

# Jesse Tree Ornament Exchange



## What is the Jesse Tree?

Isaiah 11:1 says “But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.” This sprout/bud is Jesus. The Jesse Tree, then, is an ancient custom which celebrates people and events leading up to the birth of Christ. Each day from Dec 1-24 an ornament is placed on the tree which represents a significant moment in salvation history.

## What is the Jesse Tree Ornament Exchange?

Each household involved makes 24 of the same ornament corresponding to one of the days on the calendar. I have relevant scriptures and suggestions for each day, so no need to worry about reinventing the wheel. After we receive your form Fr. Bob will email you the relevant information regarding the ornament you will be making. See the back for the people and events ornaments will be made to represent.

## THE EXCHANGE

**When:** Friday, November 30th 2018

**Time:** 7 pm

**Where:** Holy Family Center 2 & 3

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Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

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\* Please call/email Fr. Bob, place in the collection basket, or drop off at the parish office by Nov. 12th

Day 1: **Creation:**  
Symbols: sun, moon, stars, animals, earth

Day 2: **Adam and Eve:**  
Symbols: tree, man, woman

Day 3: **Fall of Man:**  
Symbols: tree, serpent, apple with bite

Day 4: **Noah:**  
Symbols: ark, animals, dove, rainbow

Day 5: **Abraham:**  
Symbols: torch, sword, mountain, three angels

Day 6: **Isaac:**  
Symbols: bundle of wood, altar, ram in bush

Day 7: **Jacob:**  
Symbols: kettle, ladder, wrestling ring

Day 8: **Joseph:**  
Symbols: bucket, well, silver coin, colored tunic, Pharaoh headdress

Day 9: **Moses:**  
Symbols: baby in basket, two tablets, staff with Snake

Day 10: **Samuel:**  
Symbols: lamp, temple

Day 11: **Jesse:**  
Symbols: crimson robe, shepherd's staff

Day 12: **David:**  
Symbols: slingshot, 6-pointed star

Day 13: **Solomon:**  
Symbols: scales of justice, temple, two babies and sword

Day 14: **Joseph:**  
Symbols: hammer, saw, chisel, angle, staff with three lilies

December 15 **Mary:**  
Symbols: lily, crown of stars, pierced heart

December 16 **John the Baptist:**  
Symbols: shell with water, river

December 17 **Jesus is Wisdom:**  
Symbols: oil lamp, open book

December 18 **Jesus is Lord:**  
Symbols: burning bush, stone tablets

December 19 **Jesus is Flower of Jesse:**  
Symbols: flower, plant with flower

December 20 **Jesus is Key of David:**  
Symbols: key, broken chains

December 21 **Jesus is the Radiant Dawn:**  
Symbols: sun rising or high in sky

December 22 **Jesus is King of the Gentiles:**  
Symbols: crown, scepter

December 23 **Jesus is Emmanuel:**  
Symbols: tablets of stone, chalice and host

December 24 **Jesus is Light of the World:**  
Symbols: candle, flame, sun

December 24 **The Nativity**  
Symbol: Ornament of the Nativity!  
(Will be provided)

\*\*\*These are just to give you an idea as to what we will be doing.

\*\*\*You may use one of the suggestions or get creative.

\*\*\*There are only 24 spots, so the households that sign up first will get first dibs on which ornament they want to make.