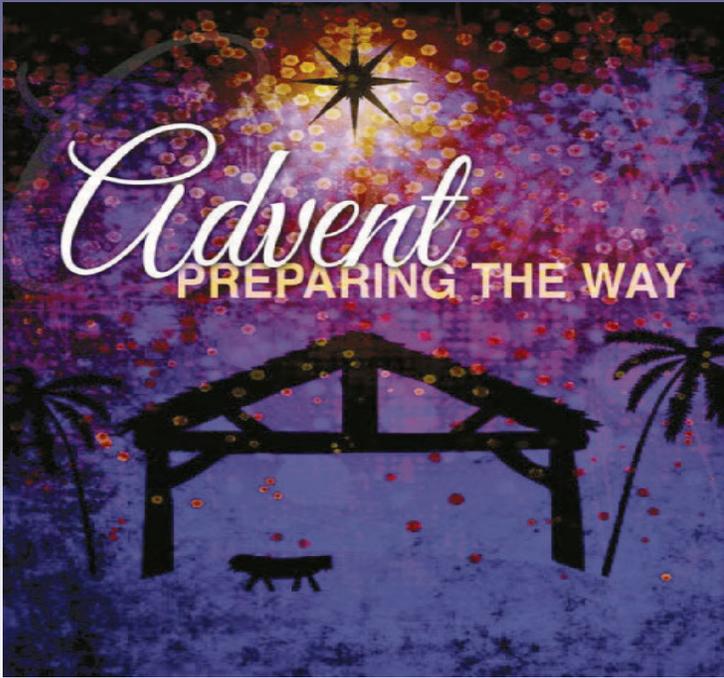


November 28, 2021 First Sunday of Advent



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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30 am—St. Pius and 10:30 am—St. Mary
Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: 9 am—St. Pius
Wednesday: 9 am—St. Mary
Thursday: 9 am—St. Anthony
Friday: 9 am—St. Pius
Saturday: 4 pm—St. Anthony



Mass Intentions Week of
11/28/21—12/04/21

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Saturday—3:30 pm—St. Anthony
or by appointment by calling
Fr. Kinney, 715-378-4431 ext 4

Visitation of the Sick

We are most eager to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us because of illness, handicap or age. If you wish to receive the sacrament please call the rectory. Please notify us of any hospitalizations so that we may be of assistance.

The Second Collection this weekend is for Haiti.

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Nov. 28, 2021: First Sunday of Advent

by Mary M. McGlone

"To you, O Lord, I lift my soul."

On this First Sunday of Advent, Catholics throughout the world are invited to sing this same psalm refrain. Do we mean it? As we prepare to celebrate the Incarnation, are we willing to dare to lift our soul, our very selves, in dialogue with God? Are we willing to look at our Earth from the divine perspective?

Often, our prayers sound like a "honey do" list telling God what should be on the divine agenda for the coming days. How often do we participate attentively in the liturgy's prayer of the faithful? (One of our sisters used to threaten to pray: "Gracious God, let the roof now fall in on our heads. Let us pray to the Lord." She wanted to know how many inattentive pew dwellers would piously reply, "Lord, hear our prayer.")

Even if we're not totally oblivious, many of us still need a good dose of Jesus' admonition, "Beware! Do not let your hearts become drowsy!" Scripture leads us to discover that prayer is like a boomerang: We launch it only to have it come back at us. When Jesus told people that their faith had saved them, he was saying that God works through us, never replacing human effort nor overriding our freedom.

Grace is a collaborative affair. Genuine prayer implies that we are ready to do our part to bring about what we ask God to accomplish. Back to the phrase, "To you, Lord, I lift my soul." If we awaken our hearts and listen to the power of these words, we might get the message that praying is supposed to lure us to boldly go where we have never gone before. Praying, "To you, Lord, I lift my soul" positions us for flight from everything trivial and egocentric.

These words proclaim our readiness to be moved beyond the wishful and limited horizon of our own concerns into a space that offers new perspectives. We have to travel beyond ourselves to understand and long for what prophets proclaim: "New days are coming!"

Jeremiah wrote the message we hear today for people who admitted that their lack of faithfulness had nearly destroyed them. They were desperate for help as they tried to reconstitute themselves after exile. Jeremiah promised that God would raise up prophets and rulers to lead them into justice.

Jesus proclaimed a similar message, assuring people that the time of their tribulation could also be the time of their salvation.

Today, Pope Francis is telling all of humanity that God still offers a new day, a time characterized by justice and reverence for Earth and all her creatures. Jeremiah, Jesus and Francis have united to prod us to lift up our soul and awaken to our moment.

