

## Advent; Divinity of Christ; Marian Devotion

- Advent
  - Liturgical color: purple
  - Time of year
    - End of calendar year
    - Beginning of liturgical year
    - Advent immediately precedes Christmas (just as Lent leads up to Easter)
- Divinity of Christ
  - Scripture
    - Jn 1:1
    - Jn 10:30
    - Jn 8:58
  - Nicene Creed
    - God from God / Light from Light / true God from true God
    - Begotten, not made
    - Consubstantial with the Father
    - "...and by the Holy Spirit..." (note that we are to bow at these words in the Creed when we pray the Creed at Mass – discuss why we do this, and why we actually genuflect rather than bow at Christmas and at the Annunciation)
  - Heresies against Christ's divinity
    - Definitions
      - *Incredulity* is the neglect of revealed truth or the willful refusal to assent to it
      - *Heresy* is the obstinate post-baptismal denial of some truth which must be believed with divine and Catholic faith, or it is likewise an obstinate doubt concerning the same
      - *Apostasy* is the total repudiation of the Christian faith
      - *Schism* is the refusal of submission to the Roman Pontiff or of communion with the members of the Church subject to him
    - Arianism
    - Nestorianism
    - Adoptionism
- Marian Devotion
  - Scripture
    - Lk 1:46-49
    - Lk 11:27-28
    - Jn 2:5
  - Why Marian devotion?
    - Scripture says so (e.g. the *Magnificat*)
    - Mother of God
    - Mother of the Church
    - Greatest disciple of Jesus Christ (e.g. Lk 11:27-28)
  - DISCUSSION: What are some Marian devotions?