

# ADVENT 2017 AT ST. JOSEPH/ST. MAXIMILIAN PARISH

## ADVENT THEME:

### **“Actively Preparing for the Feast of the Incarnation (Christmas)”**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent homily: “Be watchful, Be Alert”

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent homily: “Prepare the way!”

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent homily: “I am the voice of one crying out...!”

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent homily: “How can this be?”



**Evening Prayer** Thursday Nights (Dec 7, 14, 21) at **7pm** in church. As part of the Diocese of Orlando’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary theme “*Stay with us, Lord*” *Luke 24:29*”, there will be a presentation on the Eucharist as part of this prayer.

**Advent Stations Fridays** (Dec 8, 15 & 22) at **12:40pm** in church. Advent Stations prepare us for the Feast of the Incarnation (Christmas).

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, a holy day. Vigil Mass, (Thursday, Dec 7) at **6pm**. Holy Day Masses (Friday, Dec 8) at 9am (English), Noon (English) and 7pm (Spanish). Note: Thursday, Dec 7 Vigil Mass at 6p; not 7pm with 7pm Evening Prayer for those wishing to stay.

**Advent Reconciliation Service** Tuesday, Dec. 12 at **7pm** in church. There will be several priests available to hear confessions.

**O Antiphons** are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayers for Dec 17<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>. They draw from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ. **Evening Prayer in church Monday (Dec 18), Tuesday (Dec 19), Thursday (Dec 21) and Friday (Dec 22) at 7pm.**

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## **MASS SCHEDULE FEAST OF THE INCARNATION (CHRISTMAS, A HOLY DAY)**

**Vigil Masses** (Sunday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>) 4pm (English); 6pm (English); 8pm (Spanish), 10pm (Polish); Midnight (English)

**Feast Day Masses** (Monday, Dec 25<sup>th</sup>) 9am (English); and 11am (English)

