

**Advent & Christmas Dates**  
**St. Gabriel & St. Bridget Parishes**

**December 2-3: Advent begins**

Normal Weekend Mass Schedule

**December 8: Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Thursday, December 7

- St. Bridget Mass at 6:00 PM

Friday, December 8

- St. Gabriel Masses at 8:30 AM, Noon, and 6:00 PM

**Wednesday, December 13: Penance Service for both parishes**

Location: St. Gabriel

6:00 PM Mass w/ Confessions to follow

This is also First Reconciliation for St. Gabriel students

**Wednesday, December 20: Two events**

1. St. Bridget Christmas Party at 6:00 PM
2. St. Gabriel School Christmas Concert at 6:00 PM

**December 23-24: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*See reverse side*

**December 24-25: Christmas**

*See reverse side*

**December 30-31: Feast of the Holy Family**

Normal weekend Mass schedule

**Monday, January 1, 2018: Mary, Mother of God**

*Normally, this is a Holy Day of Obligation. However, as it falls on a Monday in 2018, American Catholics are released from their obligation to attend Mass. We will still offer one Mass, as this is "Mother's Day" for Mary.*

St. Gabriel Mass at 9:00 AM

**January 6-7: Feast of the Epiphany**

Normal Weekend Mass Schedule

***In honor and celebration of our Lord's Nativity, the Parishes' office will be closed from December 25, 2017 – January 2, 2018.***

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent & Christmas Masses

### St. Gabriel & St. Bridget Parishes

*This year, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent and Christmas day fall consecutively on a Sunday and Monday. It is important that Catholics fulfill their obligation for both occasions. In an attempt at accommodation, we are altering the Mass schedule for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent. Everyone should go to one Mass for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent and one Mass for Christmas. Simply going to one Mass between Saturday evening and Monday morning of that week will not fulfill one's obligation. In other words, **CHOOSE ONE MASS THAT HAS A "BLACK DOT", AND CHOOSE ONE MASS THAT HAS A "CHECK MARK."***

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, December 23:

- St. Bridget at 5:00 PM
- St. Gabriel at 6:30 PM

Sunday, December 24:

*7:45 AM and Noon Masses are cancelled on this day*

- St. Gabriel at 8:00 AM
- St. Gabriel at 10:00 AM

#### **Christmas Mass Schedule:**

Sunday, December 24:

- ✓ St. Gabriel at 4:30 PM
- ✓ St. Bridget at 8:00 PM
- ✓ St. Gabriel at Midnight (w/ 11:30 PM Lessons & Carols)

Monday, December 25:

- ✓ St. Gabriel at 9:00 AM

*Unless you are sick, it is a grave sin to miss Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Please welcome the Nativity of our Lord and the Christmas season by being in a state of Grace. Make the effort to get to Mass. This is one of the most important ways you will keep Christ at the center of your Christmas preparations and celebrations.*