



# **ST. THOMAS AQUINAS** **2024 EXPANDED ADVENT &** **CHRISTMAS CALENDAR**

## **DECEMBER 1- FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- Breakfast with St. Nick in the STA Gym after 10:30 a.m. Mass

## **DECEMBER 8- SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## **DECEMBER 9 – SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION\***

- 8:15 a.m. School Mass
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Mass
- \* A holy day of obligation

## **DEC. 10 - PRAYER SERVICE: AN EVENING OF STILLNESS IN SACRED SILENCE**

- 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Church with Benediction at 7:45 p.m.

## **DECEMBER 11 - FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

- 6:30 p.m. in the Church

## **DECEMBER 12- STA SCHOOL ADVENT CONCERT**

- 6:00 p.m. in the Church

## **DECEMBER 15- THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (*GAUDETE SUNDAY*)**

Before all of the Masses, please join us in the Narthex for a special Lighting of the Prayer Tree ceremony as we celebrate Gaudete Sunday in anticipation of Christ's birth drawing ever closer.

## **DECEMBER 19 –CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL**

- 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Church (*Choir stays 30 minutes longer*)

## **DECEMBER 22- FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## **CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S LITURGY SCHEDULE**

### **Christmas Eve (Tuesday, December 24)**

- Family Mass: 4:30 p.m. (Includes Children's Pageant)
- Mass at Night: 9:00 p.m. (Caroling begins at 8:30 p.m.)

**Christmas Day (Wednesday, December 25):** 9:00 a.m. Mass

### **Feast of the Holy Family**

- 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass: Saturday, December 28
- 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses: Sunday, December 29

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (*Holy Day of Obligation*)**

- 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass: Tuesday, December 31
- 9:00 a.m. Mass: Wednesday, January 1

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

- 4:30 p.m. every Saturday in the Reconciliation Room

### **North Deanery Advent Penance Services**

Sunday, December 15, 2:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary

Monday, December 16, 7:00 p.m. at St. Lawrence

Tuesday, December 17, 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke