



# Saint Patrick

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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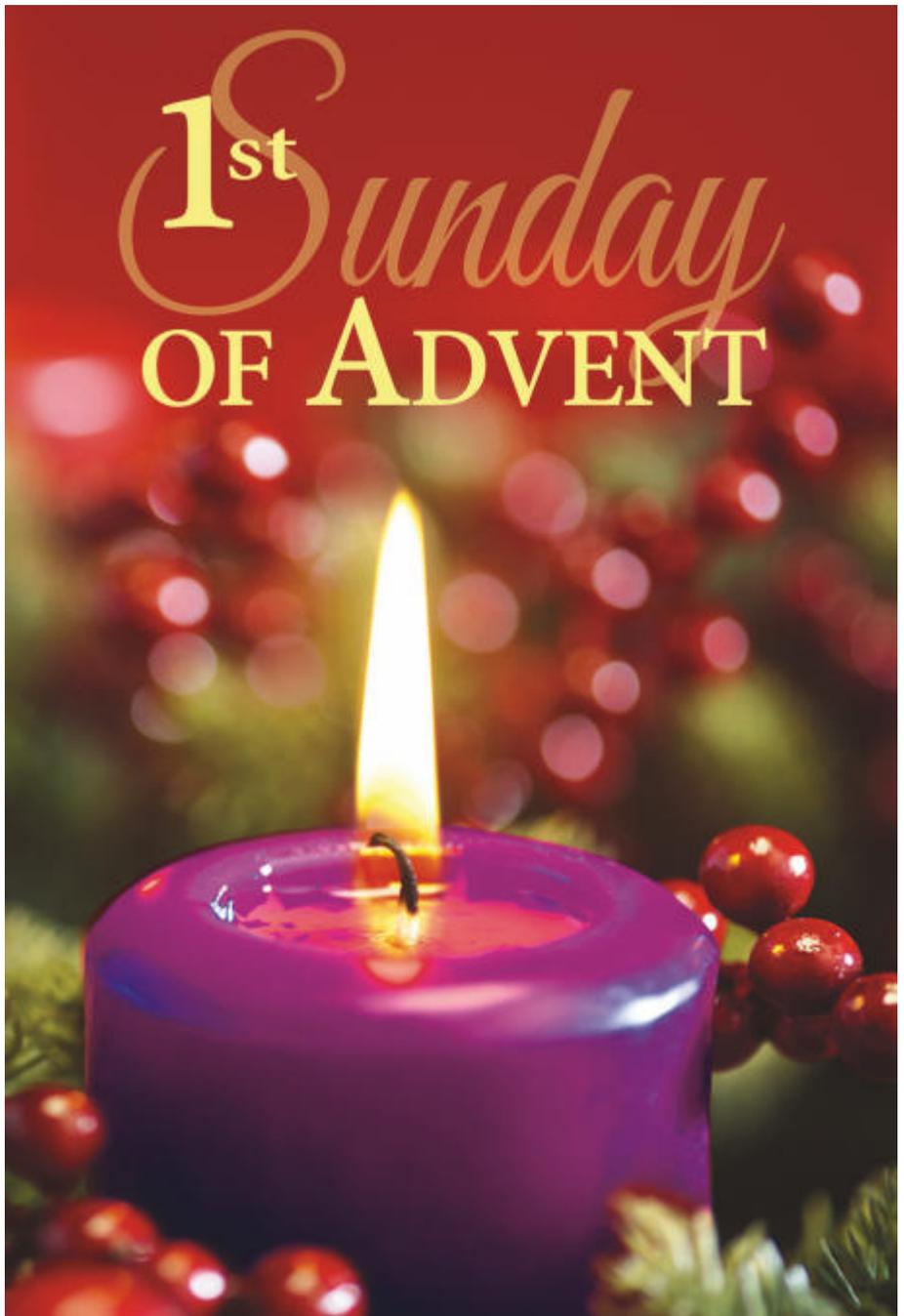
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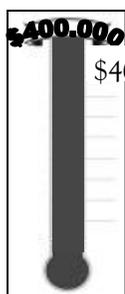
## Weekly Scripture Readings

for the Week of November 29, 2020

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37  
 Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22  
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24  
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37  
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31  
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8  
 Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



### Roof Capital Campaign 2019—2022



For the week of November 15, 2020  
 Capital Campaign Goal: \$400,000  
 Received to Date: \$349,921.32  
 Yet to Collect: \$50,078.68  
 Amount Pledged: \$409,684.99  
 Pledges Received: 220

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

### Financial Stewardship

For the week of November 15, 2020  
 Contribution Envelopes: \$10,070.36  
 Stewardship Needed: \$13,000.00

Received Fiscal Year To Date: \$215,811.32  
 Needed Fiscal Year To Date: \$260,000.00

*Remember St. Patrick in your last will and in memorials*

**WE ADORE CHRIST IN THIS PARISH.**

Please call the Parish Office to schedule  
 an hour with our Lord in  
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION.**

### ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC

**GIVING:** Remember that St. Patrick offers electronic giving as a way for you to make scheduled, automatic offerings. Electronic giving provides convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for St. Patrick Parish. Getting started is easy. Authorization forms and additional information are available by calling the Parish Office. We appreciate your donations now and throughout the year!



### Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 28  
 4:00 PM James Gibney Sr. & Florence Gibney  
 Sunday, November 29  
 8:00 AM Holli Kautzman  
 10:00 AM Lyman Beebe  
 12noon For the People  
 Tuesday, December 1  
 8:30 AM Regis & Catherine Day  
 Wednesday, December 2  
 8:30 AM Verna Mary Casey  
 Thursday, December 3  
 8:30 AM Donna Hernandez  
 Friday, December 4  
 8:30 AM Kelly Stefani & Family  
 Saturday, December 5  
 4:00 PM Daniel Jasper  
 Sunday, December 6  
 8:00 AM Kathy Smith  
 10:00 AM Deceased Members of the  
 Hoeger & Cummings Families  
 12noon For the People

### HOLY MASS WHILE SELF QUARANTINING:

Television: KWWL Ch. 7.2, Sundays at 9am:  
 EWTN 7am, 11am, 6pm, 11pm daily

Cable: ImOn Ch. 10 or 810 Sundays at 9am  
 Media Com Ch. 107 or 819 Sundays at 9am

Radio: KMMK-FM 88.7, daily at 7am. Archbishop  
 Jackels will live stream Sunday Mass at 9:00am.

We will continue to live stream via our Facebook page every weekend Mass. All Masses will be broadcast on KMMK 88.7. Our Divine Mercy Chapel is also being live streamed on our Facebook page for at home Eucharistic Adoration.

## Mass Schedule

**Weekend:** Saturday 4PM; Sunday 8AM, 10AM and 12Noon

**Weekday:** Tuesday—Friday 8:30 AM in the Church

## Eucharistic Adoration

Seven Days A Week: 9AM—9PM in the Chapel

## Sacraments

### Confessions

Weekdays: (Tuesday—Friday): 7:45—8:15 AM

Saturdays: 3:00—3:45 PM

### Baptisms

Parents must be registered in the Parish and have attended a Baptismal class. Please call the Parish Office for a schedule of classes and to schedule baptisms.

### Weddings

Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date.

## Ministry to the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office if you know of a parishioner who is homebound.

## "WALKING WITH MARY IN ADVENT" IS OUR THEME FOR THE NEXT ST. PATRICK DATE NIGHT,

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH.** We'll meet in the parish center beginning at 5:30 pm. Bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage. Table service and water will be provided. After some social time and eating, we'll watch a video presentation from Dr. Edward Sri. Child care is available on a limited basis at \$6 per child on a first-come, first serve basis. Please contact Deacon Dan Rouse at [djrouse@mechis.com](mailto:djrouse@mechis.com) if you need this service. As always, married couples of all ages are welcome. Please feel free to invite another couple!



**COVID-19 and the DERECHO** that hit Cedar Rapids on August 10, 2020 has negatively affected parish giving. One nice way for parishioners to help St. Patrick Parish who are 72 years and older is to include St. Patrick part of your required IRA distribution at the end of this calendar year. This is an excellent way to support your parish and lower your tax bill. Please consult your financial advisor for more information. We also encourage everyone to remember St. Patrick parish in your last will and estate. Building our parish endowment is important to the long-term future of St. Patrick Parish.



Join Fathers Ivan Nienhaus and Sean Smith on **PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND** October 18-26, 2021. Explore the lives of many of our modern saints, St. Faustina, St. John Paul II, & St. Maximilian Kolbe. We will visit the famous concentration camp -- Auschwitz, the famous Wieliczka salt mines, see the painting of the Black Madonna in Czestochowa, plus so much more. Includes Breakfast & Dinner each day, wine is provided with dinner. Price out of Cedar Rapids or Des Moines is \$3,699.00 per person. You can obtain a flyer in the Divine Mercy Gift Shop, or contact Mary Johnston at 319-560-5138 or [blessu45@gmail.com](mailto:blessu45@gmail.com), or [www.pilgrimages.com/johnston](http://www.pilgrimages.com/johnston)

**RCIA NEWS.** Do you wish to learn more about the Catholic faith, or have questions about becoming Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process that can prepare you to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church by celebrating the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. St. Patrick Catholic Church is going to do an abbreviated form of RCIA. RCIA will meet weekly with Fr. Nienhaus from January 8 through March 27 at 6:30 PM. RCIA candidates will be initiated into the church at the Easter Vigil Service on April 3. For details contact Fr. Nienhaus at the Parish Center.



