

St Vincent Ferrer Catholic Community

Madison Heights, Michigan www.stvincentferrer.net

NOVEMBER 27, 2022 † FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

From the Pastor

Advent-Christmas is a season of many faces. Like most seasons, the obvious and the immediate get the most attention. Advent-Christmas is a season of grace and purpose that calls for attentive awareness and response. Obvious and immediate things are not unimportant, but they can consume time and energies that miss the most fruitful movements of grace and the presence of God. God is present and active in every season of life. Advent-Christmas is a focused season of hope, promise, faith, and anticipation in the coming of the Lord.

For those seeking the way, the truth, and the life of God given in the Lord Jesus, Advent-Christmas is the foundation of our hope in God's promise. The season is rich in signs and symbols that reveal the promise given in the Lord's birth. We are preparing to receive the gift of the Child Jesus who matures into the Divine Christ. The signs and symbols of the season point us to the nature and mission of the kind of Savior Jesus will be.

The greatest sign of the season is light. In a time of decreasing daylight, we are preparing to stand with Jesus who is the Light of the world. Jesus is the light that defeats and stands against the darkness of sin that can separate us from God. Choosing the Light and living in its wisdom, the season reflects the promise of hope that stands against the fear of a wild and wayward world. We are weak against the glossy pleasures of a world unaware and resistant to the light of God. This is a season of hope. We cannot live meaningful or purpose driven lives without hope. Problems happen, fear creeps in, temptations increase, comfort is needed, and the ways of the world are always ready to fill the need. Hope in the fidelity of God's promise sustains the light of Christ even on our darkest days.

The season holds images of new birth, a vulnerable child, a crib, swaddling clothes, and a cave as a birthing center. Each of these images reveal the nature and kind of Savior who will show us the path of our salvation. Surrender, humility, and mercy become evident signs of Divine redemption.

As a spiritual season, we are called to arouse from sleep, awake and attentive in our preparation for the Lord. This theme is evident in each of the readings today in frequent repetition. What does it mean to be awake as we prepare for the Christmas feast?

First, what is it to be unawake as a follower of Jesus who may nonetheless hope for the joy of Christmas? Unawakened or asleep implies the Lord is somewhere other than in the center of one's attention and way of life. As if God were on the shelf only attended to or called on in times of need or want. It implies a life of

sin or selfishness directed through personal interests: my way, my truth, God, Church, and faith on my terms. Such a stance is not awake to the truth of Christ and the light to which we are called.

To be awake is to center your life in Jesus and the way of the gospel. It means to be alert and ready to see and feel the grace of God around you and within you. In the awareness of this grace, you are then able to be grace and the presence of Christ for others. In our society today many opportunities are before us.

In a time of war, oppression, and poverty around the world and here at home, are we awake to the call for justice, integrity, and dignity for those who suffer? A person awake in Christ will not fail to see and in some way respond. It may be prayer, works of charity, personal donation, or simply mindful compassion.

In a time of political division, social anxiety, and a lack of civility especially across media platforms, are we awake to the call for unity in the common humanity we share? Unity is the work of the Holy Spirit, but it necessitates the minds and the hearts of active believers to make the Spirit present in the world. Every Baptized person has some capacity to bring unity and peace to environments of disorder.

In a time of overt personal concern, self-protection, and securing my own, are we awake to gratitude and generosity? All we have is a gift from God. None of us can go it alone. Gratitude heals, alerts the heart to faith and compassion, and is attentive to the works of the Lord. Generosity is a fruit of gratitude. As I have received, so am I called to share. Church giving is down, charitable giving is down, and social agencies are begging for support and volunteers. You can be a light to the world. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine...

Advent is a season of prayerful preparation that leads to action in the awareness of the Lord. I invite you, in the model of Mary as she patiently awaited the birth of Jesus, to make time for quiet prayer, reflection on Jesus and his life in you, and to consider doing so in Eucharistic adoration. Just come. If all you can do is sit, then just sit. In wordless presence, Jesus will speak to your heart. It is often what I do in my adoration before the Lord. Adoration is the perfect act of being aware of Jesus, even if you fall asleep, which I often do. Afterwards, awake or sleeping, I feel the presence and call of the Lord within me. You need the prayer, and the world needs your prayer. Jesus wants to use you to help his Kingdom come. Fully awake, give your yes to Jesus. Have a great season.

