



# CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

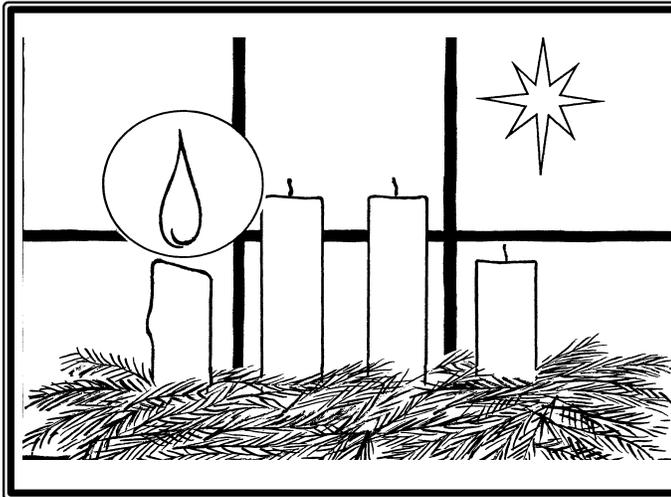
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## Growing in Christ and Living Our Faith through Relationships



### December 3, 2017 ~ The First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b,64:2-7-1 Corinthians 1:3-9- Mark 13:33-37

**OFFICE HOURS:** 8:30am-4:30pm Monday-Friday  
(Closed: 12:20-12:50pm daily)

#### LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Monday-Friday: Mass times on page 2  
Friday: 7:30pm, Español  
Saturday: 5:30pm  
Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am & 4:30pm - English  
1:30pm- Español  
Nursery: 9:00am, 11:30am & 1:30pm

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 4:30-5:00pm or by appointment  
Sunday 12:45-1:15pm & Friday 8:30pm (Español)

### AN EVENING OF ADVENT REFLECTION AND PRAYER

We will have an evening of reflection to kick off the Advent season with reflections on Justice and Charity. Please join us at 7:00pm on Monday, December 4 in the Daily Mass Chapel. Find some time for quiet to prepare our inner selves during this hectic buildup to the holidays, and give thanks to God for his many gifts.

### ADVENT 2017

#### ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION

Monday, December 4, 7:00pm  
Daily Mass Chapel

#### ADVENT COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, December 6, 7:30pm (Bilingual)

#### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday, December 8  
12:15pm & 5:30pm (English) & 7:30pm (Spanish)

#### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

Tuesday, December 12  
Mananitas: Hymns to the Virgin Mary, 5:00am  
(followed by breakfast in the Parish Hall)  
Presentation: 6:45pm, Mass: 7:00pm  
Fiesta to follow in the Parish Hall

#### EVENING PRAYER & CONCERT OF MUSIC FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Friday, December 15, 7:00pm, Worship Center  
Reception following in the Parish Hall

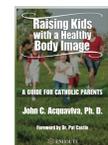
#### POSADAS

December 16-24, 7:00pm each evening in the PAC  
A Mexican tradition of "traveling with Mary & Joseph"  
Concluding session on December 24 at 11:00pm in the  
Worship Center.

#### CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY

Sunday, December 31, 10:15am, Parish Hall

### GUEST SPEAKER COMING TO INCARNATION!!!



We are pleased to welcome Dr. John Acquaviva this weekend to give two talks for our parish. Dr. Acquaviva is Professor of Sport Sciences at Wingate University in North Carolina. On Saturday, December 2, (following the 5:30pm Mass) he will give a talk in the PAC for *parents* on his new book **Raising Kids With a Healthy Body Image**. On Sunday, December 3, at 6:15pm, he will be giving a talk for *everybody* on SPORT & VIRTUE. Dr. Acquaviva is a dynamic and entertaining speaker who we are proud to welcome back to our parish.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Thursday, 1:00 - 8:00pm

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe,



patroness of the Americas, is almost upon us! The story of Mary's apparition to indigenous Juan Diego in present-day Mexico is one that has been celebrated through the centuries as a symbol for the universality of our Catholic faith. Tuesday, December 12, is her feast day, and there will be many events here at the parish. The Spanish-speaking community would like to invite everyone to attend. If you're feeling particularly ambitious, you can join in the pilgrimage at 2:00am, walking from Southwood neighborhood to Incarnation. There will be songs to the Virgin (Mananitas) at 5:00am, followed by breakfast. At 6:15pm we will pray the rosary together, and at 6:45pm there will be a procession of a statue of the Virgin, followed by

Mass and a presentation of the story of Juan Diego. After this time in the Worship Center, we will conclude the celebration with fellowship and song in the Parish Hall. Come celebrate our mother with our diverse parish community!

