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What is Advent?

A season of HOPE, PREPARATION, EXPECTATION & CELEBRATION



The ADVENT WREATH is a popular symbol used as the focus of prayer throughout the season

Advent is made up of four weeks and divided into two periods:

1 First Sunday of Advent until December 16

FOCUS: Christ's second coming at the end of time

2 December 17 to 24

FOCUS: Preparing for celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ



"Advent" (Latin) MEANS "a coming or arrival"

The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year

Through prayer, spiritual reading, acts of charity, and attending Mass, ADVENT helps us to expand the meaning of our lives, so that we are not ends in ourselves, but a people who seek Christ as our hopeful end and joyful fulfilment.



Advent is more than the preparation for Christ's birth. It also celebrates the three-fold coming of the Lord:

- REMEMBERING the events that surrounded the Lord's coming long ago
- CELEBRATING His coming among us today
- LOOKING forward to His final coming in glory.



Our prayer at ADVENT is one of hope and love:

*Come,
Lord
Jesus!*

CANDLES mark the steps in our Advent journey

1st Sunday of Advent

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Welcome to all those joining us this holiday weekend and a special welcome home to all of our students joining us over these few days of break! I hope that you enjoyed a beautiful celebration of Thanksgiving.

This weekend (November 26th/27th), the Church enters into a new liturgical year and celebrates the **First Sunday of Advent**. In this new liturgical year, we restart our three-year lectionary cycle and will primarily hear from the Gospel of St. Matthew. Written for a predominantly Jewish and Gentile Christian audience familiar with Jewish customs, belief, and practices, the Gospel of St. Matthew places special emphasis on Jesus as the Messiah and how He is the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies.

With the start of **Advent**, our readings, though beginning a new lectionary cycle, will continue the apocalyptic theme of the past few weekends. This **season of Advent** is meant to prepare us for the coming of Jesus Christ and, for the first half of the season, is focused on His second coming at the end of time. Known as the *Second Advent* or the *Parousia*, the second coming of Jesus brings about the general, or last, judgment. This differs from the particular, or personal, judgment that each of us will face at the moment of our death.

In our personal judgment, our soul will stand before the Lord and be asked that most important question by Truth Himself: **Do you love Me?** The answer will be shown by the life we have lived. In the final judgment, we will be given the chance to see how our lives have affected others, for better or for worse. In the words of Ven. Fulton Sheen: *“For when the curtain goes down on the last day, and we respond to the curtain call of judgment, we will not be asked what part we played, but how well we played the part that was assigned to us.”*

This concept of judgment, however, should not be a thing that causes fear or anxiety. For, if we live for Him now, we do not have to fear His coming again. Instead, the very thought of the *Parousia* should enkindle within the Christian soul an eager and burning desire. The expectant joy that a child has awaiting **Christmas Day** is but a slight example of the joy that a Christian should have awaiting Christ. For He will come at the end of time not only as the just judge, but also as Saviour and Redeemer to those who seek Him out.

Entering into this **Advent season**, our liturgy is meant to serve as a teaching tool for our lives. Our liturgy, in every aspect, reflects this as being a time of preparation and penance. The *Advent wreath*, prominently displayed in the Sanctuary, will silently mark the four weeks of our journey towards **Christmas Day**, reflecting the long journey of salvation history to the very birth of Christ. The Sanctuary itself will remain fairly sparse with decorations (*save for Gaudete Sunday*) to reflect the simplicity to which this season lends itself.

The *Gloria*, a hymn of praise, will not pass our lips again until **Christmas Day**. Our music itself will even be a bit simpler with moments of greater silence, which reflects the quieting of our hearts as we contemplate the coming joy of Christmas. As a part of our parish’s preparation, we will also be learning new Mass parts (*immediately prior to Mass*) that we will introduce into the liturgy on **Christmas Day**, again emphasizing **Advent** as a time of preparation.

On the altar, our altar crucifix & candlesticks made from precious metals are now replaced with simpler wooden substitutes. Our bleached beeswax candles are now unbleached, taking on a more somber color. All of this to reflect **Advent** for what it is: A season of preparation—preparing hearts for Christ.

ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIME - SATURDAY MORNINGS

In response to increased requests, we will be adding an additional weekly time for the Sacrament of Confession. Confessions, heard every Tuesday (8:30 AM to 9:00 AM), Wednesday (6:00 PM to 6:45 PM), and Saturday (4:00 PM to 4:45 PM), will also now be heard every **Saturday morning from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM** (following the 8 AM daily Mass). Note: Confession is also available every First Friday (5:00 PM to 5:45 PM) and at any time by appointment.

