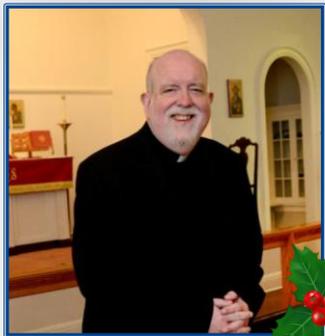


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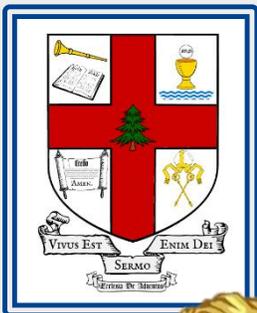
The Church of the Advent



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ADVENTures

Your upcoming events at TCOTA



Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

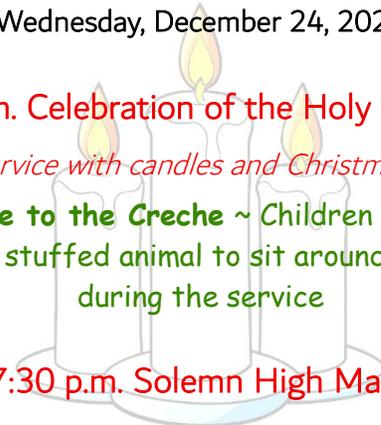
5:00 p.m. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Said Service with candles and Christmas Carols

The Animals Come to the Creche ~ Children are invited to bring their most special stuffed animal to sit around the sacred manger during the service

7:30 p.m. Solemn High Mass

Sung Service with candles, Christmas Carols and incense



Is there someone you'd like to remember this Christmas? The poinsettias adorning the church throughout the Christmas season are given in memorandum, honor, and/or celebration of someone you love!



Sign up **NOW** in the Narthex!

A suggested donation of \$30+ is much appreciated



"For unto us a child is born, a savior who is Christ the Lord!"

*The Celebration of the Epiphany is Sunday,
January 4th, 2026! A play? Kings Cake?
Crowns? See page 3 for more details!*



Sunday Mornings:

JOIN US

9:00 a.m. Solemn High Mass (with Traditional Language & incense)

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Children's Chapel is offered at both services for ages 4-10 (following the Gospel Proclamation and returning during the Offertory)

Nursery care is available during both services for children ages 0-3



Wednesdays:

6:00 p.m. *Holy Eucharist

6:45 p.m. Adult Bible Study and Youth Group (ages 11-17)

**Note: A Service of Healing followed by a light supper is held on the 1st Wednesday of each month.*

Thursdays:

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

12:45 p.m. Book Study (bagged lunches welcome!)



It's time to sign up for winter supper clubs!

Would you like to enjoy a meal while getting to know your church family a little better? **Winter Supper Club** groups will meet once in January, February and March! Get more info and sign up **NOW** on the clipboard in the Narthex! Yes- your children are welcome to join you!

A note from a fellow supper-clubber...

"When I signed up for Supper Club back in August, I had no idea how I was going to squeeze one more thing into my schedule. I am SO glad I did! I hosted our first meeting in September. I provided the main dish and the other two families brought salad and dessert. We ate, talked, laughed and just enjoyed each other's company! In October, one of the other families hosted and when we got together it was like visiting with old friends. Our third family hosted our last get-together in early November and we were all a little sad because we had become such good friends. I now know what "church family" means! When I walk into church and see one of these families, I feel connected to this church on a totally different level. I will be signing up for the next Supper Clubs and I will definitely clear my calendar to make sure I don't miss a single one!"

FRIAR TUCK'S THEOLOGY ON TAP

Attention ALL TCOTA GENTS: Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 11th @ 6:30pm - Location TBA! Enjoy a beverage while sharing in Christian fellowship!



Schedule Change

The Saints' Scrolls Society

Meets on **Sunday afternoons at 12:45 pm at TCOTA**. Next up: Readings and discussions from the book **Re-Formed Catholic Anglicanism**. Interested? **For more info** contact Robert Morabito at 845.541.5745

A very special **THANK YOU** for giving your change to the **Feed My Sheep** outreach campaign. You lovingly raised \$434.64! Numerous folks were able to have a healthy, delicious Thanksgiving meal because of YOU! "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me".





The celebration of the Epiphany ~ January 4th Also called “**Three Kings Sunday**”, this celebration follows the 12th day of Christmas- **when Christ was/is revealed to the world!**
King’s Cake will be served at both services and of course- **crowns** for everyone!

Calling all kids and youth! You are invited to participate in our **Epiphany Play** at the **11:00am service!**

There’s something for everyone: Wise Men? Angels? King Herod?

Click on the link below to sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AAFAA2CA0F94-60730177-epiphany>

Practices will take place during Children’s Chapel and begin December 7th!



Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

I’m so honored to be your youth minister here at The Church of the Advent 🏰. We have so many exciting opportunities for your children and youth to help them strengthen their relationship with Christ!

New this year is our **Epiphany play** just before the 11:00 Service on January 4th (*so our 9am youth can participate!*) We will be rehearsing during the Children’s Chapel time on Sunday mornings. Please click on the link above to sign-up for a part to play!

Please know that the Jr. & Sr. youth have been meeting on **Wednesdays from 6 to 7:45pm**. We have a small but spiritual group and **we’d like to invite others** to come join us! It is OK and understandable that you cannot make every Wednesday night. If you would like to donate snacks for the youth, we would be grateful! Please let me know via email @ Giltzow5@gmail.com

~Melissa



On **January 11 at 9am**, we will be offering **Communion Classes** for ages 7-12. This new opportunity is **not only for those planning to make their First Holy Communion**, but also for children who are **already receiving Holy Communion**, that they may grow in their understanding of the importance and wonderful gift of Holy Communion. Please let me know if you have a child interested. This session will run 3 months (12 classes).

Contact me at Giltzow5@gmail.com



Last call for **Pledge Cards!** All gifts are precious to the Lord- whether you are sharing your **time, talents, or treasure!** Your pledge helps TCOTA create a viable financial vision for 2026! All contributions are confidential and will be received **graciously!**



Don't carry a heavy heart- let our **Prayer Team**, led by Father Bill and Linda, pray over you during communion in the Narthex. Need daily prayer for yourself or someone you care about? Write your request on one of the little cards in the heart-shaped bowl in the Narthex.



The *official* TCOTA choir holds rehearsals on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:00pm for parishioners ages 8 and up! Questions? Need more info? email David @ davidlussiermusic@gmail.com

Father Michael is off on Mondays! If you have an emergency, please contact Father Bill at 910-986-6764!



Sunday, January 4th Celebration of the Epiphany- play at 11:00am!

Saturday, January 10th Events Committee Planning Meeting
10:00am~2:00pm- Feel the call? Get involved!

Sunday, February 1st, 2026 TCOTA's Annual Meeting! Lunch & childcare provided! Who should plan to attend? **YOU!**



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