

# ADVENT AT GOOD SHEPHERD First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2019



## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

### REFLECTION BOOKS

Available in the Commons.  
(\$1 donation appreciated)

### THE GIVING TREE

*November 23 - December 8*

Take an ornament from the tree in the Commons and bring new, unwrapped gifts for neighbors in need.

### STRAW IN THE MANGER

Prepare the manger for baby Jesus with good deeds and prayer intentions written on paper 'straw'.

### REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Donate a different item of food each day in Advent. Bags collected at Christmas Masses. Information: [gs-cc.org/social-ministry](http://gs-cc.org/social-ministry)

### JESSE TREE

Follow the progress of our parish Jesse Tree (in the Commons) illustrating the story of Jesus' family tree through scripture.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### JOURNEY TO THE MANGER

*Saturday, December 7, 6pm*

Family-friendly evening of games, dinner, crafts and costumes to tell the story of Jesus' birth.

### MORNING OF REFLECTION

*Saturday, December 14, 9 - 11:30am*

Led by Father Jeb Donelan.

### RECONCILIATION SERVICES

*Monday, December 16*

*4:30 - 5:30pm and 6:30 - 8pm*

*pizza served 4 - 7:30pm*

Prepare your heart for Christmas!

### CHRISTMAS BLANKET SERVICE PROJECT

*date to be determined*

Youth Group will make blankets for a local drug rehab facility.

### DECORATE THE BASILICA

*Tuesday, December 17*

Teens: for this special opportunity, contact [youthministry@gs-cc.org](mailto:youthministry@gs-cc.org)

### SIMBANG GABI MASS

*Saturday, December 21*

GS will host a *Simbang Gabi* Mass. The Masses are spiritual preparation for the birth of Christ, and are a Catholic tradition from the Phillipines. All are welcome!

## FEAST DAYS

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

PATRONESS OF THE UNITED STATES

*Monday, December 9*

9am Mass

(6:30pm in Spanish)

*Note: Since the Feast Day falls on a Sunday, the observation of the Holy Day is moved to Monday and it is not a Day of Obligation.*

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS

*Thursday, December 12*

**5am** - mañanitas (songs by mariachis in Spanish)

**5:15am** - Mass (Spanish) followed by mariachis and refreshments

**9am** - Mass (English)

**7pm** - Mass (Spanish) followed by reception with food sale, music and dance.

## SPECIAL EVENTS (cont.)

### LAS POSADAS

*December 15 - 23 (bilingual)*

Family activity portrays Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. Prayer, carols, and refreshments.

### DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS

*December 21, 9:30am - 1pm*

*December 24, 9:30 - 11am*

Many hands make light work!

# CHRISTMAS SEASON 2019 - 2020 Tuesday, December 24 - Sunday, January 12



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

*Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24*

4pm\*, 6pm, 8pm, 10pm

Midnight in Spanish

*\*in Church and Creedon Hall,*

*3:30pm Children's Choir in church*

*Christmas, Wednesday, December 25*

9am, 10:30am

2pm in Spanish

## BLESSED VIRGIN

MARY, THE

MOTHER OF GOD

*Holy Day of Obligation*

*Wednesday, January 1*

9am and 10:30am

(2pm in Spanish)

*Vigil: Tuesday,*

*December 31 at 5pm*

(6:30pm in Spanish)

## ALL DAY ADORATION

*December 31, 9:45am-4:45pm*

## CRÈCHE EXHIBIT

*January 4-5 after Masses*

Enjoy our exhibit of crèches from around the world.

## DECORATE FOR ORDINARY TIME

*January 11, 9:30am - 11:30am*

Help remove Christmas trimmings.