

Christmas Liturgy Schedule

December 24 – Christmas Eve

8:30 a.m. Chapel Daily Mass

4:00 p.m. Church
music led by the Contemporary
Music Ensemble

*The CME will present a program of
Christmas music at 3:30 p.m.*

4:00 p.m. Chapel Organ & Cantor
Children's Mass

6:30 p.m. Church Organ & Cantor

7:00 p.m. Chapel Misa en Español

Midnight Church Cantor, Choir, Organ
Lessons & Carols begin at 11:30 p.m.

December 25 – Christmas Day

9:30 a.m. Church Organ & Cantor

*The early Masses on Christmas Eve are the
most crowded. The least crowded is on
Christmas morning.*

December 31 & January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

5:00 p.m. Church Vigil Mass

7:30 a.m. Church Mass no choir

9:30 a.m. Church Cantor/Choir/Organ

11:30 a.m. Church Cantor/Piano

11:30 a.m. Chapel Misa en Español

January 7 & January 8 Epiphany

5:00 p.m. Church Cantor/Organ
Children's "Epiphany Pageant" following

7:30 a.m. Church Mass no choir

9:30 a.m. Church Cantor/Choir/Organ

11:30 a.m. Church CME*
*(*Contemporary Music Ensemble)*

11:30 a.m. Chapel Misa en Español



Christmas

We celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with a joy that is second only to the great celebration of Easter. As the Gospel of John proclaims: "God so loved the world that he gave his only son." (Jn 3:16)

In the Incarnation and birth of Jesus, the world has changed. God has come and visited his people, and remains with us in the Scriptures, the Sacraments and the Church.



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**Advent & Christmas
2016**



*With Love Beyond All
Telling*

Advent

"With Love Beyond All Telling"

This phrase is drawn from the second Advent preface in reference to Mary "who bore him in her womb with love beyond all telling." Indeed, Mary's response to the Angel Gabriel reveals a deep faith and immeasurable love. It is a response to the unbounded love of the Father in sending his Son to dwell among us. It reflects the depth of Christ's love as he assumes our human frailties, and then overcomes them in his triumphant act of redemption for our sins.

Advent and Christmas abound in images of unimaginable love. As we meditate on this love which makes eternal life possible, may we also respond with Mary's spirit of trust and hope. She bore him in her womb, and gave the world its Savior. May we bear the light of Christ to all whom we meet, and illumine this darkened world with heavenly love beyond all telling.



Join us!!!

If you have not joined us for worship in some time, Advent is the perfect season to rediscover the hope and the love of Christ at St. Michael's. Share the joy! Bring family members, friends or neighbors who may simply be waiting for the invitation.

Advent Liturgies

In contrast to the sometimes-frantic pace of our external preparations for Christmas, Advent invites us to a more serene, interior preparation. The liturgies encourage us to be still and reflect upon the presence of Christ within. The Church environment is simpler; the music is more restrained; the Gloria is omitted and the Penitential Rite is highlighted; the violet vestments suggest a more reflective anticipation of the approaching feast.

Advent Liturgies and Devotions

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturdays

5:00 p.m. Church Cantor/Organ

Sundays

7:30 a.m. Church Mass no choir

9:30 a.m. Church Cantor/Choir/Organ

11:30 a.m. Church Contemporary Music

11:30 a.m. Chapel Misa en Español

Daily Mass Schedule in Chapel

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.

Saturday 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

7:00 p.m. December 7 Vigil Mass

Solemnity Masses:

9:00 a.m. Church (*with school*)

7:00 p.m. Church

Under the title of the Immaculate Conception, Mary is the patroness of the United States.

This solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Saturday, December 10

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 p.m. Church Misa en Español



Advent/Christmas Concert

On Sunday, December 11, our Contemporary Music Ensemble, Parish Choir, and Spanish Schola will anticipate the joy of the Christmas Season with festive music. The Concert begins at 3:00 p.m. in the Church.

Tri-Parish Reconciliation Service for Advent

Wednesday, December 14 - 7:00 p.m.

Following a Service of the Word, several priests will be available to hear individual confessions. St. Clements' in Rosedale will be our host this year.

Advent Giving Trees

Advent Giving Trees are located at the entrances of the church and chapel. Take as many tags as you wish and return the UNWRAPPED gift(s) no later than Sunday, December 11. Gifts are for residents of Overlea Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and for St. Jerome's Head Start Program. Thank you for your generosity!

