

2018

Advent TUESDAYS



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During the first week of Advent, we look forward to Jesus' coming with *Hope*.



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ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

The tradition of "Lessons and Carols" was established in England on Christmas Eve, 1918, in the chapel of Kings College (Cambridge University) for the university community and for the city of Cambridge. The original service was adapted from an Order drawn up by E.W. Benson (later Archbishop of Canterbury) used on Christmas Eve in 1880. Over the years, many churches of many faith traditions worldwide have adapted the service for their own use.

Saint Pius X presents Lessons and Carols twice a year: during Advent (December 4) and Christmas (before Christmas Eve Masses). Each service is prepared with different scriptures and music appropriate to the season. During Advent, we listen to nine Scripture readings which recount the fall of Adam and Eve and the promise of the Messiah. Each scripture is followed by an Advent carol or other song that reflects on the scripture's message and a brief prayer. During Christmas, we listen to Scripture readings recounting the promise of the Messiah and the Incarnation. Each scripture is followed by a Christmas carol or other song that reflects on the scripture's message and a brief prayer.

During the second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and work on becoming better versions of ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming.

Advent
DECEMBER 11
7:00 P.M.

LOVE



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ADVENT TAIZE PRAYER

Taize Prayer is composed of songs that originated in the tiny French Village of Taize. These songs known throughout the world have led Christians of all languages to a pathway of prayer. The repetition of the text and music takes us to the heart of the mystery of prayer, for prayer is not something that can be explained—it arises when individuals open themselves to God's love together, in an atmosphere of simple trust.

The pink candle of the third week of Advent symbolizes anticipation and rejoice. We are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day.

Advent
DECEMBER 18
7:00 P.M.

JOY



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ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

We join as a parish community to hear God's saving Word and celebrate the sacrament of God's forgiveness and love. Many priests will be available during this service giving all an opportunity to confess our sins and receive penance and absolution individually.

During the final week of Advent, we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son: Jesus.