

CHRISTMAS MASS

TIMES:

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Christmas Eve - Saturday, Dec. 24th

5:00 pm (preceded by the Nativity play)

7:00 pm

10:00 pm (Incense will be used)

Christmas Day - Sunday, Dec. 25th

10:00 am - only (Incense will be used)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Eve - Saturday, Dec. 31st

5:00 pm

New Year's Day - Sunday, Jan. 1st

8:00 am - Said Mass at the Altar of Our Lady

9 and 11 am - Sung Mass

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 8th

5:00 pm (Incense will be used)

Sunday, January 9th

8 and 9:00 am

11:00 am (Incense will be used)

PARISH OFFICE

HOLIDAY HOURS:

The parish office will follow the regular office hours over the holidays.

Monday - Office Closed

Tuesday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Friday: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Closed from noon - 1 pm

A CHRISTMAS TABLE

BLESSING:

The following prayer of blessing may be used for your Christmas family meal.

Leader:

The Word of God became flesh,
Alleluia!

All:

And dwelt among us, Alleluia!

Leader:

Lord Jesus,
in the peace of this season
our spirits rejoice:
With the animals and the angels,
with the shepherds and the stars,
with Mary and Joseph,
we sing God's praise.

By your coming among us,
may the hungry be filled
with good things
and may our table
and our home(s) be blessed.
Glory to God in the highest!

All:

And on earth peace to people of good will!

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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2016



The Annunciation
by Fra Angelico c. 1433



ADVENT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2016

Dear Parishioners & Friends of St. Patrick's Parish:

During the holy season of Advent, God's word challenges each of us to be watchful and to prepare for the coming of the Lord. The church bids us, therefore, to rededicate ourselves to enlightening the world around us by proclaiming the Good News that Jesus Christ comes among us, not just at Christmas, but each and every day of the year.

As the Christmas festival approaches, we at St. Patrick's Parish have a unique opportunity to extend to our family and friends—and to former parishioners—a special invitation to journey with us once again to the manger and to find there the Saviour and the light of the world.

It is also my sincere hope that we will take this opportunity to greet visitors to our parish and to do all that we can to make them feel welcome among us.

Please note the schedule in this brochure indicating the celebrations with which our parish community will mark the sacred seasons of Advent and Christmas this year.



During the coming weeks, may Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, the Word Made Flesh, touch our hearts and minds and unite us more closely in our love of God—and, of one another.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Bill

Fr. William W. Foote
Pastor



THE SUNDAYS OF ADVENT

Each Sunday we gather as usual to listen to the Word of God and to be nourished by sharing in the Eucharist.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 8:00, 9:00 and 11:00 am

RESOURCES FOR ADVENT

Copies of Advent reflection booklets and Advent calendars are available, at no charge, in the narthex of the church.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

There will be communal celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in most of the parishes of Cambridge. At each, a number of priest confessors will be available. Feel free to contact parishes directly for dates and times.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH PENANCE CELEBRATION Wednesday, December 7th at 7 pm

ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES

Confessions are heard every Saturday from 4 - 4:30 pm or by appointment. Additional confessions will also be heard in our parish on Tuesday, December 20th and on Thursday, December 22nd from 4 - 4:45 pm.

FEAST of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This year's mass will be offered at the Altar of Our Lady at St. Patrick's Parish at 5 pm on Thursday, December 8th.

SATURDAY SUPPER & MOVIE NIGHT

On Saturday, December 10th, please join us for a light supper and a movie in the Parish Hall following the 5 pm mass. We'll be watching Alistair Sim's 1951 classic "*A Christmas Carol*."

ADVENT GIVING TREE



As we prepare for the coming of the Saviour, we remember those who struggle just to make ends meet. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites parishioners to take an envelope from the Giving Tree, set up in the church, and to make an appropriate donation for those in need. With your support many needy families in our parish district will be able to have a...

"Very Merry Christmas."