



Advent is a time of expectant waiting and hopeful anticipation before Christmas

Ways to Deepen Your Faith and Prepare Your Heart for Jesus' Coming

1. Attend Morning Mass, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:30. Pray the Rosary before Mass at 8 on Wednesday and Friday. Participate in Morning Prayer at 8:15 on Thursday.
2. Attend Tuesday Evening Mass. Dec. 13 and 20 – 7 pm.
3. Experience the closeness of Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration:
 - Sunday evening December 11 (7:30 – 8:30).
Join the Karen community in praying the Rosary at 6:45.
 - Tuesday, December 13 after 7 pm Mass (7:30 - 8:30).
4. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Individual reconciliation during all Eucharistic Adoration times and Saturday, December 17 (11 am - Noon).
5. Pray the 9 Day Novena. Members of our Colombian community invite you to experience a tradition dating from the 1700s and passed from generation to generation. The Novena is a devotion consisting of prayers said every day from December 16 to 24. The prayers tell what happened during the 9 month pregnancy of the Virgin Mary and Joseph.

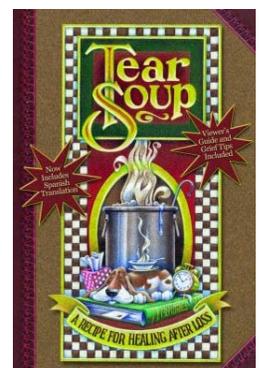
Each gathering for prayer is in the evening and lasts about 30 minutes. This is a wonderful family spiritual event. Children of all ages are most welcome.

- Friday, December 16, 6:30.
- Saturday, December 17, 6:00.
- Sunday, December 18, 7:00.
- Monday, December 19, 6:30.
- Tuesday, December 20, 6:30.
- Wednesday, December 21, 6:30.
- Thursday, December 22, 6:30.
- Friday, December 23, 6:30.
- Saturday, December 24, 6:00.



6. Watch the "Tear Soup" (a recipe for healing after loss) video. Suggestions for dealing with potentially difficult days during the holiday season. Neither live-action or animated, the Tear Soup video uses the beautiful illustrations from the award-winning book to vividly retell the story of Grandy and her loss. Choose from these viewing times:

- Monday, December 12, 2 pm (Hogan Room).
- Thursday, December 15, 7 pm (Hogan Room).

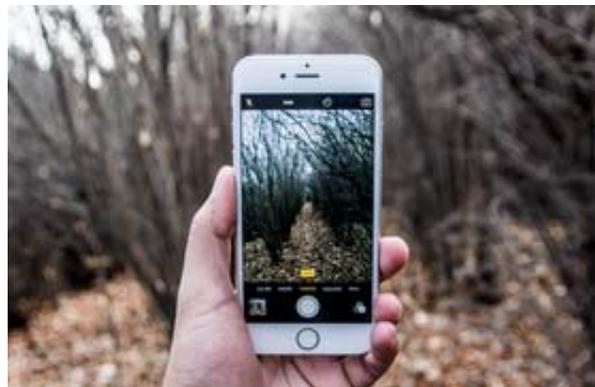


7. Take a tag from the Giving Tree and purchase a gift for a girl, boy, woman or man to be given to someone in need in our community. The key to gift choice is "Would I appreciate this gift?" Please return by Sunday, December 18.
8. Arrive at weekend mass 15 minutes before the hour for a time of quiet reflection. A slide show with reflections and thoughts will play before mass. This is a special time to help us focus on the mystery of the Eucharist and get closer to the Lord.

Advent Photo Challenge Continues

Here's how you can participate:

- Save the schedule of weekly themes and let others know you're participating in the challenge.
- Take a photo (or hey, many photos!) about **any or all** of the themes.
- **Text it to Ray at 306-536-8920 or email adventphoto@stcecregina.com before Saturday of each week.**



December 11 to 16

Joy, Warmth, Christmas card, Gingerbread, Favourite ornament.
Send before December 17.

December 18 to 23

Christmas PJs, Togetherness, Stocking, Bows, Nativity.
Send before December 24.

Dinner and Adoration

Enjoy a delicious spaghetti and meat sauce dinner with salad and garlic toast prepared and served by the youth of our parish on December 18 from 6 to 7 pm in the church hall. After dinner, pray the 9 Day Novena from 7 to 7:30 and experience the closeness of Jesus in an hour of Eucharistic Adoration also arranged by the youth until 8:30.

This is the first event organized by a newly formed team of St. Cecilia youth.

Please come out and support their effort, enthusiasm and desire to be an active part of our parish community.



**Youth are not the
Church of Tomorrow,
they are the
Young Church of Today!**