It always pains me greatly to discover how some Christian communities, and even consecrated persons, can tolerate different forms of enmity, division, calumny, defamation, vendetta, jealousy, and the desire to impose certain ideas at all costs, even to persecutions which appear as veritable witch hunts. Whom are we going to evangelize if this is the way we act?

--Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel* #100

**The Advent Season –A Message from Fr. Gregory**

In order to help us prepare for the Advent season, I thought as pastor I might share something from *St. Anthony's Messenger Catechist Magazine*. Advent remains the most neglected of liturgical seasons. We simply do not seem to have the patience to be still and wait for God. We want our God signed, sealed and delivered much earlier than December 25. To defend the spirit of Advent in a world that wants only Christmas is a challenge. Here are some practical ways to keep Advent in the midst of the temptation to roll out the red and green: First, try to preserve your own soul with a little extra quiet time. As the days become more and more hectic, we need to increase the amount of time we spend in silence and prayer. If we appear overwrought with our to-do list, the children respond to that energy.

Second, we should put the emphasis on the rituals and symbols of the Advent season. We can count the days of Advent with calendars and wreaths. We can remind ourselves that it is Advent by the wearing of purple. A purple tie or blouse will be a surprising contrast to the big red sweater your neighbor is sporting. We can make special plans to attend the parish Advent Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. and the Advent Evening Prayer and Concert of Music for the Advent and Christmas seasons on Friday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. instead of premature Christmas parties. And don't forget the wonderful saints of Advent: St. John the Baptizer, St. Nicholas on December 6, Our Lady of Guadalupe with its special celebration for our Hispanic Community on December 12 at 6:45 p.m., and St. Lucy on December 13. All of these saints have a special wisdom to offer our Advent souls.

Third, we must remember that as Christians, we have a different calendar and sense of time which rhythm we follow. The commercial Christmas season begins before Thanksgiving and ends December 26. As Christians, we want to keep Christ in Christmas and follow the rhythms of our faith life, not the stores. Advent is a quiet time of preparation to celebrate the Lord's birth and prayerfully to examine our lives in anticipation of Christ's return in glory. Our Christmas season technically begins on December 24 after sunset; one might also observe the octave before Christmas, beginning on December 17, as a bridge between Advent and Christmas. The Christmas season for people of faith is then celebrated through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which is observed this year on Monday, January 8. Therefore, the proper time for Christians to have Christmas parties and to keep their trees and decorations up is from December 17 through January 8, unless we want to be identified with the crass godless commercialism of the secular Christmas, beginning sometime in November and ending on December 26.

Finally, we need to lower our expectations. In order to keep Advent and Christmas in a sacred way we need to re-examine all the demands we put on ourselves. We must ask this question: "How will this activity or event bring me closer to God and support the sacredness of this season?" We simply do not need 12 kinds of Christmas cookies on the tray when one or two can be received in the same spirit. To downsize and simplify the way we keep this holy time will cause the beauty of the ancient message of incarnation to become the real and abiding gift that will remain long after the red and green have faded for another year.

