ST. LEO'S ✦ ST. THOMAS

Advent & Christmas

2026–2027 LITURGICAL & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

November 29 – December 24, 2026

Advent is a season of prayerful preparation as we await the birth of Jesus Christ and look forward to His coming again.

DATE	LITURGICAL OBSERVANCE & PARISH MASS SCHEDULE
Nov. 29	**First Sunday of Advent** — We begin a new liturgical year and light the first purple candle, symbolizing hope and our anticipation of Christ's coming.
Dec. 6	**Second Sunday of Advent** — We light two purple candles and hear the call of John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Lord.
Dec. 7–8	**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** — Holy Day of Obligation **Mon, Dec. 7: St. Thomas – 7:00 PM (Confessions: 6:30–6:50 PM; Adoration: 8:00–9:00 PM) | Tue, Dec. 8: St. Leo's – 7:00 PM (Confessions: 6:30–6:50 PM; Adoration: 8:00–9:00 PM)**
Dec. 12	**Our Lady of Guadalupe:** We honor the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas.
Dec. 13	**Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday):** The rose candle is lit as we rejoice that the coming of our Savior is near.
Dec. 20	**Fourth Sunday of Advent** — We light all four candles and reflect on Mary's faith and the approaching birth of Jesus.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Parish & Deanery II Opportunities

EXTRA ADVENT CONFESSIONS

- **Sat, Nov. 28:** 6:00–6:30 pm – St. Leo's
- **Sun, Nov. 29:** 11:30 am–12:00 pm – St. Leo's
- **Wed, Dec. 2:** 6:30–8:00 pm – St. Leo's
- **Sat, Dec. 5:** 6:00–6:30 pm – St. Leo's
- **Sun, Dec. 6:** 11:30 am–12:00 pm – St. Leo's
- **Sat, Dec. 12:** 6:00–6:30 pm – St. Leo's
- **Sun, Dec. 13:** 11:30 am–12:00 pm – St. Thomas
- **Thu, Dec. 17:** 10:30–11:30 am – St. Thomas
- **Fri, Dec. 18:** 12:00–1:00 pm & 5:00–6:00 pm – St. Leo's
- **Sat, Dec. 19:** 6:00–6:30 pm – St. Leo's
- **Sun, Dec. 20:** 11:30 am–12:00 pm – St. Leo's
- **Wed, Dec. 23:** 7:00–8:00 pm – St. Leo's
- **Thu, Dec. 24:** 12:00–1:00 pm – St. Leo's

DEANERY II PENANCE SERVICES

- **Tue, Dec. 1: 7:00 pm** - St. Maurice Church, Kindred
- **Wed, Dec. 2: 7:00 pm** - St. Paul Newman Center
- **Sun, Dec. 6: 4:00 pm** - Holy Spirit Church
- **Thu, Dec. 10: 7:00 pm** - Blessed Sacrament Church
- **Thu, Dec. 10: 7:00 pm** - St. Anthony Church
- **Sun, Dec. 13: 4:00 pm** - St. Benedict Church, Horace
- **Tue, Dec. 15: 7:00 pm** - Holy Cross Church
- **Thu, Dec. 17: 7:00 pm** - Nativity Church
- **Sun, Dec. 20: 4:00 pm** - Cathedral of St. Mary
- **Mon, Dec. 21: 7:00 pm - St. Leo Church, Casselton**
- **Tue, Dec. 22: 6:30 pm** - Sts. Anne & Joachim Church

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

December 24, 2026 – January 10, 2027

DATE	FEAST & PARISH MASS SCHEDULE
Dec. 24–25	**The Nativity of the Lord:** We celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior! **Thu, Dec. 24: St. Thomas – 5:00 PM | St. Leo's – 9:30 PM • Fri, Dec. 25: St. Leo's – 10:00 AM**
Dec. 27	**Feast of the Holy Family:** We honor Jesus, Mary, and Joseph and pray for holiness, love, and unity in our families. Bring religious items you want blessed by Fr. Mulligan and place them on the table by the statue of St. Mary. **Sat, Dec. 26: St. Leo's – 5:00 PM | Sun, Dec. 27: St. Leo's 8:30 AM; St. Thomas 10:30 AM**
Dec. 31–Jan. 1	**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** — Holy Day of Obligation **Thu, Dec. 31: St. Thomas – 5:00 PM | Fri, Jan. 1: St. Leo's 10:00 AM**
Jan. 3	**The Epiphany of the Lord:** Revelation of Jesus to the nations. Chalk will be blessed and available for parishioners to take home for the traditional Epiphany house blessing. **Sat, Jan. 2: St. Leo's – 5:00 PM | Sun, Jan. 3: St. Thomas – 8:30 AM; St. Leo's – 10:30 AM**
Jan. 10	**The Baptism of the Lord:** Marks the conclusion of the Christmas season. **Sat, Jan. 9: St. Leo's – 5:00 PM | Sun, Jan. 10: St. Thomas – 8:30 AM; St. Leo's – 10:30 AM**

Come, Lord Jesus! May this Advent and Christmas season bring peace, hope, joy, and love to our parish families.