Father John Esper

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday thru Thursday

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday - 4:00pm

Sunday - 9:00am

Church doors open 1/2 hour before Mass begins

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45pm
in Adoration Chapel

Only one person allowed in chapel at a time. Persons seeking Sacrament of Reconciliation will be allowed in church to line up at 3:00pm



Live Streaming of Mass
Monday thru Thursday
8:00am and Sunday 9:00am

One hour of Adoration on
Tuesday following
8am Mass

Livestream of Rosary on Thursday following Mass

Search for St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church (in Madison Heights) on youtube to find our channel or connect via our APP or website

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

ST VINCENT FERRER PARISH OFFICE

28353 Herbert St., Madison Heights, MI 48071
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Website: www.stvincentferrer.net

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday

9am to Noon - 1:00pm to 4:30pm

Friday - 9am to Noon - Closed Saturday & Sunday

Parish Office Staff

Reverend John C. Esper, Priest in Solidum
Deborah Tourville, Business Manager/Spiritual Direction
Sheryl Brown, Parish Secretary/Bulletin
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Mary Ann Przybysz, Evangelical Charity Coordinator/
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Carl Copen, Facilities Supervisor
Alex Mototolea, Maintenance

Faith Formation Office

**Hours: Monday thru Thursday Noon-3pm or
by appointment 248-398-1743**

Matthew Zinser, Childhood Faith Formation Coordinator

**For information on Baptisms, RCIA and
Funerals contact the Parish Office 248-542-8720**



MONDAY, November 28, 2022

8:00am Mass: Donald Plotzka† req. by Bill & Mary Beth Hochstetler

TUESDAY, November 29, 2022

8:00am Mass: Jerry Gutowski† req. by Pat King

WEDNESDAY, November 30, 2022

8:00am Mass: Christopher Hudy (Special Intention) req. by Mom

THURSDAY, December 1, 2022

8:00am Mass: Larry Celmer (for health) req. by Bernadette Gutowski

SATURDAY, December 3, 2022

4:00pm Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer Jerry Gutowski† req. by Frank & Genie Balabuch Peter Conway req. by Mom

Angela Raffa† req. by Mary Ann Przybysz Joseph & Dolores Robichaud† req. by Family

SUNDAY, December 4, 2022

9:00am Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer Mary Ann Machota† req. by Trish Gadowski Precila Selga† req. by Leny Lechniak & Family Frank Haranczak† req. by Bill & Mary Beth Hochstetler Mike Higgins† req. by Corrine McCarthy Clarice Kovala† req. by Madison Heights Mad Hatters



*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF November 27, 2022

Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14;
Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-
27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt
9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

The Season of Advent

What are we really waiting for during Advent? The longstanding tradition of the Church is that the Advent season really marks not one but three comings of Christ: his coming into history two thousand years ago, his coming in glory at the end of time, and his coming into our hearts here and now. Advent starts with a focus on the future coming of Christ so that we might see the big picture. If Christmas is to make any sense at all, we have to ask the question, "What are you doing to get ready for the (final) coming of Christ?" This perspective opens us up to the sense of anticipation experienced by the Jewish people on the eve of the first coming of Christ. This Advent, we will hear John the Baptist tell them (and us) how best to prepare. He urges repentance and an examination and reform of our way of life.

Then on the Fourth Sunday, we are drawn in to the history of Jesus' arrival as the child of Joseph and Mary. Our work of spiritual preparation brings us to the point of the whole season. What good is it that Christ comes into my heart if I don't then carry that presence out into the world, just as Mary did?

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EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE



To have names of deceased loved ones included in the Christmas bulletin, memorial flower envelopes must be returned by Monday, Dec 12th.



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Pray for ...all government leaders to seek wisdom in finding a peaceful resolution to the Ukraine crisis.
 ...medical and humanitarian aid for those suffering from economic hardship and from complications caused by catastrophic weather
 ...the safety of men and women dedicated to protecting lives and freedom.
 ...the homeless, the addicted and all who are suffering physically, spiritually and emotionally
 ...all who are sick, homebound, undergoing or recovering from surgery, medical procedures, treatments or testing, and those who have made specific prayer requests.

