

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SUBCOMMITTEE 2025

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Discussion:

- Plan for dealing with 4pm Christmas Eve overcrowding
 - We propose having a simultaneous Mass in the gym (probably starts at 4:05-4:10). When the church meets capacity (900 recommended) we will start sending people to the gym. We would set chairs around the perimeter of the church but not in the gathering area. The Mass in the gym would be more bare bones. Setup and decor could be shared between Posadas, Christmas Mass, and Pastorella
 - Recommendations for decorations in front of the church (Creche and supplements)
 - Propose Creche can go up early but wait until 12/22 to put out Christmas trees and to turn on bush lights.
 - Immaculate Conception altar
 - We will adjust Advent Wreath placement (which will be on wheels) to allow the altar space (when do they want to set it up)
 - Determine best liturgy committee support or paraliturgical spanish celebrations (posadas, pastorcitas, novenas)
 - Could aid with providing resources for Novenas etc...
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Giving Tree – 11/29-12/7 (Jennifer Longworth is the contact person)

Thanksgiving Day Mass – Nov 27 10:00am English, 1:00pm Spanish???

Reconciliation

12/10	6:30pm	First Reconciliation (Formation)
12/4	6:30pm	Parish Advent Reconciliation- during Adoration with short word service
12/9		School Reconciliation (9:30am)

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Monday 12/8 (Holy Day Obligation)

6:30am(English), 8:15am(school), 10am(LCHS)???, 5:30pm(English), 7pm(Spanish)

Our Lady of Guadalupe (No Diocesan Guadalupe Celebration)

12/1-2	Setup Altar (on the music side) by Hispanic Community- who is doing this?
12/3-11	Novena nightly at 7pm (or after Mass)
12/11	Vigil (schedule?)
12/12	
	11pm-5am All Night Vigil
	5:15am Mañanitas followed food (AB/CD)
	8:15am English School Mass
	7:00pm Spanish Mass (need to be ready for overflow)

Arts & Environment

Advent

Changeover- 11/19 White, 11/25 Purple, 12/10 Add Banners

Advent Wreath and decoration as in the past

Blessing of the wreath on First Sunday at all masses (at conclusion of Universal Prayer)

Family light during the procession of Mass for Advent 2,3,&4

Facilitators need to advise the families to light the same candle for all services

Christmas

Decorate for Christmas as in the past Date- 12/23 beginning at 9am

Some decorations set before then but not lit/turned on

Candles in the window until baptism of the Lord (1/11) – requires 3 replacements

Outside Lights- we are looking for a new coordinator. Will ask Fr. Francisco and his team to take over- may be purchasing new lights

Create a Facilitator checklist for Masses to make sure decor is turned on / off

Music

Music

Advent is more subdued with the exception of Advent III (Gaudete)

Christmas is more celebratory. As much should be chanted as possible(Orations & EP) (excepting 4pm Christmas Eve). Will have Song of Thanksgiving.

Gospel chanted if possible on Christmas Eve and Day

Mass settings

English Advent- English Chant & Christmas-Mass of Creation

Spanish Advent- Spanish Chant & Christmas-Misa Pueblo Inmigrante

Penitential Rite

Advent- Confiteor with Cantor led Kyrie

Christmas - Third Form (ideally chanted)

Christmas Eve Masses (Wednesday) All will be Readings for Mass at Night

30 Minutes of special music before each Mass

4:00pm English (Family) with Children's Choir & Mass in Gym

6:00pm English

8:00pm Spanish

10:30pm English (Choir and Candlelight) Will include Christmas Proclamation

Will need to make sure back of house ministers are aware of procedures for distribution and lighting of candles. Will collect candles at the end of Mass.

Christmas Day (Thursday) Readings of the Day

10:00am English

1:00pm Spanish

Feast of the Holy Family- Sunday 12/28 (normal Sunday Mass times)

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

12/31	Wed.	5:30pm English 7:00pm Spanish
1/1	Thu.	10am English 1pm Spanish

Epiphany of the Lord- Sunday 1/4 - regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Baptism of the Lord- Sunday 1/11 regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Miscellaneous activities:

Advent Books from Saginaw Michigan set out Friday November 28th

Consider putting a donation box

Advent Dates distributed First Sunday of Advent 12/1 (Adam)

Blessing for travelers on Dec 15 Third Sunday of Advent

Posadas- Need details

Pastorela- After the 1pm Mass on Christmas Day (gym with food)