

IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
CATHOLIC
CHURCH
Melbourne
Beach, FL



Celebrate
with
gladness
the great
promises
of the
Advent
Season:
Hope,
Love and
Peace!
Wonder-
ful rea-
sons to
slow
down and
savor the
season of
our
Savior.

WATCH! Our Advent Password & Mission

2018 SEASON

Invitation to the Season

From the moment we crack open the Advent scriptures, we are given the Advent “password” that allows us entrance into this wonderful yet challenging season: **“WATCH!”**

If the Advent password is “watch,” what exactly are we supposed to be looking for, what exactly are we trying to be awakened to?

The Good News is that our watching and anticipation are meant to open us to the richness which the Lord offers. God has entrusted us with the Master’s household while he is away, and in God’s household, there is much to share!

We are invited, urged, in reality, commanded to stay awake so that we don’t miss opportunities to share in the gifts other people may bring to our lives. We may

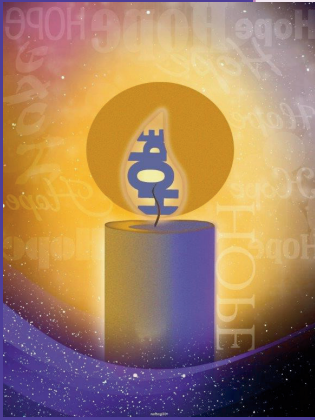
be watching for the time and space to open up and share with someone how we’ve been feeling lately, or what we think about a situation in which we are struggling. Perhaps we are staying awake so that our day isn’t so busy that we don’t have at least a few minutes with the Lord in prayer and reflection.

Staying awake and watching are made a whole lot easier when we do so in the company of others, especially the Body of Christ, the Church—specifically, the people who make up Immaculate Conception Catholic community.

My hope is that among the many Advent opportunities presented here, you might be encouraged to watch and stay awake!

Fr. Ben Berinti, CPPS, Pastor





*The coming of
the Lord...always
something well
worth waiting
for! The spirit of
Advent sets the
tone for the rest
of the year!*



The Little Blue Book Available Nov. 24/25

We wonderfully provide the annual "Little Blue Book" for our parishioners, as we prayerfully make our way to Christmas. As the publishers of this great resource remind us, these 6-minute daily reflections "can change your day...change your life!" Definitely...they will change your celebration of Christmas!

Angel Tree November 25/26-December 10

Remove a tag from the narthex Christmas tree and share the season with someone in need. This year, Immaculate Conception's "Angel Tree" supports the St. Vincent de Paul Society, as we provide gifts for 14-15 year-olds this Christmas. **ALL GIFTS need to be returned by DEC.10**

Pre-Christmas Festival of Carols

Advent Lutheran Church

Sunday December 16 2:00-3:00pm

A joyous festival of carols, both old and new, celebrating the beautiful season of Advent. Featuring the **combined music departments of Immaculate Conception and Advent Lutheran Churches**, this afternoon of music will be presented free-of-charge at **Advent Lutheran Church, Melbourne Beach.**

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Parish Advent Retreat &
Parish Patronal Feast Day Mass
Friday December 7 6:30-8:00 pm
& continues**

Saturday December 8 9:00 am-12 Noon

**Waiting for the Light:
Kneading Hope
Facilitated by Our Pastor, Fr. Ben**

**Patronal Feast Day
& Holy Day of Obligation Mass
December 8 9:00 am**



KEEP ADVENT AND WAIT FOR CHRISTMAS

WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? TWO-PART ADVENT ADULT FORMATION with our Pastor, Fr. Ben Berinti, CPPS Sundays December 2 & 16 10:00-10:50 am

Waiting feels like time wasted. And who can afford to waste time these days? We have too much to do. Every second counts.

But the Advent season is all about waiting; during the Advent season, we are invited to re-discover a deep purpose to all our waiting.

Our two Sunday mornings will explore our own waiting, and what the Biblical nature of waiting tells us about how to deal with our own.

CHRISTMAS THEATER RETURNS TO ICC!!

"CHARLES DICKENS' HOLIDAY MEMORIES"
performed live by actors David McElroy
& Marylin McGinnis



Thursday December 13
Doors Open 6:30pm & Curtain Call 7:00pm

The Parish Hall will be transformed into a Holiday "English Tea Room" with light refreshments prior to and during the performance. **LIMITED NUMBER OF SEATS AVAILABLE...**
free tickets available on first come, first serve basis

"Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest"

In conjunction with our December 13th "Dickens' Holiday Memories" show, we invite all participants to don their ugliest Christmas sweater, and get a shot at winning a hand-decorated mini-Christmas tree designed by Fr. Ben, our Pastor!

*Adult
Spiritual
Formation
for the
Season &
Family
Celebrations*



**Religious Education's
Annual Christmas Pageant
December 12 6:00pm Parish Center**

All parishioners are welcome to join our religious education youth as they present their annual Christmas Pageant, followed by a carry-in dinner buffet & dessert.





EXPLORING ADVENT WITH LUKE: Four Questions for Spiritual Growth

Tuesdays 8:45-9:30 am

**Nov. 27: "How can I
know this?"**

**Dec. 4: "How will this
be?"**

**Dec. 11: "Why has this
happened to me?"**

**Dec. 18: "What then will
this child be?"**

ADVENT SEASON: SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

Our parish **will not** celebrate a communal penance service in Advent, but will provide additional opportunities to share in the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation throughout the season.

**Additional Opportunities at ICC:
Thursdays Dec. 6/13/20 following
the 8:00am Morning Mass**

**Regularly Scheduled: Saturday 4pm
prior to the Vigil Mass**



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASSES

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Dec. 22nd 4:30pm/December 23rd 7:30am/9am/11am Masses

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD [Christmas Eve]

[Christmas Masses preceded by

Christmas Carols ½ hour prior to start]

December 24 Vigil Mass 4:30pm [Children's Chorus]

December 24 Christmas Candlelight Mass 10:00pm [Brass Quartet]

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD [Christmas Day]

December 25th Masses at 9:00am [Trumpet] & 11:00am [Trumpet]

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

December 29th & 30th Regular Weekend schedule

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

[New Year's Day]

Holy Day of Obligation

January 1, 2019 Mass 10:00am (only)

"LET HEAVEN AND EARTH REJOICE!"