Lord Jesus, You are the Divine Physician and Healer. To You, we lift up in prayer all who are lonely, homeless, sick or addicted; all who are unemployed or underemployed; all who are anxious or depressed and all who are suffering in any way spiritually, physically or emotionally in these difficult times. In their pain and brokenness, we ask that you bring them the comfort of your loving presence. In You, may they find strength for the day and hope for the journey. Amen

VOCATION DINNER THEATER

Saturday, Dec. 10th - 5:30pm

Join us in celebrating Fr. John's 39 years as a priest with a vocation dinner and musical performance

Menu: appetizers, country baked chicken, London broil, mostaccioli, mashed potatoes, salad, rolls, veggies, relish tray, dessert and beverages

Dinner tickets are \$25.00 per person

Tickets must be paid in advance at the Parish Office

Seating is limited.

No tickets sold at the door.

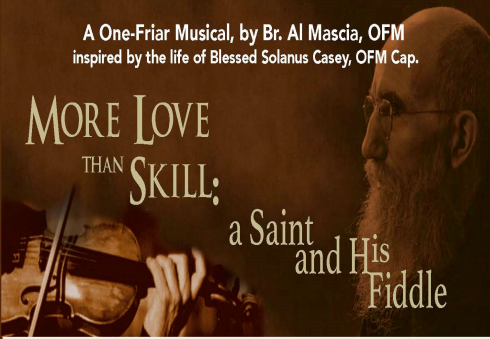
SVF will be hosting a one-friar musical about Fr. Solanus Casey - open to all

More Love than Skill: A Saint and His Fiddle

Saturday, December 10th at 7:00pm

Free Will offering - See details below

A One-Friar Musical, by Br. Al Mascia, OFM
inspired by the life of Blessed Solanus Casey, OFM Cap.



MORE LOVE THAN SKILL: a Saint and His Fiddle

St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church 28353 Herbert St. Madison Heights, MI

Blessed Solanus Casey is known for the miraculous healing powers of his prayers. But, he was also a musician! Some stories need to be sung!

ABOUT THIS EVENT

This one-man, one-act musical tells the story of Capuchin Franciscan Blessed Solanus Casey in a way he would surely approve of: through song and music!

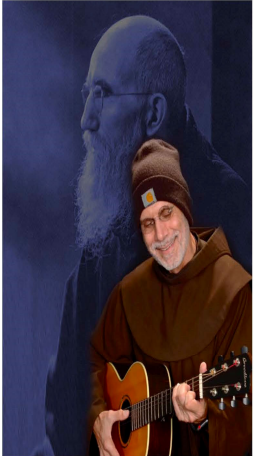
More Love than Skill: A Saint and His Fiddle is the creation of Brother Al Mascia, OFM, a Franciscan Friar from another generation. Through original music and fiddle tunes that Casey would have known and played on his violin, Br. Al tells the story of a saint whose love of playing his instrument was often belittled. Although Br. Al has been a professional musician and singer-songwriter for many years, he had never picked up a violin. That is, until now!

December 10th

More Love than Skill: A Saint and his Fiddle

December 10, 2022
7:00 PM
Following Parish Social and Supper

Doors Open to the General Public at 6:30 PM



No charge for admission (Donations welcome)

www.BrotherAl.org 313-320-0548



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VIRTUAL GIVING TREE NOV. 26 TO DEC. 11

The Giving Tree will be done virtually again this year. Find and order the requested items by going to the church website: www.stvincentferrer.net and click on the link for the Giving Tree. Items can be delivered directly to St. Vincent Ferrer Church 28353 Herbert St. Madison Heights, MI 48071. Another option is to purchase a gift card to one of the stores which the organizations have requested. Leave gift cards in the collection baskets in church or bring them to the Parish Office during business hours.

All items must be returned to the church by Dec 11th. Please allow enough shipping time for items to arrive at the Parish Office no later than December 12th.

Sanctum House

Provides housing, food, clothing, medical, dental, and psychological services to women who are victim survivors of human trafficking

Requesting: Cases of paper towels, Kleenex and toilet paper, large containers of regular ground coffee, large containers of sugar, sweetener and powdered creamer, laundry detergent and dryer sheets, gift cards to Meijer, Walmart, Target & Kroger

Jail Outreach Ministry

Serves immediate needs of inmates and their families.