*-In Christ,
Fr. David*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 26

- 8:00 a.m. Special Intention
- 4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Larry Dustman + & June Gazdik +

Sunday, November 27 First Sunday of Advent

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Fr. Maurice O’Connell +

Monday, November 28

No Public Mass Tuesday, November 29

- 7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration
- 8:00 a.m. Greg Mayer +
- 8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, November 30

- 6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
- 6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession
- 7:00 p.m. Waller Booth +

Thursday, December 1

- 8:00 a.m. Robert Scheidler +

Friday, December 2

- 8:30 a.m. Gertie Wyss +
- 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Adoration
- 6:00 p.m. Mass

Saturday, December 3

- 8:00 a.m. Special Intention
- 4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Bob Butler +

Sunday, December 4 Second Sunday of Advent

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Cletus & Marie Geels Family



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday, November 28 - First Week of Advent** - Is 4:2-6/ Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday, November 29 - Advent Weekday** - Is 11:1-10/ Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday, November 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle** - Rom 10:9-18/ Mt 4:18-22
- Thursday, December 1 - Advent Weekday** - Is 26:1-6/ Mt 7:21,24-27
- Friday, December 2 - Advent Weekday** - Is 29:17-24/ Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday, December 3 - St. Francis Xavier, Priest** - Is 30:19-21,23-26/ Mt 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8
- Sunday, December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent** - Is 11:1-10/ Rom 15:4-9/ Mt 3:1-12



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Dr. Doug Phillips, Jeff Tillman, and Marj Pogue.



Join Fr. David for our next Bible Study
Monday, November 28th at 7:00 p.m.

The topic will be:
An Introduction to Typology:
Jesus as King

Bring your Bible or one will be provided for you.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION, December 2, 2022

(Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Confessions 5:00-5:45 p.m. / Mass at 6:00 p.m.

"Could you not watch one hour with me?" - Jesus

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.



Advent Parish Mission
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday,
December 5, 6 and 7
7:00-8:00 PM

KARING FOR KIDS BLESSING TREE

Please return all gifts with their tags before
Tuesday, December 6th. Remember the gifts
are **NOT** to be wrapped. Thank you for your
kindness and generosity to those in need in
our own community.



PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Nov. 26 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 27 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Nov. 27 - No Religious Education Classes (Break)
- Mon., Nov. 28 - Bible Study @ 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.
- Tues., Nov. 29 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- Tues., Nov. 29 - Children's Choir Practice @ 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- Wed., Nov. 30 - Adoration - 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Nov. 30 - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 1 - Catholicism Explained (RCIA Program) - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- Fri., Dec. 2 - First Friday Adoration - (Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m./Confession 5:00-5:45 p.m./ Mass at 6:00 p.m. (*Ad orientium*)
- Sat., Dec. 3 - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- Sat., Dec. 3 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 4 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Dec. 4 - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Mon., Dec. 5 - Advent Parish Mission - 7-8:00 p.m. - Speakers: Rob & Vickie Lortie
- Tues., Dec. 6 - Advent Parish Mission - 7-8:00 p.m. - Speaker: Jason Garrett
- Wed., Dec. 7 - Praise and Worship Holy Hour 6-7:00 p.m. / Confessions 6-6:45 p.m. / Advent Parish Mission Vigil Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast day (A Holy Day of Obligation) - Masses 7:00 a.m. / Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Weekend of December 3/4, 2022



5:00 Mike Morrissey
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Jay Crisp/ Adult Choir



5:00 Bruce Holland
7:30 Sarah McCorkle
10:00 Dan Geimer



5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Volunteers
10:00 Volunteers



5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Spencer McCorkle, Phillip/James Mayer
10:00 Charlie Andrews, Sam Smith, Luke Miller

**St. Joseph Parish Finance Report
for the Weekend of November 19/20**

Adult Envelopes- \$2,914.00

Child Envelopes- \$0

Loose- \$96.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$436.46

Memorial Candle Donations-
\$20.00

Votive Candles- \$120.80

Total- \$3,587.26

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$3,325.56 behind our
budget for the month of November.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$976.00

*Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish
are greatly appreciated.
Thank you!*

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CALLING ALL BAKERS!

The High School Youth Group,
and any 7th or 8th Grader who
would like service hours, will
be baking cookies on Saturday,
December 3rd after morning
Mass until 1:00 PM.



All the cookies baked will be given to Grace & Mercy
Transitional Housing to help with their Annual Cookie Walk on
December 10th. We will have the ingredients and recipes
ready all we need is YOU! Many hands make light work!

Pizza will be served for lunch!

Come and help us "bake" someone happy!



