

Saint Justin Martyr Church
'Catholic Trivia 101'

For trivia buffs, each day of this year's *Advent Calendar* asks one or more trivia questions about our Catholic Faith; the answers will be found in the *Epiphany* bulletin and on our website after *January 3, 2021*. Some might say Jesus would criticize such trivial games as He criticized the Pharisees: "*Blind guides, who strain out the gnat and swallow the camel!*" [Matthew 23:24] But Jesus also warned: "*Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place.*" [5:18] So, in case 'trivia' is on the Final Exam, take this quiz seriously! With Covid-19 constrictions still in place, get your own *Advent Wreath* and *Nativity Scene* and do all you can to celebrate *Advent* and *Christmas* at home!

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Blessing & Lighting of an Advent Wreath

The leader leads all in the Sign of the Cross:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Blessed be God, who enlightens every heart.
Blessed be God for ever.

My brothers and sisters, in this holy time of Advent, we open our hearts to God's love as we prepare to welcome Christ into our lives and homes. The candles of this wreath remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and to lead us into the light of His glorious kingdom. Let us listen to God's Word.

(Another person proclaims the Scripture reading.)

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John
[1 John 1:5-7]

Now this is the message
that we have heard from him
and proclaim to you: God is light,
and in him there is no darkness at all.

If we say, "We have fellowship with him,"
while we continue to walk in darkness,
we lie and do not act in truth.

But if we walk in the light as he is in the light,
then we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of his Son Jesus
cleanses us from all sin.

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Universal Prayer

Others offer the intentions after the leader begins:

Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may be ready to welcome Him. Our response is, "*Come, Lord Jesus.*"

- * That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love; we pray:
- * That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin; we pray:
- * That this wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for Christ's coming; we pray:
- * That the Christmas season may fill us with joy and peace as we strive to follow the example of Jesus; we pray:

Other intentions may be added; then the leader says:

With longing for the coming of God's Kingdom,
let us pray as Jesus taught us: *Our Father ...*

Then the leader continues:

Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of sin and ignorance. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candle[s] of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever. *Amen. (Light the first candle; each week an additional candle is lighted.)*

All make the Sign of the Cross as the leader prays:

May the light of Christ lead us to the joy of his kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Advent Prayers Before Meals

Let us pray. Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts, which we are about to receive, from your goodness. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen. - or -*

God, the Father of mercies, you willed your Son to take flesh, in order to give life back to us. Bless these, your gifts, with which we are about to nourish our bodies, so that, receiving new strength, we may wait in watchfulness for the glorious coming of Christ. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Advent Prayers After Meals

Let us pray. We give you thanks for all your benefits, O Almighty God, who lives and reigns for ever; and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen. - or -*

V. Let us live soberly, justly, and devoutly in this world.

R. *As we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

Let us pray. We thank you, all-powerful God, for your kindness in refreshing our bodies by these gifts from your providence. Strengthen us, we pray, not only in body, but also in spirit. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



**The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
National Patronal Feast Day**

Wear something BLUE as
we honor Mary under her title
'The Immaculate Conception'
Patroness of the USA

Masses for the
Immaculate Conception are:

Monday, 12/7: 5:00 pm
**Tuesday, 12/8: 8:00 am, 12 noon,
7:00 pm**

**While we are dispensed from obligatory Masses,
try to receive Eucharist at least once a week:**

Saturday evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am - 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Monday–Thursday: 8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation [Confession]

Confession on Saturdays will be:

Saturdays: 3:30 pm–11/28 - 12/05- 12/12

All MUST arrive at 3:30pm!

*[Note: December 12th will be the last Saturday
confessions until January 9th]*

*In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we encounter
the mercy and love of Jesus*

**ADVENT CONFESSIONS: FRIDAY -
DECEMBER 18, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

In lieu of an Advent Penance Service, an
examination of conscience will be provided in
the bulletin and on our website. Several Priests
will be available in safe-distanced, private places
from **4:00 pm to 6:00 pm** on **Friday, December
18**. This is your best and last opportunity to go
to Confession before Christmas. Remember to
keep a safe distance as you wait on the line for
this great Sacrament of Healing.

Church Decorating: All Hands On Deck!
**Sunday, December 20 - after the 12:00 noon
Mass**

Many hands and strong backs are needed to
decorate our worship space and property; leave
your name and phone number with the office or
sign up thru our website and Facebook page.

**CHRISTMAS
MASSES**

**Christmas Eve
December 24**

**2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**



Christmas Day: December 25

8:00 am - 10:00 am - 12:00noon

Our Bishop has dispensed the obligation to
attend Mass this year because of the
pandemic. Due to the fact that we will have
to distance and observe occupancy
regulations, those who are compromised in
any way or those who are reluctant of being
with crowds, should not attend Mass on
Christmas day. No one who ever have
believed we would be saying this a year ago.
However, I strongly urge all to attend a Mass
during the Christmas season which lasts
until January 10th and to make a visit to the
crèche. In addition, Christmas Mass from our
parish will be available to view on our
website and Facebook page. More details
will be available on our website as the
situation develops. www.stjustin.org

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sunday, December 27, 2020

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Come to church to pray as a family today.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

New Year's Day 2021

Thursday, December 31, 2020

5:00 pm

Friday, January 1, 2021

10:00 & 12:00 noon

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021

REGULAR weekend Mass schedule

The Baptism of the Lord

January 10: last day of Christmastime

Regular Weekend Mass schedule.

**Church un-decorating and clean up
right after the 12:00 noon Mass.**