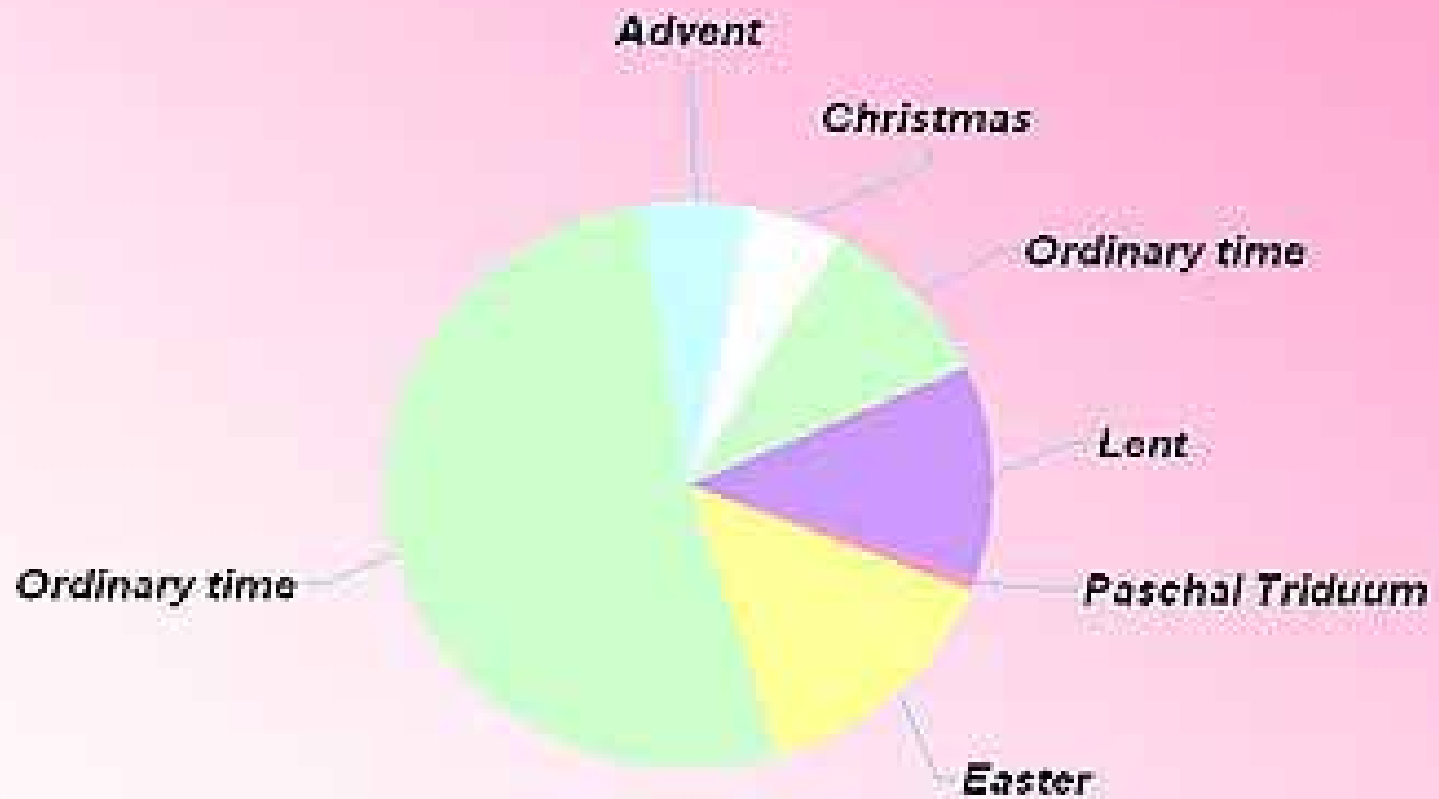


# LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND ADVENT



Our Lady of the Assumption  
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  
November 22, 2011

# Liturgical year



# COLORS of the CHURCH

- **GREEN:** Ordinary Time
- **PURPLE:** Advent, Lent,  
Sacrament of Reconciliation
- **WHITE:** Christmas, Easter, Feast Days,  
Weddings, Baptism
- **RED:** Pentecost, Palm Sunday,  
Good Friday, Martyred Saints, Confirmation
- **ROSE:** Third Sunday of Advent,  
Fourth Sunday of Lent

# ADVENT

- Advent: 4 weeks
- 1st week of Advent to December 24<sup>th</sup>
- No Gloria
- Color: **purple**



# CHRISTMAS TIME

- Christmas: 3-4 weeks
- December 24th Christmas Eve Mass to feast of the Baptism of Jesus. (Epiphany)
- Solemnity of Mary Jan 1
- Color: **white / gold**



# ORDINARY TIME

- Short, follows Baptism of Christ to Ash Wednesday (3 - 8 weeks)

- Color: **green**



# LENT

- 40 days (6 Sundays)



Ash Wednesday

to

Holy Thursday

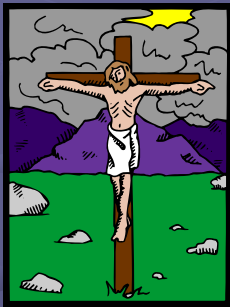


- No Gloria, no Alleluia, no bells

- Color: **purple**

# EASTER TRIDUUM

- Three days – High Holy Days
- Holy Thursday (Lord's Supper)  
color: **white**



- Good Friday (Passion of our Lord)  
Color: **red**

- Holy Saturday no color
- Easter Vigil: Sunset of Holy Saturday  
color: **white**  
Gloria, Alleluia, Bells



# EASTER



Seven weeks  
Easter Vigil to Pentecost

● Easter Colors: **white** / **gold**



Pentecost  
Color: **red**

# ORDINARY TIME

- Longest season (22 - 27 weeks)



Trinity Sunday (after Pentecost)

- to Feast of Christ the King



- Color: **green**

# SPECIAL LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

## ● Holy Days

- Mary the Mother of God: Jan 1 (Sunday)
- Ascension Thursday: May 17 (May 20)
- Assumption of Mary: Aug 15 (Wed)
- All Saints Day: Nov 1 (Thurs)
- Immaculate Conception: Dec 8 (Thurs)
- Christmas: Dec. 25 (Sunday)

Colors: **white**



# Special Feast Days

Honor: Jesus, Mary and the Saints

Date: Day the Saint died

St. Joseph: March 19

St. Francis of Assisi: Oct. 4

St. Ann and St. Joachim: July 26

St. Nicholas: Dec. 6

St. Maria Goretti: July 6



# Liturgical Cycles

## ● Lectionary

- Cycle A (Matthew)
- Cycle B (Mark)
- Cycle C (Luke)
- What about John?
- This year Cycle B  
(began 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent)



# ADVENT

- Comes from Latin “Adventus” - arrival or coming
- Prepare for the coming of Christ
- Four weeks
- Color: purple
  - Except 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday
  - “Gaudete” Sunday, color- pink/rose



# Advent Wreath

- circle
- evergreens
- four candles:
  - 3 - purple, 1 - pink



# DISCUSSION QUESTION

How do you plan to spend the season of Advent in preparation for Christmas?