Requesting: \$25 gift cards to Meijer

Mary's Children Family Center

Provides a day program with academic, social, and recreational activities to persons with brain injuries, and intellectual and developmental disabilities

Requesting: gift cards to Kroger, Gordon Foods, Meijer, Michaels, Target, Walmart and Office Max

Pope Francis Center in Detroit

Provides meals, showers, laundry services, access to doctors, dentists, lawyers and housing providers for individuals experiencing homelessness

Requesting: thick socks, men's underwear medium to XL, men's long sleeve shirts L to 3XL, pajama tops and bottoms, hand warmers, toe warmers, hair oil, Vaseline, lotion, body wipes.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
 Wednesday: St. Andrew
 Thursday: World AIDS Awareness Day
 Friday: First Friday
 Saturday: St. Francis Xavier; First Saturday

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER Advent Prayer

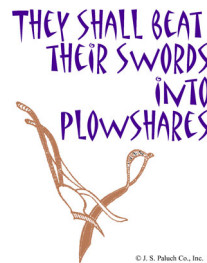
Come, Lord Jesus. O God, you are great indeed. Look upon us and reveal your glory, promised to Abraham and sent to us through David and his lineage.

Send us the warmth of your love, the light of your Word, the vision of your wisdom, and the comfort of your people. Open our hearts in welcome and grant us your salvation. Fill our minds with watchful hope and let us see your kindness.

Give us new life, the promise and joy of salvation. May the glory of your Son dwell in our land forever.

We pray: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

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DO WHAT YOU CAN

The reading from the prophet Isaiah this Sunday contains a remarkable prediction—the end of war between nations (Isaiah 2:4). While most of the good predictions of the prophets were fulfilled in Jesus, we still await the end of all wars. So why hasn't that one been fulfilled? We can look to the second reading and the Gospel for some hints.

Both readings talk about being awake and ready for our salvation (Romans 13:12) or the coming of the Son of Man (Matthew 24:39). Being awake doesn't mean consuming lots of coffee or turning the music volume all the way up. Paul calls it "putting on the Lord Jesus Christ" as a soldier would put on armor before a battle. He even mentions rivalry and jealousy as attitudes to avoid. Both of those vices have been the cause of many wars in our history. What if we not only avoided them, but also taught our children to avoid them? What if everyone eventually learned not to be jealous and hateful?

We are a long way from ending all wars. There are still people who teach hate to the poor instead of helping to feed them. There are still people who get rich selling the weapons of war. This brings us back to the first reading, in which Isaiah speaks of beating swords into plowshares. Do we have enough faith in God's love to stop building weapons and use those resources to feed the hungry or cure diseases in underprivileged countries? Until we convert everyone to following Jesus, that's not likely. The Gospel calls us to be ready. Maybe we need to be ready to share our faith. Maybe we have to be awake to any opportunity to show God's love to those around us. Are we afraid to offer to pray for someone in need? Maybe we need to put on the "armor of light," as St. Paul calls it. Instead of trying to stop all wars, could we at least show forgiveness to someone who has hurt us?

Jesus never said to do the impossible. If we can be ready to see Jesus in those around us, to show his love to those who need it, or just be patient with other people's faults and weaknesses, we may not stop all wars, but we will be prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace.

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FAITH
FORMATION



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We are beginning the season of Advent this weekend. The word Advent comes from the Latin word “adventus” which means coming. We are awaiting the coming of the Lord through His birth at Christmas, but during the first half of Advent, the Church, through the Scriptures, has us

meditate and think about the final coming of Christ at the end of time. There is an eschatological nature to the readings. (Eschatology is the study of the last things - death, judgment, heaven and hell) These readings during the first part of Advent remind us that our true homeland is Heaven, and invite us to think of eternal life. We often live our lives as if we will live forever and that death is very far away, but we do not know the day or the hour when we will be called to the Lord. This is why we have this time of Advent, not only to prepare for Christ’s coming at Christmas, but for the moment we will meet Him face to face. If you knew that your life would end in a week, would you live differently? Reflecting on the reality of death helps us to see where we may be lacking in our faith and spiritual lives. Many times in pictures and icons of the saints, you see them with a skull - it is to signify that they reflected regularly on their death and it is what helped them to convert and to see their need to lead a Christian life. Some saints even ate their meals with a skull before them to remind them that death will come so that they would be reminded of their true goal and destiny which is eternal life with the Lord.

