

ADVENT PRAYER

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

*I pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
whose advent I hail. Amen.*

ADVENT SCHEDULE 2020

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It is a marvellous period in which the expectation of Christ's return and the memory of his first Coming — when he emptied himself of his divine glory to take on our mortal flesh — reawakens in hearts.

~ Pope Benedict XVI



*Roman Catholic Churches of St. Philomena
& St. Michael*



ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE

An Advent Prayer Service will be held on Tuesday, December 1, at 6:30pm at St. Philomena.

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

As Catholics we have been given an awesome gift from God when He gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation in order to fully unite ourselves to our Lord Jesus Christ by removing anything that hinders our relationship with Him. So important is this sacrament that the Church has imposed the obligation of all Catholics to receive the sacrament at least once a year. With this in mind, we are providing an opportunity to receive the Gift of God's forgiveness with a **Penance Service at St. Philomena Church on Friday, December 11, 2020, at 6:30pm** as well as the following times:

St. Michael Church, Bement

Tuesdays, December 1, 8, 15 & 22, from 5:00pm to 5:20pm

Sundays, November 29, December 6, 13 & 20, 7:30am to 7:50am

St. Philomena Church, Monticello

Fridays, December 11 & 18 after the 5:30pm Mass

Saturdays, December 5, 12 & 19, from 3:45pm to 4:15pm

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Due to COVID-19, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is **NOT a Holy Day of Obligation** this year. However, Masses will be held as follows:

Tuesday, December 8, St. Philomena, 7:30am

Tuesday, December 8, St. Michael, 5:30pm

YOUTH GROUP POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

Pick-up for Youth Group orders is the weekend of December 12 and 13 after all Masses in the lounge at St. Philomena. A few extra were ordered and will be available to purchase on a "first-come, first serve" basis. Please support the Youth Group in raising money for their 2021 Mission Trip.

CHURCH DECORATING

God is calling you to volunteer to help decorate His house:

St. Michael Church, Bement

Sunday, December 13, after the 8:00am Mass

St. Philomena Church, Monticello

Sunday, December 13, after the 10:00am Mass

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve Masses

4:30pm at St. Philomena Church

Friday, December 25

Christmas Day Mass

8:00am at St. Michael Church

10:00am at St. Philomena Church

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



Due to COVID-19, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is **NOT a Holy Day of Obligation** this year. However, Masses will be held as follows:

Friday, January 1, St. Michael, 8:00am

Friday, January 1, St. Philomena, 10:00am

TAKING DOWN CHURCH DECORATIONS

God is calling you to volunteer your time to help take down the church decorations after the 8:00am Mass at St. Michael and after the 10:00am Mass at St. Philomena on Sunday, January 10. Many hands make light work!

