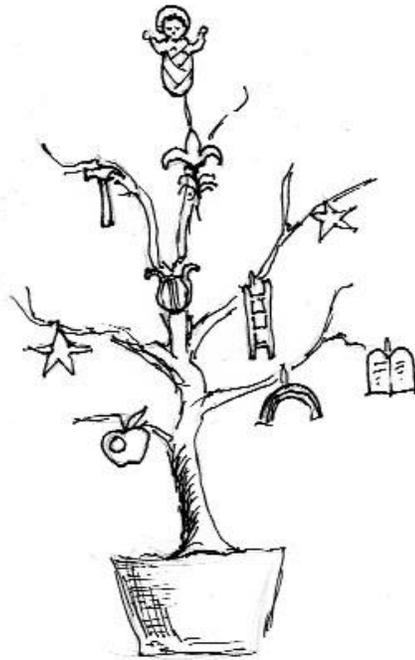


# History of the JESSE TREE



The Jesse Tree tradition, which dates back to the middle ages, is rooted in Isaiah 11:1: “A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.” Jesse was the father of David, Israel’s greatest king. And Jesus is descended from the line of David. He is the branch God promised would grow from Jesse’s family tree. Each symbol on the tree represents a story from within this family tree and a step toward the birth of Jesus.

The Jesse Tree tradition is a way of preparing for Advent by journeying through the stories on Jesus’s family tree. Each day of Advent, read a Bible story about someone on Jesus’s family tree as an ornament symbolizing the story is hung on the Jesse Tree. As we decorate our tree by the Ambo, you’ll see how God prepared for Jesus to be born through many generations. (See the reverse side for the daily ornament and Bible verse. Some days may have two ornaments).

## **Ornament & Bible Verse of the Day**

**11/28** - Blessing of the Jesse Tree - (*Psalm 96*)

**11/29** - Creation (World) - (*Genesis 1*)

**11/30** - Adam and Eve (Apple) - **Short form:** (*Genesis 3:6-7*), **Long form:** (*Genesis 3*)

**12/1** - Noah (Ark) - **Short form:** (*Genesis 7:1-5 and 8:15-17*), **Long form:** (*Genesis 6:11-8:22*)

**12/2** - Abraham (Stars) - **Short form:** (*Genesis 15:5-6*), **Long form:** (*Genesis 12:1-7 and 15:1-6*).

**12/3** - Isaac (Ram) - (*Genesis 22:1-18*)

**12/4** - Jacob (Ladder) - (*Genesis 28:10-17*)

**12/5** - Joseph (Coat) - (*Genesis 37*)

**12/6** - Moses (Tablets) - (*Exodus 20:1-17*)

**12/7** - Aaron (Hand of Blessing) - *Numbers 6:22-27*

**12/8** - Samuel (Lamp) **Short form:** (*1 Samuel 3:1-21*), **Long form:** (*1 Samuel 3:1-21, 7:3-8:22, 9:15-10:9*)

**12/9** - David (Harp) - (*1 Samuel 16*)

**12/10** - Good Shepherd (Staff) - (*Psalm 23*)

**12/11** - Solomon (Crown) - (*1 Kings 3:3-28*)

**12/12** - Elijah (Raven) - (*1 Kings 17:1-16*)

**12/13** - Isaiah (Tongs) - **Short form:** (*Isaiah 6:1-8*), **Long form:** (*Isaiah 1:10-20; 6:1-13, 9:1-7*)

**12/14** - Ezekiel (Heart) - (*Ezekiel 36:22-32*)

**12/15** - Nehemiah (Church) - **Short form:** (*Nehemiah 13:15-22*), **Long form:** (*Nehemiah 1, Nehemiah 2:1-8, and Nehemiah 13:15-22*)

**12/16** - Messiah (Dawn) - (*2 Samuel 23:2-7*);

Zechariah (Censer) - (*Luke 1:5-25*)

**12/17** - Gabriel (Angel) - (*Luke 1:26-38*)

**12/18** - New Covenant (River) - (*Ezekiel 47:1-12*)

**12/19** - Mary (Lily) - (*Song of Solomon 2:1-2*)

**12/20** - Mary (Magnificat) - (*Luke 1:39-56*)

**12/21** - John the Baptist (Font) - (*Luke 1:57-80*)

**12/22** - Joseph (Carpenter's Tools) - (*Matthew 1:18-25*)

**12/23** - The Wise Men (Star of Bethlehem) - (*Matthew 2:1-12*)

**12/24** - Baby Jesus (Manger) - (*Luke 2:1-19*)

The Jesse Tree is a gift from the Decorating Committee to Fr. Seth and our parish. (11/19/20)