**WORSHIP**

Deacon Chris Morash: [deaconchris@incarnationparish.org](mailto:deaconchris@incarnationparish.org)

**MASS INTENTIONS: December 2-10**

Saturday	2:	5:30	Autumn Powell (Karen & Jim Lansing)
Sunday	3:	9:00	Mary Nemeyer (Dave & Anne Russell)
		11:30	Autumn Powell (Monica & Roger Mahloch)
		1:30	Missa Pro Populo
		4:30	Special Intention (Simon & Beena Joseph)
Monday	4:	12:15	Gale Ruth (Joan & Ray Miller)
Tuesday	5:	12:15	Nicholas Olowin (Olowin Family)
Wed'day	6:	12:15	Charles Rusk (Pat Rusk)
Thursday	7:	12:15	Ken Staples (Patricia Mininberg)
Friday	8*:	12:15	Velma Bock (Strassburg & O'Brien)
		5:30	Autumn Powell (The Intercessors)
		7:30	Missa Pro Populo
Saturday	9:	5:30	Lauren Taddei (COTI Staff)
Sunday	10:	9:00	Betty Roselyn White (Maureen & Larry Eckenroth)
		11:30	Marge Barrett (Kay Worley)
		1:30	Missa Pro Populo
		4:30	David Lee (Special Intention) (Mary Ann Lee)

**\*Friday, December 8: The Immaculate Conception Holy Day Masses 12:15 & 5:30pm in English, 7:30pm Spanish**

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** We will accept donations for Christmas flowers in memory/honor of your loved ones beginning this weekend, December 2/3 through the weekend of December 16/17 (Third Sunday of Advent). Suggested donation is \$20. Make checks payable to Church of the Incarnation. Please write Christmas Flowers in the memo line. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex.



**ADVENT A SENSE OF THE SEASON**

December is the time for expressing the hope and strengthening the dreams that will carry us through the next year. Advent is the way we as church express our hopes. Prophetic visions, prayers and songs calling for the Lord to come to help us to hope profoundly. Advent allows us to do what most others do in December—but to see in the coming Lord the answer to our dreams. In our Catholic tradition, keeping Advent means singing the songs of expectation, of our hopes and longing, before we enter into the full-throated praise of Christmas carols.

Here are a few lines from our tradition on what Advent is about. "Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare us for Christmas when Christ's first coming is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and the heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation." (General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, #39).

Thomas Merton, in his book *Seasons of Celebration*, reviewed the ways Saint Bernard of Clairvaux approached these comings of Christ. The first advent was Christ's birth. The other will be at the end of time. Faith in these two stimulates recognition of a third, the advent of Christ in our church now, today. Viewed from this perspective, the Advent liturgy, with its scriptures, prayers and songs, is neither a romantic return to the Old Testament while we wait for the baby at Bethlehem, nor is it an exercise in expressing hope for an ever-receding end of time. The Advent liturgy is neither nostalgic nor illusory. When we take the tradition and enter it fully, we become Advent, the people in and through whom Christ comes.

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**FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

**For the weekend of November 24/25**

Weekly amount needed for budget	\$ 22,290.00
Offertory	\$ 8,670.58
EFT Donations	\$ 9,664.00
Other Income	\$ 7,416.50
Total	\$ 25,751.08
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+ \$ 3,461.08</b>

\*Based on FY 2017-18 budget of \$1,159,102.00

**Offertory Envelopes distributed: 262 ~ Envelopes used: 122**  
**Parishioners using Electronic Funds Transfer EFT: 143**

<b>Mass Attendance</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Attendees</b>
<b>November 25/26</b>	5:30pm	152
	9:00am	339
	11:30am	305
	1:30pm	633
	4:30pm	181
<b>Total</b>		<b>1610</b>



**Stewardship, A Way of Life**

“All that we do reflects Christ as we go forth in love and service.”

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 17 OPEN HOUSE!**

**JOIN IN THE FUN**

Tuesday, December 5: 7:00-8:15pm

Church of the Incarnation ~ Contact Info: [troop17bsa.org](http://troop17bsa.org)



Scout-led (parent supervised) activities include how to start--and extinguish--a small campfire; how to cook delicious donuts using biscuits; and a description of the Troop's award-winning Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program. The STEM rocketry program, which recently scored 11th out of 815 teams nationally, is now competing in a NASA advanced rocketry program, and promises to be featured in an upcoming *Boy's Life* article. We hope your sons will join us for an interesting evening leading to a lifetime of character building and adventure. We plan to start at the covered 'porch' areas then move to the PAC.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3670**

**COATS FOR KIDS:** The Knights of Columbus are collecting money for "Coats for Kids" during the month of November. We will accept donations at the K of C table in the Narthex. Addressed envelopes are available at the table if you would like to mail in a donation. Please join us in providing "Coats for Kids". Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 3670, with "Coats for Kids" in the memo line.



