

ADVENT 2015

Week 1 Nov. 29 Blessed Week 2 Dec. 6 Strengthened Week 3 Dec. 13 Filled Week 4 Dec. 20 Promised

The four weeks of Advent begin the Church year as we prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas. Mary is the key figure of Advent. Her example teaches us that we can make our Advent holy by putting into practice each day the values she MAGNIFIED in her life.

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Each week of Advent prayerfully reflect on a portion of Mary's Magnificat asking God to help you to magnify His presence in the lives of those around you.

Mary's Magnificat (Luke 1: 46-55)

WEEK ONE: *My* soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me<u>blessed</u>: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

WEEK TWO: He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the <u>strength</u> of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. WEEK THREE: He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has <u>filled</u> the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

WEEK FOUR: He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he remembered his **promise** of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.

One great way to magnify the Lord is by inviting someone to worship with you at St. Pius this Christmas. Here is our schedule:

Christmas Eve Dec. 24

4pm Mass (with special SLAM for children) 6:30pm Mass (with special SLAM for children) 9pm Mass

Christmas Day Dec. 25

7:30am & 11:30am