

First Sunday in Advent

December 1st, 2024

WATCHFUL CONFIDENCE

We the Church enter into Advent and the new liturgical year with a call for a watchful confidence. Our readings were originally addressed to communities undergoing great loss and confusion. Jeremiah speaks confidently of God fulfilling the ancient promises to Israel, even during a time of foreign invasion. Paul speaks of God leading the Church into holiness, while the community longs for the coming of Jesus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus speaks of powerful signs and of great confusion to come, but emphasizes that we may look forward knowing that God brings not cause for despair, but hope. We celebrate Advent to remind each other of God's faithfulness. We are to be watchful, to see how God is stirring up our world. God disturbs both our pride and our complacency, and brings us healing and justice. We prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus, confident that God indeed fulfills all these divine promises.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Occasionally, someone raises a surprised complaint that while Christmas arrives on Santa's sleigh at the Macy's parade on Thanksgiving Day, the Church doesn't catch on too fast. They may even say that Advent is a newfangled idea. Not so. To trace its beginnings, we have to go back to the fourth or fifth century in France (then Gaul), when Epiphany was the favored day, next to Easter, for baptism. The old pagan structures of Rome were collapsing then, and many people sought to be baptized. Since adults always prepared for baptism by fasting, folks counted back a few weeks for a kind of retreat. Before too long, bishops were advising everyone to attend church frequently beginning on December 17. Soon, artists were imagining ways of expressing the Advent mystery, and in Italy this gave rise to beautiful mosaics of empty thrones awaiting the arrival of the Lord of all creation.

Advent as we know it develops on two separate tracks: the first having to do with our spiritual preparation for celebrating the Christmas feast, and the second having to do with the way this is organized and expressed in the liturgical readings and prayers every day of the season.

Second collection December 8th
for Retired Religious



I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in
the land.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalm — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God

(1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

Gospel — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Isaiah 2:1-5; Ps 106; G Matt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Isaiah 11:1-10; Ps 117; G Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday: Isaiah 25:6-10; Ps 132; G Matt 15:29-37

Thursday: Isaiah 26:1-6; Ps 118; G Matt 7:21,24-27

Friday: Isaiah 29:17-24; Ps 27; G Matt 9:27-31

Saturday: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147; G Matt 9:35

Sunday: Baruch 5:1-9; Ps 126; G Luke 3:4,6

GREATNESS

The measure of greatness is not the number of servants you have, but the number of people you serve.

.Adoration Wednesday Dec 4th
before Mass at 4:00 pm

Feast of the
Immaculate Conception of
Blessed Virgin Mary Monday
Dec. 9th at 5:00 pm

SUNDAY COLLECTION
11-24--2024
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Dec 1st	1 st Sunday of Advent
Lector	Mary
Lectors for December	
Server	Jesus
Dec 4 th	Peggy
Eucharistic M	Ann C, Anita, Jim M
Dec 11 th	Cheri
Counter	Mary & Ann
Dec 18 th	Beverly

Dec 8 th	2 nd Sunday of Advent
Lector	Janet & Marina
Server	Carlos & Max
Eucharistic M	Peggy, Tom, Beverly
Counter	Tom & Beverly

DEC 9 th	Immaculate Conception
Monday	
LECTOR	Beverly
Eucharistic M	Peggy

DEC 15 th	3 RD Sunday of Advent
Lector	P eggy
Server	Jesus
Eucharistic M	Janet, Florencia, Ann F.
Counter	Mary & Ann

DEC 22 nd	4 TH Sunday of Advent
Lector	Beverly
Server	Carlos & Max
Eucharistic M	Jim, Peggy, Anita
Counter	Tom & Beverly

DEC 25	Christmas
11:00 A M	Wednesday
Lector	Mark
Server	Jesus
Eucharistic M	Ann C., Anita, Jim
-DEC 29 TH	
Lector	Mary
Server	Max
Eucharistic M	Tom, Florencia, Janet
(Counter	Tom & Beverly)