**MODEL RAILROAD HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**

Saturday, December 9, 1:00-4:00pm

Everyone is invited to see Bob Macionis' amazing model railroad empire during his 4th Annual Christmas Open House. The layout features three separate railroads, 1600 feet of track, 350 cars, and 60 locomotives, with over 1000 square feet of scenery. Children of all ages are especially welcome.

Email Bob at [macionis@embarqmail.com](mailto:macionis@embarqmail.com) for directions.



**Charlottesville Catholic School ~ CCS**

[www.cvillecatholic.org](http://www.cvillecatholic.org) 434-964-0400

**ENROLLMENT:** CCS is currently taking applications for students entering pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2018-19 school year. Visit [www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions/](http://www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions/) to apply or contact Katrina Kuhn ([k.kuhn@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:k.kuhn@cvillecatholic.org)) to schedule a tour of the school. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn more about a school community rooted in its three core pillars of Christ, Community, and Scholars. **We are CCS!**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** Part-time Aftercare Assistant. This person should have experience working with children ages 4-13 and be available from 3:30-5:30pm Mon. through Fri. CPR certified and teaching experience is recommended but not required. Please contact Chris Tillson ([c.tillson@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:c.tillson@cvillecatholic.org)) if you are interested.



**WE CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF OUR PARISH!**

Please let us know if you are new to the parish, are moving from it, are celebrating a significant event or are in need of prayers.

*To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven . . .*

*“ . . . a time to be born . . . ”*

*“ . . . a time to be healed . . . ”*

James Armstrong, Ronald Balsam, Ann-Marie Balwinski, Meg Bojarski, Shauna Rose Boone, Vicki Boyle, Diana Busch, Rose Byrne, Barbara Cage, Carla Campbell, Jude Campbell, Mary Glenn Carrington, Rose Colasuonno, Pat & Richard Cook, Ken Cottrell, Esther Davis, Harry Jack Delacey, Harry DeLeyer, Sue DeMong, Evans DiSantis, Melani Dinh, John Dovel, Joseph Druzba, Alice Dunbar, Teal Estrada, Deborah Fairbanks, Nancy Floyd, Joe Frisina, Chuck Gagliano, Ntegukongirwa Gasper, Joann Harrell, David Heath, Alice Hennigan, Randy Hobbs, Jean Holienka, Eli Houston, Atman Johnson, Mike Johnson, Helen Krespach, Genevieve Krynitsky, Tyler Lafferty, Mary Lederman, Alan Leidecker, Carlos Lozano, Vito Maltese, Ivy Maupin & Family, Kathleen McManus, Levi Miller, Jeff Mahoney, Mary Ann Marinchick, Kathy Milchus, Ron Mohr, Denis & Janice Moler, Jack & Donna Ostrowski, John Packett, Michael Palczuk, Vera Pohedra, Marie Reyman, John Reynolds, Chris & Jadea Riener, Joel Rivera, James Robins, Robert Rockholt, Robert Ross, Jennifer, David & Amelia Scheer, Roger Scott, Perry Sennewald, Tom & Lynn Shepherd, Fran Slayton, Betty Smoyleak, Maureen Spokes, Denise Sprouse, Sandy Stevens, Craig Stotz, Debra Strzepek, Pat Stubbs, Nicholas Surat, Tom Tolman, Cindi Tomblin, Pat Velikov, Glenda Voelmeck, Kevin Ward, Linda Watson, Karen Will, Kathleen Yates, Marianne Zeigler

*“ . . . a time to love . . . ”*

*“ . . . a time to die . . . ”*

Jerome Jareb

Carol Stevens

John Sweeney

*“ . . . and a time of peace . ”*

Emily A. Bessler, Peter Haught, Joseph Musso, Joshua Ostrowski, Roberto Santamaria, David Waidelich, Joshua Wilson

