Liturgy Schedule Saturday 5pm

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# Announcements

- Downtown Christmas in Jackson begins today! Please feel welcome to join us as we tour the Reverse Christmas Parade through the streets of downtown enjoying the lights and special characters. We will leave after Mass and return to the Parish Hall for hot chocolate and cookies.
- Please be aware that the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (a Day of Obligation) is on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. We will have Mass at 5 pm. with Fr. Bob Damron.
- Please join us this Thursday for Church Work hour at 4 pm in the chapel followed by a simple supper in the Parish Hall.
- During Advent we will continue to gather on Thursday evenings at 5:30 for Faith Formation. Each Thursday of Advent we will have Vespers, the evening prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. Afterwards, we will focus on the O Antiphons used in the evening prayer the 7 days before Christmas. Come on out and pray, learn, and create an ornament for your tree!
- To express solidarity with Palestinian Christians and pray for peace in Israel and Gaza, Bishop John Stowe will celebrate a Mass for Peace in the Middle East at Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary Church, at 7pm on December 7, 2023.

# Liturgy Notes

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## **Music**

Entrance: #43 "People Look East" Offertory: #52 "The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came" Communion: Instrumental (#39 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel") Closing: #59 "Advent of our King"

#### **Psalm Response:**

"Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."



Dear Holy Cross Family,

Advent is a time to awaken the soul in anticipation. It is a time when we pay attention and focus ourselves as we move slowly towards the mystery of the incarnation. The vision of life that Advent gives us is two-fold; it looks back to the first coming of Christ at Bethlehem, and it looks to the future when Christ will come again. In the interval between these two events, we find meaning for our own lives as Christians.

My prayer for us this Advent season is that we find our encounter with Christ through our life right here at Holy Cross Parish to be one of compassion, forgiveness, and transformation as He lives in community with us. Yours in Christ,

Sr. Amy (614-282-2103)



Getting ready... Jesus is coming!

## Gospel Reflection:

Advent literally means "coming." This coming refers to the first coming of Jesus as a baby in Nazareth, his coming into the hearts of faithful Christians throughout the ages and his final coming in glory at the end of the world. Christians in the first century looked for Christ to return soon to establish once and for all God's reign of justice, peace, and love. Advent is a time of joyful expectation. Jesus will come again. Keep looking for him! (*Faith Sharing for Small Communities* by Baranowski)

### **Reflection Question:**

What ways do you use to bring God into your life every day?

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First Sunday of Advent Vigil, December 2, 2023



Getting ready...Advent begins Sunday!