



Advent Table Hostess Guidelines



Theme: ***"A Journey to Bethlehem Through the Eyes of Mary"*** – a peaceful "Bethlehem" motif with touches of evergreen, soft candlelight, and natural textures. *An afternoon of fellowship, reflection, and festive hospitality*

Event Time:

🕒 *Hostess Set-Up:* 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

👤 *Guest Arrival:* 2:00 PM

Your Role as Hostess:

You'll be decorating and preparing a table for **8 guests, including yourself**. You don't need to fill all 7 seats with people you know—any open seats will be offered to the "Marys" of the parish to join you. Be sure to place settings and prepare food for all 8 guests. This is a special opportunity to create a warm, welcoming space to celebrate the Advent season with familiar faces and possibly new friends from our SJV parish! Please let us know right away how many open seats you will have at your table.

🔧 Table Details:

- **Table size:** 72" long x 30" wide (rectangle)
- **Tablecloth/table covering suggested**
 - Use a 90" x 132" tablecloth for a full floor-length drop.
 - Or a 54" x 96" or 60" x 102" tablecloth for a shorter, more informal drop.
- **Decorate any way you like with:**
 - **Holiday decorations**
 - **Dishes & napkins** (any kind from paper plates to your best china)
 - **Flameless candles only** (no open flame)
 - **Optional:** Small name place cards at seats



Refreshments:

- Please provide an **appetizer and or dessert** for your table
(*You may prepare it yourself or coordinate with your guests*)
- There will be access to a kitchen to plug in any crock pots.

This gathering is a beautiful way to prepare our hearts and minds for the Advent season through conversation, laughter, and community.