



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd News

Advent & Christmas/Epiphany 2019-20

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 1-Advent begins
- Dec. 9 – Nativity Story costume fitting, 3:30-4:30 pm, room 410
- Dec. 11 - Nativity Story costume fitting 5:00-6:00 pm, room 410
- Dec. 15 – Nativity Story costume fitting, 11:30-12:30 pm, room 410
- Dec. 23 – Nativity Story dress rehearsal, 6-7:30 pm
- Dec. 24 – Nativity Story re-enactment at 5pm Mass
- Dec. 25 – The Nativity of the Lord/Christmas
- Jan. 6 & 8 – Atrium sessions resume

Looking Ahead...

- Jan. 26 – Parent meeting for sacramental preparation (1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion) at 11:30 am, room 415

A Season of Joyful Anticipation

- The season of Advent is the time in our Church when we begin our new liturgical year. Advent means “coming” and marked by the color purple. We prepare to celebrate the coming of the baby Jesus in Bethlehem at the first Christmas. It also anticipates His second coming at the Parousia, when God will be all in all. We are also reminded that Jesus comes to us daily in His Word and in the Sacraments.
- In the Atrium, we begin with an Advent Celebration, where we announce this time of waiting and preparing for the Feast of Christmas. We will ponder the Messianic Prophecies and Infancy Narratives. During Christmas/Epiphany we celebrate the gift of the incarnation and ponder more about “Who is this child,” a light that came for all peoples.

Nativity Story

- Students in 2nd through 12th grade are invited to act out characters of Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Archangel and Choir of Angels (all non-speaking parts) at the 5 pm Christmas Eve Mass.
- Students are also needed as gift bearers for Mass.
- All Nativity characters need one costume fitting. (Costumes provided)
- A required dress rehearsal will be held at Prince of Peace for all Nativity volunteers on Monday, December 23rd, 6:00-7:30 pm.

Important Prayers to Learn at Home

Level I

- Sign of the Cross
- The Lord's Prayer
- Hail Mary
- Glory be

Level II

- Sign of the Cross
- The Lord's Prayer
- Hail Mary
- Glory be
- Act of Contrition

Level III

- Sign of the Cross
- The Lord's Prayer
- Hail Mary
- Glory be
- Act of Contrition
- Nicene Creed



But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah least among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel.” Micah 5:1

Important Prayers to Learn at Home

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Our Father/The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed by thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your
womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with
all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong and failing
to do good, I have sinned against
you whom I should love above all
things. I firmly intend, with your
help, to do penance, to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to
sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered
and died for us. In his name, my
God, have mercy.
Amen.

Glory Be/Doxology

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things
visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord
Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages. God
from God, Light from Light, true God from
true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father; through
him all things were made. For us men and
for our salvation he came down from
heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was
incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became
man. For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was
buried, and rose again on the third day in
accordance with the Scriptures. He
ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father. He will come
again in glory to judge the living and the
dead and his kingdom will have no end. I
believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son, who with the Father and the
Son is adored and glorified, who has
spoken through the prophets. I believe in
one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I
confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of
sins and I look forward to the resurrection
of the dead and the life of the world to
come.
Amen.

CGS Presentations for Advent & Christmas/Epiphany 2019-20

Level I

Advent

Week 9, 12/2, 4 – Land of Israel: globe and topographical map

Week 10, 12/9, 11 – Annunciation/Visitation

Week 11, 12/16, 18 – Birth of Jesus and Adoration of the Shepherds

Christmas/Epiphany

Week 12, 1/6, 8 – Christmas-Epiphany processional/dress prayer table/Adoration of the Magi

Week 13, 1/13, 15 – Presentation in the Temple

Level II

Advent

Week 9, 12/2, 4 – Land of Israel

Week 10, 12/9, 11 – Synthesis of Level I Messianic Prophecies: Great Light, Names of the Messiah, Mother, Birthplace of the Messiah and Star and Scepter

Week 11, 12/16, 18 – Synthesis of Annunciation, Visitation, and Birth and Adoration of the Shepherds

Christmas/Epiphany

Week 12, 1/6, 8 – Christmas-Epiphany processional/dress prayer table/Adoration of the Magi

Week 13, 1/13, 15 – Presentation in the Temple

Level III

Advent

Week 9, 12/2, 4 – Call and Vocation of Prophets

Week 10, 12/9, 11 – Messianic Prophecies: Shoot of Jesse, Child and Light, Child and Mother, Bethlehem, Messiah as Good Shepherd, Prophecy as New Covenant and Multitudes and the One God

Week 11, 12/16, 18 – Infancy Narratives: Birth of John through Birth of Jesus and Adoration of the Shepherds

Christmas/Epiphany

Week 12, 1/6, 8 – Christmas-Epiphany Processional/dress prayer table/Adoration of the Magi

Week 13, 1/13, 15 – Presentation in the Temple/Canticle of Simeon