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Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

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Christmas <u>Schedule</u>

Monday, Dec 16 Penance Svc 7:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec 24 Christmas Vigil Mass 5:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec 25 Midnight Mass 12:01 am

Wednesday, Dec 25 Christmas Morning Mass 9 am

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, Jan 1 Adoration 7:30 am Mass 8:30 am

Adoration 6:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm Dear Parishioners,

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. As we celebrate the season of Advent, we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ at Christmas. Advent is a time of hopeful waiting; a time when we answer the call of John the Baptist: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." May our prayerful observance of this season of Advent draw us nearer to our loving and merciful God.

Advent begins on Sunday, December 1st and continues through Christmas. During this time, we invite you to prepare yourself for Christmas with the Sacrament of Penance and other Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. Additional priests will be available to assist with confession during the penance service on Monday, December 16th. Father will also hear regular confessions on Saturday from 3-4 pm or by appointment.

As we enter the Advent season, people of Christ are invited to prepare your hearts and minds for the Lord. This preparation is not only external, but internal, involving a genuine change of mind and heart. We need to allow the Holy Spirit to work in us, producing the fruits of love, joy, peace, and patience. May this Advent be a profound time of spiritual preparation and renewal. Please consider inviting someone you know to attend Mass with us during this Christmas Season.

Thank all of you for your involvement in various parish ministries and programs. Thank you for your generous financial support, giving innumerable hours of your personal time, sharing your abilities and talents with St. Pius X Catholic Church.

May God Bless your home with Peace, Joy & Love. I wish you all a fruitful Advent season.

In Christ's love, Fr. Shiju Thuruthiyil OSH