



1ST SUNDAY OF Advent

December 1st, 2024

Our parish welcomes all parishioners, families and visitors this season as we celebrate the coming of Our Lord. May the joy of this Advent season be with you and your families.

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday November 30th

4 pm ** Intention of the People

Sunday December 1st

9 am + John Buttery
11 am + Thanksgiving



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14~16

Psalms 25: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second Reading: Thessalonians 3: 12~4.2

Gospel: Luke 21: 25~28, 34~36



Today we begin the season of Advent, a word which means 'the coming.' There are three comings: of Jesus's Nativity at Bethlehem, of the Lord in glory at the end of time, and of Christ's Spirit into our hearts and lives at each present moment. The readings invite us to perceive our place in the present world as something that opens us out to others. They call us to live according to the perspective of the new world to come.

The great prophet Jeremiah, in the **First Reading**, offers hope in the promise of that first coming. Through the springing up of the 'righteous branch of David' the people will dwell securely.

St Paul, writing to the Christians at Thessalonica (**Second Reading**), reminds them to be ready for that second coming of the Lord in glory. They believed this to be imminent, and being ready for it meant abounding in loving service.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus consoles his disciples ~ and us. When the signs of his coming in glory are to be seen, we can stand tall and eager for the gift of redemption, for what we are awaiting is the fullness of Christ's Spirit, already alive and active in our hearts.

Let's pray, this week, that we may find every opportunity to live as though Christ died yesterday, rose from the dead today, and is coming in glory tomorrow. Amen.

PARISH COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

This all volunteer program assists many in our local surrounding community needing support during the holiday season by providing gifts and this year we have received 5 families.

Each child is assigned 4 angels, each angel represents a gift. One for hat and mitts, one for a book, one for an article of clothing, and one for a toy. There are also angels for the parents for a gift.

Some angels have wish list suggestions on them to help with gift ideas. There is also a cost suggestion on each angel.

We ask you take an angel, fill out the tag on the back and give the tag to one of the helpers.

Please wrap your gift put the angel on the outside and **return it by December 15th**. Instead of an angel you may prefer to make a monetary donation to help with the cost of food. We thank each one of you, for your support in helping to bring joy to the families we assist.

QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS

Please make sure all ticket stubs and \$ are returned to either Lorna or Sheila BEFORE December 6th. Winning ticket will be drawn at the Christmas Dinner.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, December 7th, 2024

Presented by the Knights of Columbus

At St. Joseph's Parish Hall

Social ~ 6:00 pm

Dinner ~ 7:00 pm

Tickets \$35.00 each

Roast Beef, Salmon or Vegetarian

Tickets available after Mass from

KOC Bro. Joe Doedens (289) 395-

0736 or joedoedens613@gmail.com

Please let Joe know if you would like to "Reserve" a table.

DECORATING ST. JOSEPH'S

We are looking for elves to help decorate the church on **Saturday December 21st**

@ 9:30 am. If you can spare a few hours throughout the morning it would be much appreciated! There will be trees to decorate, wreaths to hang and window wells to adorn. Remember. . . many hands make light work.

MASS INTENTIONS

** living or + deceased.

December	Time	Mass for
Tuesday 3 rd	6:00 pm	** Good health of Natty
Wednesday 4 th	6:00 pm	+ Bienvenido Flores
Thursday 5 th	6:00 pm	** Thanksgiving
Friday 6 th	6:00 pm	** Good health of the Maier Family
Saturday 7 th	4:00 pm	** Intentions of the People
Sunday 8 th	9:00 am	+ Eugenio Scetto
	11:00 am	** Cardinal Francis Leo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, HOMEBOUND, HOSPITALIZED & FOR THOSE IN NEED

Jean Adams, Lt. (N) Anthony Adams, Angela Hoffbauer, Louise Kozolowski, Brock MacDonald, Barbara Newsome, Mary Porter, Joanne & Rick Scrannage, Ralph Slaney and all those in our local nursing homes and hospitals.

DONATIONS TO YOUR PARISH

Building Fund	\$ 70.00
Calendars, Cards, Missals	40.00
PAG for November	1,255.00
Pies & Quilt Raffle	597.00
Shepherds' Trust	160.00
Envelopes & Loose	1,225.30

We thank all who are donating ~ online & electronically. We thank you for your financial support for your churches!