We are invited during this time of Advent to reflect on this reality, and to meditate on it. Where are we storing up our riches/treasure? Please consider reflecting on these 2 gospel passages during this week:

Matthew 6:19-21 & Luke 12:16-21.

Matthew Zinser, DRE

SAVE THE DATE



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with our Faith Formation Students

Monday, December 19th - 6:30pm

Please join us for Christmas Carols and a reflection on Christmas with our Faith Formation students, followed by a reception with hot chocolate and cookies.

Ministry Schedule

December 3/4

Mass	Sat. 4 pm	Sun. 9 am
Sacristan	D Tourville	L Yolkiewicz
Reader #1	R Pasiak	R Grant
Reader #2	D Tourville	L Yolkiewicz
EME	R Pasiak	R Grant
	M Simmons	C McCarthy
	D Tourville	D Gray
Greeters	R Bertolini	B Gutowski
	L Collins	T Lane
	R Pasiak	D McLaughlin
	T Pasiak	M McLaughlin

Second Sunday of Advent
Lighting the Candle of Faith

“There is one God, who by his word and wisdom created all things and set them in order. His Word is our Lord Jesus Christ, who in this last age became a man among men to unite end and beginning that is, man and God.”
St. Irenaeus

Saturday, December 3, 2022

4:00pm Mass: Toni & Richard Pasiak

Sunday, December 4, 2022

9:00am Mass: Lawrence & Lori



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ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS



Pick up an Advent Reflection Booklets in the back of church today or at the parish office for a small donation. **God is Near: \$1.00 donation**
Advent & Christmas (Large Print): \$5.00 donation

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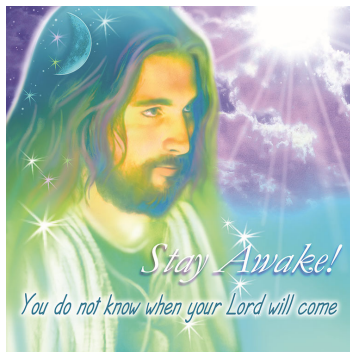
God always speaks to you when you approach him plainly and simply.

St. Catherine Labouré

19th-century French religious sister who cared for the sick and relayed Mary's request that the Miraculous Medal be commissioned

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November 28



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Have you ever been caught off guard? The first Sundays of Advent often have an ominous quality to them. Jesus reminds his listeners today about how many people who lived at the same time as Noah were caught off guard when the deluge came. Of course, we can end up being complete nervous wrecks if we spend each day in paranoia, looking for signs of impending doom. A healthy readiness is called for, one that keeps us alert so we can find signs of God's reign—soon to be made manifest in Jesus—around us. In the coming days of holiday sensate bombardment and hours that fill up with busyness, this readiness can also serve to keep us focused on the coming gift of the Messiah, God's Anointed. Now is the time to take stock, to evaluate life, to make changes where necessary, preparing for God's holy reign to come.

ON EDGE

There are numerous photographs of people who sleep on mountainside ledges, who carelessly dangle their feet into the space of geological chasms, and of course there's the iconic photograph of workers eating their lunch on a beam of the under-construction Chrysler building in New York. Some people seem attracted to these precarious, stomach-churning locations; many of us are not. More of us have had the experience of beginning a new stage in life, with the excitement and occasional stomach-churning newness of a moment that can put us a bit on edge. Advent—its first couple of Sundays in particular—has a similar role in the passage of time that we call the liturgical year. It's unlikely that the First Sunday of Advent makes many stomachs churn, but perhaps more would if we truly took it seriously that we are to make ourselves ready for the coming of the reign of God at any moment.

WALK IN THE LIGHT

When we encounter the daily news, it can seem as though Isaiah's prophecy of swords turned into plowshares is running in reverse, making despair seem wiser than hopefulness. This is where Advent as the brink of God's reign comes into play. Advent can be a time for each of us to de-weaponize, even in the smallest of ways, the world around us. Advent's days offer a chance to look for opportunities to make the world a bit more hopeful for others. As we head through Advent, the elevated focus we have when we are standing at those new moments, those new stages of life, can help us tune out the despair, so we might open our ears and hearts to Jesus. This way, we can turn our backs on gloom, and accept Isaiah's invitation to walk in the light of the Lord: Jesus Christ, the Word-made-Flesh!

