2, 2, 4 & 6
Mt 11:16-19

15 – Sat – 2nd wk in Advent

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11
Ps 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

16 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a
Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
Phil 4:4-7
Lk 3:10-18

18 – Mon – 3rd wk in Advent

Jer 23:5-8
Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
Mt 1:18-25

19 – Wed – 3rd wk in Advent

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17
Lk 1:5-25

20 – Thu – 3rd wk in Advent

Is 7:10-14
Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Lk 1:26-38

21 – Fri – 3rd wk in Advent

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
Lk 1:39-45

22 – Sat – 3rd wk in Advent

1 Sm 1:24-28
1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd
Lk 1:46-56

23 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Heb 10:5-10
Lk 1:39-45

24 – Mon – 4th wk in Advent – Mass in the morning

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29
Lk 1:67-79



25 – The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas – At the Vigil Mass

Is 62:1-5
Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

25 – The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Mass During the Night

Is 9:1-6
Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13
Ti 2:11-14
Lk 2:1-14

25 – The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas – Mass at Dawn

Is 62:11-12
Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12
Ti 3:4-7
Lk 2:15-20

25 – The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas – Mass During the Day

Is 52:7-10
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

26 – Feast of St Stephen, first martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17
Mt 10:17-22

27 – Feast of St John, apostle & evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
Jn 20:1a & 2-8

28 – Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2
Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8
Mt 2:13-18

29 – Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:3-11
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6
Lk 2:22-35

30 – Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Lk 2:41-52

31 – Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:18-21
Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13
Jn 1:1-18

Masses & Events

December 2018	December 2018							January 2019						
	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	8	9	10	11	12
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	15	16	17	18	19
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	22	23	24	25	26
	30	31								29	30	31		

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Nov 25	26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1
Nov 25 - Dec 1							9:00am 2:00pm Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale 4:00pm Confession (@ St. A's)
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Dec 2 - 8	Blessing of Advent Wreath First Sunday of Advent 10:00am RE gr K-11 10:55am Rosary 11:15am Mass - RIP +Sally Fole		Office is Closed	9:30am Choir practice 1:00pm 3:00pm Works of Mercy	NO Mass Today 10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm K of C Officer's mtg (CB)	12:10pm HDO-Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	4:00pm Confession (@ St. A's)
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Dec 9 - 15	Second Sunday of Advent 10:00am RE gr K-11 (clsrms) 10:55am Rosary 11:15am Mass - INT - Pat Marks 12:15pm 12:45pm First Penance		Office is Closed	9:30am Choir practice 1:00pm 3:00pm Works of Mercy	10:00am Bible Study 11:45am Rosary 12:10pm Mass - RIP +Robert R 12:45pm Adoration 7:00pm K of C general mtg (CB)		4:00pm Confession (@ St. A's)
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Dec 16 - 22	Third Sunday of Advent 10:00am RE gr K-11 10:55am Rosary 11:15am Mass - RIP +James M 12:15pm Confessions		Office is Closed	9:30am Choir practice 1:00pm 3:00pm Works of Mercy	11:45am Rosary 12:10pm Mass - RIP +Suzanne Marie Auffray 12:45pm Adoration		4:00pm Confession (@ St. A's)
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Dec 23 - 29	Fourth Sunday of Advent No RE 10:55am Rosary 11:15am Mass - RIP +Suzanne 12:15pm Confessions	Office is Closed 4:00pm HDO - Christmas Eve Mass	Merry Christmas! Office is Closed	Office is Closed	Office is Closed 11:45am Rosary 12:10pm Mass - RIP +Suzanne Auffray	Office is Closed	4:00pm Confession (@ St. A's)
	30	31	Jan 1, 19	2	3	4	5
Dec 30 - Jan 5	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Jc No RE 10:55am Rosary 11:15am Mass 6:30pm Lutheran Service						



Discovering **hope** and **joy** in the Catholic faith.

Advent 2018

St. Augustine and St. Mary Catholic Community
Rev. Paul Pluth, Pastor

Make the most of Advent

The season of Advent is designed to help us prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. Think of it: God became man, died for our sins, rose from the dead, and now reigns as King of all creation.

Every Christmas is a chance to welcome Jesus as an honored guest into our hearts. Think of all the planning, cooking, and cleaning needed to have a guest over. In Advent we prepare our hearts to welcome the Savior. Below are some suggestions to make the most of your Advent:

Prioritize prayer.

Spend 15 minutes daily with God. The best way to prepare to welcome the Savior at Christmas is to spend time with him. Set aside 15 minutes in your day for God and protect it. Perhaps read a chapter of Scripture, pray a decade of the Rosary, or just be still in his presence.

Know the story. Read through the accounts of Jesus' birth in Matthew 1:18-2:12 and/or Luke 2:1-20. Place yourself in the scene. Internalizing the Christmas story will give you a better appreciation of the season.

Get to know the Advent saints. One way to know God is to know his friends. There are several saints' feasts that occur this Advent, including: St. Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra (December 6), St. Juan Diego (December 9), St. Lucy (December

13), and St. John of the Cross (December 14). Adopt one of them to be your patron to pray for you, and to protect and encourage you.

