



Hope

Dec 3rd First Sunday of Advent

MARK'S JESUS

Mark's Gospel is the shortest and tersest of all four. The discourses of Jesus tend to be terser as well. Mark's portrayal of Jesus has none of the poetry of the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain as in Matthew or Luke, nor the extensive, reflective "I Am" discourses as in John. Mark's Jesus "cuts to the chase," we would say today. This is reflected quite well in today's passage.

It is no accident that the dialogue of Jesus at this point in the Gospel according to Mark—the concluding words about the end of the world—immediately before his passion, is riddled with exclamation points and an overall sense of urgency.

We would do well to re-tool our own way of living this Advent, for we live in a world urgently in need of hearing the message of Jesus proclaimed. It's time for us to "wake up!" and get out into the world to do it.

FEAST OF FAITH

What Is the Mass?

What is the Mass? There is no simple answer to that question. The Church uses many different images and terms to describe our most important prayer. The Mass is the celebration of the Eucharist, a Greek word that means "thanksgiving." It is the Lord's Supper. It is the Breaking of the Bread. It is the memorial of the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. It is the Holy Sacrifice, in which the sacrifice of Christ on the cross is perpetuated. It is the holy and divine liturgy, the sacred mysteries. It is the source and summit of our Christian lives, the new covenant, the work of the Holy Spirit, the paschal mystery. The many different words and images that we use when we speak of the Mass are not signs of confusion, but of wonder at what the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1328) calls the "inexhaustible richness" of the Eucharist. The Mass, our greatest prayer and our deepest mystery, is celebrated every day, many times a day, the world over. The Eucharist is both "bread from heaven" and "daily bread." The Mass is our everyday miracle.

Volunteers needed to help decorate for Christmas. We will decorate on Dec 17th after Mass please stay and help many hands make light work

Next Wednesday Dec 6th Adoration will be before Mass at 4:00 pm

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands

(Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

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 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14;
Mk 1:1-8

Angel Tree

The angels are on the tree waiting for you to choose them. All gifts are due back by Sunday, December 17th.

Advent penance is Dec 13th Mass is at 5:00 pm with the penance service following.

Friday Dec. 8th is the feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass will be at 5:00 pm

Holy day of obligation.

Dec 2023

DEC 3rd
LECTOR MARK
SERVERS LESLIE & MARINA
COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY
DEC10th
LECTOR JANET&MARINA
SERVER CARLOS & MAX
COUNTER MARY & ANN F
DEC 17
LECTOR PEGGY
SERVERS JESUS & LESLIE
COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY
DEC 24th
LECTOR JEFF
SERVER CARLOS & MAX
COUNTER MARY & ANN F
DEC 31st
Lector Beverly
Server Jesus
Counter Tom

UNWRINKLED

To keep the heart unwrinkled, to be hopeful, kindly, cheerful, reverent—that is the triumph over old age.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is at St Andrew Dec 9 th 7:00 pm

Special Collection

Retirement Fund for Religious December 10, 2023

Nov 26th 2023

Sunday collection

\$800.00

Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

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