**JUSTICE AND CHARITY MINISTRY**

Sheila Herlihy: sheila@incarnationparish.org

**ANGELIC GIFTS:** Our Angelic Gift Drive, to provide Christmas gifts for needy families, is underway in the Narthex! Everyone is invited to participate in this parish-wide gift drive that benefits Charlottesville families in need (through Project LINK, Offender Aid & Restoration, and our own parish outreach ministry). Please consider taking a tag from the display in the Narthex, buying at least one of the listed items, and returning the wrapped gift as soon as possible, before December 17. Only take a tag if you intend to donate a gift. Be sure to take an Angel Tree information sheet located next to the display. Don't forget to tape your tag to the outside of the gift, and include a gift receipt if you are uncertain about size. If you are interested in helping sort the Angelic Gifts, contact Sheila.

**SHARE THE JOURNEY:** In the Archdiocese of Washington, the church is bringing diverse groups of people together for encounter with one another with a traveling image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. During each visit, the parish community gathers to reflect on Our Lady of Guadalupe's message of consolation and love for all her children--especially the "littlest"--and her embrace of their culture, their language, and their dignity. At each parish, they have a prayer service for migrants, refugees, and people on the move, and several parishioners share their stories of faith, which they have prepared in advance.

**FOOD MINISTRY-INVITATION:** For our food ministry to function, we need people in a variety of roles. If you are interested in any aspect of the ministry, contact Sheila in the Paris Office. If you'd rather donate material goods, we accept all food items in the basket in the Narthex, (along with grocery bags, paper and plastic). The item of the week is an easy way to add something small to your grocery list, and donate something that is very needed by our ministry. **This week, our item is maseca corn flour.**

**GREEN TEAM EnvironMINUTE:** A more intentional Advent can also be a greener one as we prepare for Christmas. Consider giving experiences, rather than physical presents, to your loved ones. This increases time together and decreases excess packaging and wasted "stuff." Another option is to rely on alternative giving... donating to a charity in someone's name. This can be very meaningful, and is deeply in line with God's biggest gift to us.

**JUSTICE CORNER:** As we enter Advent, we realize that Jesus chose to be born with the lowly. Voluntary poverty and humility is a powerful image. Imposed poverty and humiliation can deny people their God-given dignity. Let us stand up for those who are poor, and those who are seen as less-than in our society.

**ALTERNATIVE GIVING KICK-OFF**



This weekend, we're offering an alternative to traditional gift-giving. Instead of spending money on more "stuff", consider making a donation to charity in someone's name. You can

donate to Incarnation ministries at the table in the Narthex, and you will receive a card to give to the recipient. If you want to pair your donation with a physical gift, there will also be crafts from Haiti for sale, as well as fair trade goods.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD DAYS:** Incarnation participates in the work of Habitat for Humanity, building houses for and with community members in need! No construction experience

is necessary, and this is a great way to spend a Saturday living our faith and doing tangible work in the community. We also need people to photograph the event, and provide lunch. Our next build dates are Jan. 20, March 3, and May 5. Please check out the sign-up sheets in the Narthex!



**ENTERING CANAAN - Hope and Healing after Abortion:**

Have you or someone you know experienced the pain of abortion? There are millions suffering silently. There is a post-abortive healing program available now in our area which offers monthly *Gatherings of Hope and Healing* and all-day retreats. These events offer continued support and healing for women and men dealing with the many negative effects of abortion in their lives including the effects of the abortions of others. For more info and confidential reservations please contact: Bobbie 540-383-1634, Dave 505-340-5891 or Pam 434-825-6013.

*COME and EXPERIENCE THE MERCY and FORGIVENESS OF GOD!*



**LOOKING FOR THE LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE IN 2018**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is searching for the longest married couple. One national winner and winners from each of the 50 states are recognized each year. This project is held to honor the commitment of married couples and to give hope and inspiration to younger couples that they too can have long and lasting marriages. Nominations must be received by January 10, 2018. To nominate a couple you know, please visit us at <http://www.earnedmedia.org/wwme1009.htm> or contact us directly at 405-850-4274.

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