Free childcare for children ages 3-10
Lunch provided * Sign up by December 4th

Parents Day Out

Saturday, December 10th * 9am-1pm



Wednesday, December 7

Praise & Worship Holy Hour

6:00-7:00 PM

(Confession 5-5:45 PM)

Immaculate Conception

Vigil Mass at 7:00 PM

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

Masses at 7 AM, Noon, & 7 PM



ST. JOSEPH ADVENT SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday - 8 AM
Wednesday - 7 PM
Friday - 8:30 AM
First Friday - 6 PM (Ad Orientum)

CONFESSION

Tuesdays - 8:30-9 AM
Wednesdays - 6-6:45 PM
Saturdays - 8:30-9 AM & 4-4:45 PM
First Fridays - 5-5:45 PM
First Saturdays - 8:30-9 AM
By Appointment

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT – SPECIAL EVENTS

Bible Study: An Introduction to Typology – Jesus as King
Monday, Nov. 28th at 7 PM in the Parish Social Hall
First Friday Adoration – Friday, Dec. 2nd from 9 AM – 6 PM
First Friday Mass Times – 8:30 AM and 6 PM (*Ad orientum*)

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT – SPECIAL EVENTS

Advent Parish Mission – Monday, Dec. 5th to Wednesday, Dec. 7th at 7 PM
Praise and Worship Holy Hour – Wednesday, Dec. 7th at 6:00 PM
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – A Holy Day of Obligation
Wednesday, Dec. 7th Vigil Mass (as a part of Parish Mission) – 7:00 PM
Thursday, December 8th – Masses at 7:00 AM, Noon, and 7:00 PM

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT – SPECIAL EVENTS


Shema Culture “Worship Night and Mass” – Wednesday, Dec. 14th at 6 PM
An Introduction to *Lectio Divina* – Thursday, Dec. 15th at 7 PM

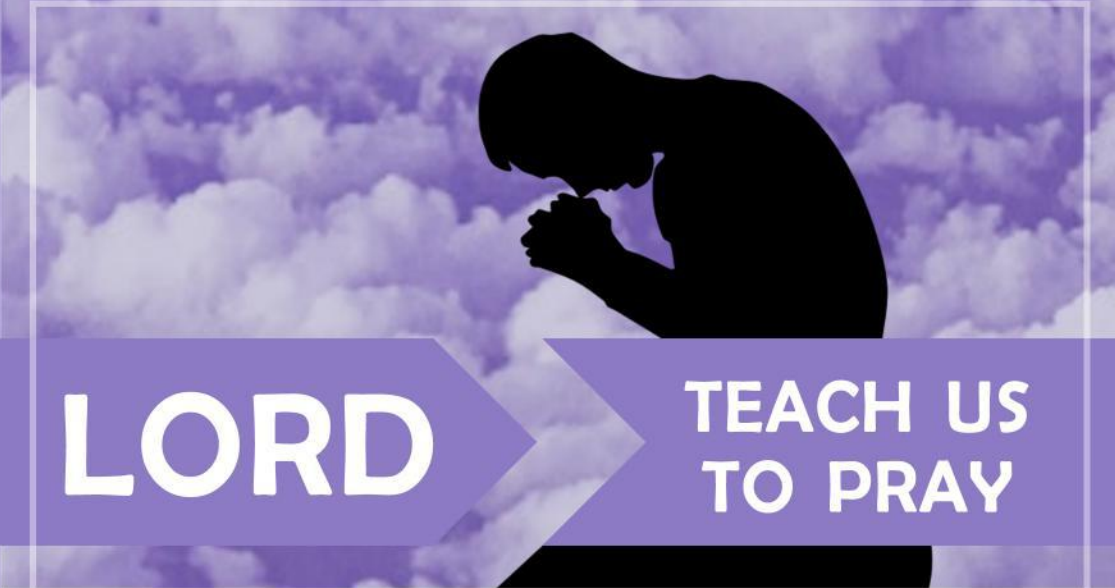
FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT – SPECIAL EVENTS

Advent Penance Service – Wednesday, Dec. 21st from 6:00-7:00 PM
Family Movie Night – Thursday, Dec. 22nd at 7 PM in the Parish Gym

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM with the Children’s Choir
Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 6:00 PM with the Adult Choir
Sing Christmas Carols with the Adult Choir at 5:30 PM
Christmas Day Midnight Mass at 12:00 AM by Candlelight
Christmas Day Mass at Dawn at 9:00 AM
Christmas Brunch after Mass. Contact Parish Office if staying for Brunch.





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**TEACH US
TO PRAY**

ADVENT MISSION

MONDAY, DEC. 5TH

ROB & VICKIE LORTIE - 7 PM

Parishioners of St. Louis Besancon, Rob will be ordained a permanent deacon in January and Vickie serves as the Youth Minister at St. Jude's.



TUESDAY, DEC. 6TH

JASON GARRETT - 7 PM

A parishioner of Our Lady of Good Hope, Jason serves as both the Campus Minister and head football coach at Bishop Dwenger High School.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7TH

PRAISE AND WORSHIP HOLY HOUR - 6 PM

MASS* WITH EXTENDED HOMILY - 7 PM

*Vigil of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21ST FROM 6 PM TO 7 PM

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