

Advent Calendar

Advent Wreath Lighting

We are looking for volunteers (individuals, couples, or families) that would like to light the Advent Wreath at the beginning of Mass during Advent. Please speak to the head usher or a greeter before Mass if you would like to light the Advent Wreath.

Bambinelli Sunday

This weekend, we celebrate the Blessing of the Bambinelli, a tradition given to us by Pope St. John Paul II. The full tradition includes placing a piece of straw in your creche for each sacrifice and good deed during Advent to make Jesus more comfortable upon his arrival. Bring your Jesus figurines to Mass the weekend of, **12/13 & 12/14**, for a blessing and place Him in the comfort of your manger on Christmas Day.

Collaborative Christmas Pageant

Please join us at the Annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, **December 14th at 11:15 am** at St. Martha as children from our St. Mary & St. Martha parishes re-enact the birth of Christ. Light refreshments to follow.

Confessions in Advent Hope

During Advent we are called to “prepare the way of the Lord” this includes preparing our hearts and our lives by a *spiritual* “house cleaning” (usually including sacramental Reconciliation) so we can be at peace with welcoming Jesus as our guest when he comes to us anew this Christmas! It is in this spirit that, in addition to our weekend times for Reconciliation, our PWC collaborative will offer an evening opportunity for *Confessions in Advent Hope* on Monday, December 15, 6:30 – 8:00 pm at St. Martha and on Monday, December 22nd, 6:30-8:00 pm at St. Mary.

Mary’s Garden Prayer Group

All are welcome at the Prayer Group on **Tuesday, December 2nd, at 7:30 pm** at St. Mary. Join us for Ad-vent reading, reflection and praying the Rosary.

Lessons & Carols

Friday December 12, 2025, 7:00pm at St. Mary

Join us for an evening of Christmas songs, Scripture readings, and prayers. The Anglican tradition of Lessons and Carols has been a cherished Advent event over the centuries in Christian denominations around the world. Come to enjoy music and sing-a-longs with the music ministries from the collaborative. The event is open to people of all ages. A reception with sweets will follow in the church hall.

Masses to Celebrate the Immaculate Conception

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is **Monday, December 8th, a Holy Day of Obligation**. There will be a 9:00 am Mass at St. Mary and a 6:00 pm Mass at St. Martha.

“Mary Queen of Peace” - Advent Prayer Service & Mary’s Garden

Our Collaborative will present “Mary Queen of Peace,” an Advent service filled with prayers and songs for light and peace in our world. Please join us at St. Mary on **Tuesday, December 16th at 7:00 pm**. Rosary immediately following. All are **welcome!**

Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus

All are invited to join us for breakfast at St. Martha on **Sunday, December 14th at 9:00 am** with a special appearance by Santa & Mrs. Clause! Hosted by the St. Martha Knights of Columbus, the menu includes French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, and tater tots along with coffee, tea, and juice. Gluten free (also dairy free) pancakes and sausages are **available**.