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OUR FAMILY - MASS SCHEDULES

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica

2100 W. 12 Mile, Royal Oak, 48073

SATURDAY

8:30 am and 4:30 pm (livestreamed)

SUNDAY

7:30 am, 9:30 am (livestreamed), 11:30 am

4:00 pm (Spanish-livestreamed), and 6:00 pm

WEEKDAYS (*Monday - Friday*)

6:30 am (livestreamed), 8:30 am

St. Justin, St. Mary Magdalen

1631 E. Elza Hazel Park, 48030 (St J)

50 E Annabelle Ave. Hazel Park, 48030 (St MM)

SATURDAY - 4 pm - St. Justin

SUNDAY - 9 am & 11 am - St. Mary Magdalen

MON-WED & FRI- 9am - St. Justin

St. Mary

730 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, 48067

SATURDAY - 4:30 pm

SUNDAY - 9 am, 11 am

MON, TUES, THURS, FRI - 7:30 am

WED - 12:10 pm

PEOPLE OF THE LIGHT

We are called to reflect the light of God's love through the ways in which we live our lives. Imagine the impact if each of us took this call to heart, every day, at home, work, or school, in our parish, in the world. "All nations shall stream toward it," toward the love that only comes from God. Yet, we must admit that much of the time we fail to be beacons of God's light. We fall asleep, complacent, preferring to go the easy route, which often leads to darkness rather than the radiance of Christ's light. As we begin the season of Advent, Saint Paul admonishes us to throw off the works of darkness, to awaken to the call of light and love. In today's Gospel, Jesus too tells us to stay awake, to be prepared to greet the Lord of light as people of the light.

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WAIT FOR THE LORD

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, a time of waiting while we count the next 24 days until Christmas. Waiting can be hard, but it helps if we have something to think about while we wait. For each week of Advent you will see a page with statements that teach something about this season. Read each strip and answer the question or discuss the idea with your family. Color the strip and cut it out. Make a chain by taping or gluing one strip in a circle and looping the next one around it, taping or gluing it into a circle, etc. By Christmas you will have a long chain you can hang on your tree.



December 1

Advent means waiting and preparing. What can your family do together to prepare for Christmas?

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December 2

Jesus is our Light. Do you light an Advent wreath in your home every night?

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December 3

"Let us walk in the light of the LORD!" (Isaiah 2:5). How do you walk in God's light?

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December 4

"Peace be with you" (Psalm 122:8). How can you bring peace to your family, your classroom, your neighborhood?

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December 5

Make an ornament using the word *Peace*. Hang it on your Christmas tree.

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December 6

St. Nicholas Day! Place a candy cane on everyone's dinner plate, with a note promising to do a good work for each person.

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December 7

"Stay awake!" (Matthew 24:42). What do we watch for as we wait for Christmas? What will you do to help someone today?

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION Advent wreath

Long ago in northern Europe, the growing dark and winter weather in Advent forced people to remove the wheels from their carts and replace them with snow runners. The wheels were hung high in the rafters of the house, fitted out with lanterns, and wound tightly with evergreen boughs. The first wreaths were windows into heaven, a source of light, a comforting sign of the victory of the light of Christ over our world's dark wildernesses, its mountainous obstacles, its valleys of need. The Advent wreath started in the home, and only later appeared in church. Its four candles represent the four Sundays of our journey: typically three purple, one rose. Why not set a wreath in your own home as a place for Advent prayer? Don't let a shortage of purple candles discourage you: some use a deep blue, others have white candles and weave blue and purple flowers, seashells, and pine cones into the green. When the sun sets tonight, light a single candle, sing a verse of a well-loved Advent hymn, and name a mountain to be leveled, a valley to be filled.

—James Field,
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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Jesus said to his disciples, "Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming." Mt 24:42

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"You . . . must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

— Matthew 24:44

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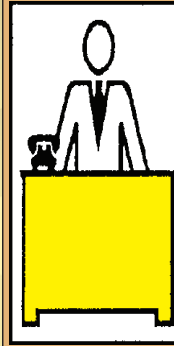
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