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### PERSONAL RECONCILIATION AT ST. PATRICK

Sunday, December 20 at 7:00 PM  
Monday, December 21 at 7:00 PM  
Tuesday, December 22 at 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, December 23 at 7:00 PM

*Confessions will be heard in the Confessional across from the adoration chapel in the Parish Center and will last until all in line have been heard.*

### 2021 ADVENT COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

See next week's bulletin for the schedule

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve (Thursday, Dec. 24)  
4PM, 6PM & 8PM  
Christmas Day (Friday, Dec. 25)  
8AM, 10AM & 12noon



### THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Thursday, December 31—4PM  
Friday, January 1—9AM

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSING** at 12noon on Thursday, December 24th and **CLOSED** all day Friday, December 25th. The office will resume regular business hours on Monday, December 28th. **THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSING** at 12noon on Thursday, December 31st and **CLOSED** all day Friday, January 1st. The office will resume regular business hours on Monday, January 4th.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
will be closed Thursday, December 24th and  
resume Monday, December 28th.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
will be closed Thursday, December 31st and  
resume Monday, January 4th.

The Divine Mercy Chapel  
is *always* open  
for prayer even though  
the Blessed Sacrament  
is not exposed.

## Divine Mercy Gifts

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**November 29, 2020**  
**1st Sunday of Advent**

You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.



18 November 2020

Dear Priests

**The Governor's new proclamation**

About the only way the Governor's proclamation issued yesterday will affect the Church is limiting indoor receptions for weddings and funerals to 15 people (until 12/11/20).

The mask mandate – if you're over 2 years old, inside a public space, with people from outside your household, for more than 15 minutes – doesn't include church services.

That being said, wearing a mask in church for Mass is one of the safety measures we have freely and readily adopted out of charity and devotion to the common good.

Catholics are dispensed from the Sunday obligation until the coronavirus disappears, or there is herd immunity, or there is a safe, effective, and widely-available vaccine.

Every Pastor has the discretion to cancel Sunday Mass if he decides that, due to his own health, or because the coronavirus is raging in his area, it isn't prudent to gather people together.

The following are the pandemic-inspired safety measures that we will practice until the pandemic is over or under control:

- 1) Wear a mask (some city/county ordinances require church-goers to wear a mask).
- 2) People from different households should keep at least a 6-foot distance from others.
- 3) Holy water fonts should be emptied (offer a squirt of hand sanitizer instead).
- 4) Reusable materials (missalette, hymnals) should be removed from pews.
- 5) Avoid physical contact as much as possible (greetings, passing collection basket).
- 6) Singing should be kept to a minimum.
- 7) Liturgical ministers should be kept to a minimum, or dispensed with altogether.
- 8) Only the Host will be distributed for Communion, and in the hand.
- 9) Sanitize commonly-touched surfaces after each gathering.

Along more general lines, stay home if you are sick, wash your hands, don't touch your face, and cough into your elbow.

Archbishop Michael Jackels



**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Entrance Antiphon**

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Greeting

Penitential Act

**ALL:** I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Fr. Ivan: Glory to God in the highest,  
**ALL:** and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Prophet Isaiah

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves,

and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm:

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,  
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.  
Rouse your power,  
and come to save us.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

Once again, O LORD of hosts,  
look down from heaven, and see;  
take care of this vine,  
and protect what your right hand has planted  
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

May your help be with the man of your right hand,  
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.  
Then we will no more withdraw from you;  
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

Second Reading

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter  
to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Gospel: The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

*Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;  
he will prepare your way.*

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:*

*"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths."*

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



## Homily

### Profession of Faith

**ALL:** I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayers of the Faithful

Let us pray to the Lord . . .

**Lord, hear our prayer.**



## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts and Preparation of the Altar

**ALL:** Blessed be God for ever.

**ALL:** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right**

**and just.**

Holy, Holy, Holy

**ALL:** Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

Mystery of Faith

**The Communion Rite**

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Communion

Behold the Lamb of God,

Behold him who takes away the sins of the world,

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**ALL:** Lord, I am not worthy

that you should enter under my roof,

but only say the word

and my soul shall be healed.

Prayer after Communion



## CONCLUDING RITES

Dismissal

Distribution of Communion

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