

# 2017 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



**December 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**  
*(Holy Day of Obligation)*

## **FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00 pm ~ St. Stephen  
Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 8:30 am ~ St. Thomas Aquinas  
Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00 pm ~ Sacred Heart

**December 9<sup>th</sup>**  
*Sacred Heart Church*

## **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION**

Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm – **Sacred Heart Church**  
Refreshments and Food following immediately after in the Sacred Heart Church hall! *(The usual weekend Mass Schedule will still occur this weekend, but we are adding this special Mass in honor of the Virgin of Guadalupe – come take part in the festivities!)*

**Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**  
*St. Stephen Rectory ~ 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm*

## **ST. STEPHEN RECTORY “OPEN HOUSE”**

Frs. Mike and Tony invite you to the rectory at St. Stephen for food and fellowship in preparation for the Christmas Season!

**Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
*St. Thomas Aquinas (Will begin with prayer at 8:30 am)*

## **CHRISTMAS BASKET DISTRIBUTION & DELIVERY**

Join many members of your parish family in distributing Christmas baskets to those in need.

**Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 8:30 am**  
*Parish Office at St. Thomas Aquinas*

## **CHRISTMAS BOXES DISTRIBUTION & DELIVERY**

Join many member of your parish family, and members of the St. Vincent De Paul Society in delivering Christmas boxes to our homebound parishioners.

**December 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**(Fourth Sunday of Advent)**

## **SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

~ Since Christmas Eve is on a Sunday, the Office of Divine Worship encourages parishes to plan a simplified Mass Schedule this weekend. Thus, our Mass Schedule will be:

**4:00 pm on Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Stephen**  
**9:45 am on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart**

**December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 25<sup>th</sup>**  
*Christmas Eve Masses ~*

## **THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD ~ CHRISTMAS**

Sunday, 4:00 pm ~ St. Stephen  
Sunday, 5:00 pm ~ Sacred Heart  
Sunday, 6:00 pm ~ St. Thomas Aquinas

**Midnight Mass ~ 12:00 am ~ St. Thomas Aquinas**

*Christmas Day Masses ~*

Monday: 9:00 am ~ Sacred Heart

Monday: 10:30 am ~ St. Stephen

## **THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD ~ January 1<sup>st</sup>**

*NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year since it falls on a Monday*

**January 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> ~**

## **PARISH FEAST DAY - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

*No Special Mass Schedule this year; usual weekend schedule will occur*

**Sundays of Advent ~ “Afternoons of Grace”**  
*During these Sundays in Advent, there will be Eucharistic and Benediction, as well as the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation*

## **EXPOSITION/SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3pm – 5pm ~ Sacred Heart *Exposition*  
**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 3pm – 4pm ~ St. Stephen\*\***  
Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 3pm – 5pm ~ St. Thomas Aquinas

**BISHOP THOMAS IS PRESIDING AT EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND  
WILL BE SERVING AS A CONFESSOR, ALONG WITH SEVERAL  
OTHER PRIESTS AT THE “AFTERNOON OF GRACE” ON DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**