Visit the Blessed Sacrament.

The Eucharist is Jesus Christ, present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1374). All Catholic churches have a tabernacle where the Eucharist is stored. Speak with our Lord as you would a close friend.

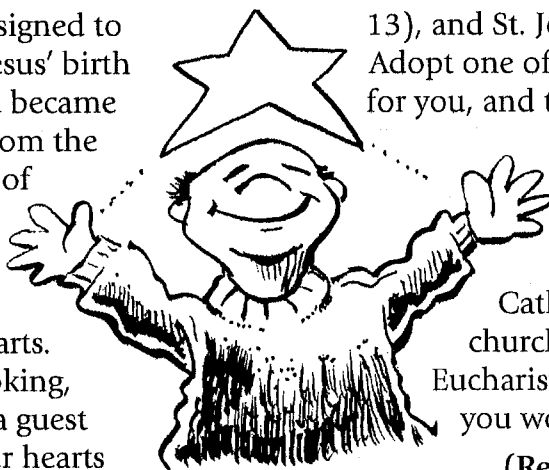
(Re)Discover the Mass. At Mass, Heaven comes down to Earth. When we receive the Eucharist, Christ comes into our hearts and nourishes our souls. Aim to attend daily Mass once every week during the Christmas season.

Practice penance.

Form an "Advent habit." Advent is a great time to start a holy habit. Maybe it's replacing negative comments with positive ones, or getting up ten minutes earlier to pray. See if you can keep up your "Advent habits" through the Christmas season.

Electronic fasting. Create a space for God and the gifts he wants to give you. Consider limiting the amount of time spent on your electronic devices: no Facebook during the work day, no texting during dinner, or while someone is talking to you (unless it's an emergency), etc.

Make a nightly examination of conscience. This will help you spot any patterns of sin that



are preventing you from connecting with God. Remember to thank God for the good things about the day, too. Close prayer by choosing one sinful habit that you'd like to change and resolve to change it by the end of Advent.

Experience God's mercy. Just as we would clean and decorate the house for Christmas, we need to "clean and decorate" our souls by frequenting the sacrament of Confession. Make a heartfelt Confession to greet the Messiah this Christmas with a joyful heart.

Give alms.

Donate resources. Another way to prepare for the Savior is to help his people. Parishes often have food and clothing drives. Don't forget the basics, like socks, toiletries, and soap. Prayerfully consider donating to your parish whatever you are able, or to charities like Catholic Relief Services (<https://www.crs.org>).

Give your time. This can be anything from volunteering to work at a soup kitchen, to getting a group of friends together and caroling at a nursing home, to making handmade cards for soldiers overseas. Every little bit counts.

Welcome the lonely. To Mother Teresa, feeling unloved was a greater poverty than being hungry (though eating enough is important, too). The holidays are especially difficult for those who are alone. Extend invitations for your holiday gatherings to people who might otherwise be alone or forgotten.

Do acts of random kindness. A little kindness goes a long way. Hold the door for people and smile at them. Don't be afraid to offer a hand when you see someone in need. Jesus said, "*Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me*" (Matthew 25:40).

Practice patience. In this season of waiting, practicing this virtue is a work of mercy and way of giving alms. Practicing patience includes: being polite even when you have to wait, assuming the best about someone until they prove otherwise, being firm yet gentle when correcting someone, and seeing things from the other's point of view. If

all else fails, we can recall how patient God is with our failings and never tires of forgiving us.

Anticipate with joy

Light the Advent wreath at dinner to build anticipation for Jesus' birth. The wreath is an ancient sign of victory, in this case, Christ's victory over sin and death. The three purple candles stand for penance, sorrow, and hope. The rose candle stands for joy. One custom is to exchange the purple and rose candles for white candles during the Christmas season.

Listen to Advent music. Make a playlist of Advent music that helps you connect with the themes of the season: faith in God's promises, waiting with hope, and joyful expectation. Include hymns like, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel and traditional carols like, The Holly and the Ivy.

Set out the Nativity Scene—slowly. The custom of displaying the Nativity Scene was begun by St. Francis of Assisi to illustrate the simplicity of the Incarnation. On the first Sunday of Advent, set out the stable and the empty manger. As the weeks go by, add characters. Wait until Christmas morning to place Jesus in the manger.

Celebrate Advent feast days. Learn about how other cultures celebrate the Advent saints' feasts. Consider adopting a custom or do something special of your own. Remember, attendance at Mass is required for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Build your Christmas around the Mass. Finally, at Christmas Mass, after all that waiting and preparing, we are ready to receive the greatest Gift of all: Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist, under the appearances of bread and wine. Sing joyfully in Mass and welcome the King of Kings into your hearts and homes!

And lastly, keep your Advent behaviors going after Christmas. The waiting is over, but don't lose the good habits you acquired over Advent. Cultivate the "Advent attitudes" of waiting and preparing joyfully for the Lord. Every Sunday is a mini "Christmas," when we greet the Messiah under the forms of bread and wine at Mass.