

# Dear Padre,

I recently moved to a parish that includes a large Mexican community that's known for their annual *posadas* event. What is that?

**L**as *posadas*, a nine-day novena preparation for the celebration of Christmas, begins December 16 and ends Christmas Eve.

*Posada* is Spanish for "inn." The ceremony remembers Mary and Joseph's trip to Bethlehem and their difficulty finding a place to stay. *Posadas* are celebrated in many ways, but the traditional celebration involves a group of people, the "pilgrims," going to several houses, knocking on the door, and asking for *posada*. The pilgrims sing the part of Joseph as he explains their situation and asks for a place to stay. The people inside sing back that they have no room and that the pilgrims should just move on.

On the last night, the people in the last house recognize that Mary is the Queen of Heaven and that the child she carries is the Savior of the World. They invite the pilgrims inside and hold a prayer service that may include a Scripture reading or the rosary. The celebration ends with food and singing.

This tradition is more than a folksy reenactment of Joseph and Mary's search for lodging—it's a solemn dramatization by women and men who believe God

searches with them, a touching ceremony that can help Christians today see the real needs of those who live without the security of a home, health insurance, or a steady job.

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for the Padre?

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## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Many Christians have that face...from a funeral wake, a face of sadness. But Christ is risen! Christ loves you! And you have no joy? Let us think a bit about this and let us ask: "Do I have joy because the Lord is close to me, because the Lord loves me, because the Lord has redeemed me?"

GAUDETE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020

## Calendar

**Monday**  
DECEMBER 13  
St. Lucy,  
Virgin and Martyr  
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a  
Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday**  
DECEMBER 14  
St. John of the Cross,  
Priest and Doctor  
of the Church  
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13  
Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday**  
DECEMBER 15  
Advent Weekday  
Is 45:6b-8, 18,  
21c-25  
Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday**  
DECEMBER 16  
Advent Weekday  
Is 54:1-10  
Lk 7:24-30

**Friday**  
DECEMBER 17  
Advent Weekday  
Gn 49:2, 8-10  
Mt 1:1-17

**Saturday**  
DECEMBER 18  
Advent Weekday  
Jer 23:5-8  
Mt 1:18-25

**Sunday**  
DECEMBER 19  
Fourth Sunday  
of Advent  
Mi 5:1-4a  
Heb 10:5-10  
Lk 1:39-45

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Of Advent



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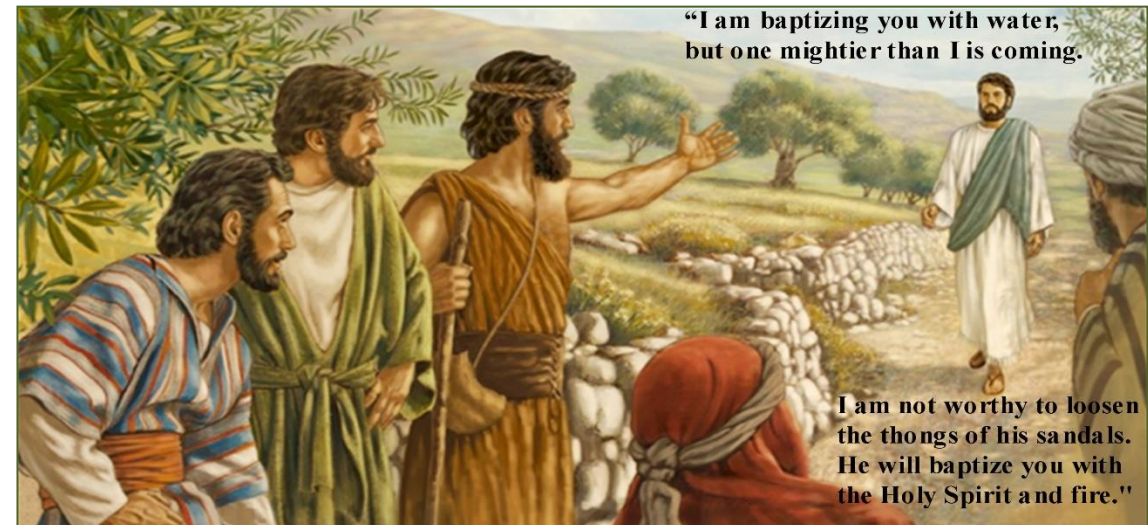
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## Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

*Week of December 11– December 17*

Sat 8:00 am Tomas Silvestre Hernandez  
Sat 6:00 pm †Larry Hill  
Sun 11:00 am Michael & Amy Rhea – Anniv.  
Sun 6:00 pm Annika Jensen (Healing)  
Mon 8:00 am NO Mass  
Tue 8:00 am †Charlie Brenke (Birthday)  
Wed 8:00 am †Charlie Brenke  
Thr 8:00 am Margaret Brenke (Birthday)  
Fri 8:00 am †Evelyn Smith

## Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

*Week of December 11– December 17*

Sat 4:00 pm †Jared Radich & Elaine Letort  
Sun 9:15 am Parishioners Living & Deceased  
Tue 4:00 pm Special Intention

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before and after daily Mass, and by Appointment

1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration – 8:30am- 6:00pm

at Holy Spirit in St. Patrick's Chapel

Adoration at Christ the King – Tuesday 3:30pm-4pm