Advent is the season of hope. In order to cultivate real hope, we have to admit what is wrong with our world. If we ignore our current predicament, it will control us. As they teach in 12-step programs, we are genuinely helpless until we acknowledge our helplessness. Once we admit our situation, we are on the road to recovery.

In his encyclical "*Laudato Si', on Care for Our Common Home*," Francis begs us to recognize the desperation of our Earth. He calls us to face the fact that we have compromised the intrinsic dignity of creation and have fallen into an "excessive anthropocentrism," positioning ourselves as the masters of the world, accountable to no one.

Jesus talked about paying attention to natural signs. Today, unprecedented signs in the universe prove that our situation has become desperate. The sun is more harmful than ever before, the stars are less visible, and the waters of the Earth have wreaked more destruction in a few decades than previous generations witnessed in centuries.

Francis tells us that our sister Earth is crying out, pleading with us to change course. He says, "Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last two hundred years. ... [Yet] we still lack the culture needed to confront this crisis."

As we begin the season of Advent, we are invited to hear the Scriptures in the light of the signs of our times. Francis wrote *Laudato Si'* to "help us to acknowledge the appeal, immensity and urgency of the challenge we face." The dual message of ecological catastrophe and divine promise invite us to lift our soul to the God who longs to lead us into salvation. Francis teaches that "humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home."

This first week of Advent promises that the time of salvation is at hand, if only we will dare to ask for divine help and take responsibility for our boomeranging prayer.

[St. Joseph Sr. Mary M. McGlone serves on the congregational leadership team of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.]

11/14/21	Solon	Gordon	Minong
Envelopes	\$1050	\$687.50	\$1230
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Fuel		\$9.50	\$25
All Souls/All Saints	\$20	\$15	
Building Fund	\$48	\$177.50	\$105
Haiti		\$7.50	
Candles			32.50
Total	\$1143	\$918	\$1474.50
Electronic Dona- tions (October)	\$720	\$320	\$1204.14
CSA Goals (2021/22)	\$10,655	\$6,460	\$14,026
CSA Results (as of: 11/02/21)	\$4530	\$5665	\$6595
% of Goal	43%	88%	47%

Pray For our friends and neighbors who are ill or homebound. If you know someone who should be put on or removed from this list, please call the office.

Dawn DenHartog Joseph Treb

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Virginia Bartelt Cami Marie DenHartog

What is the Advent Wreath?

Traditionally, Advent wreaths have four candles that represent the four weeks of the season. The subsequent lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope of our Lord's coming into the world at Christmas, as well as the anticipation of his second coming at the end of time.



BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen*

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- ◆ St. Pius is still in need of a cleaner. If you are interested please contact Sherie at the parish office: 715-378-4431
- ◆ There will be an Advent Fellowship event December 4 at St. Mary's, please bring a friend, a \$5 dice game, anything new or gently used that you like to donate for the Silent Auction, and a dish to share. Activities are Silent Auction, wine tasting, 50/50, dice game, and potluck. Event starts at 11 AM and continues until 3 PM. CCWM will provide ham sandwiches for the potluck. No RSVP required! ☺ ☺ ☺
- ◆ There will be an Advent Fellowship event on December 11 at St. Pius in the lower level. Please bring a friend, and a dish to share at the potluck. If you are interested, bring a prize for the children's Christmas Bingo. Making Christmas cards and the candy cane fishing will start at 11 AM. This will be followed by a potluck lunch. After lunch there will be Christmas Bingo with Prizes. The event will end at 2PM. CCWM will be generating Sloppy Joes with buns for the luncheon. No RSVP required!
- ◆ There are twenty-two Christmas totes ready to be delivered to the homebound. Bring cookies and come to St. Pius 10 AM Thursday - December 2 to fill totes and deliver them in the afternoon.
- ◆ St. Anthony's is looking for a keyboardist. St. Anthony's and St. Mary's are also in need of musicians. If you feel you would like to serve in these positions please contact Sherie at the parish office at 715-378-4431 .
- ◆ If you are interested in being a Reader/Lector please contact Fr. Kinney at the parish office: 715-378-4431
- ◆ Little Flowers Girl's Club
Catholic girl's club for all ages will have a preliminary meeting for interested families Wednesday, December 1st 5:00—7:00 pm at Solon Springs Old Village Hall. (9240 East Main Street) Contact Megan Trautman at 816-273-9739 or mbtrutman14@gmail.com with questions or for more information.

Readings for the week of November 28, 2021

- Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8
- 9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
- Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt
4:18-22
- 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: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/

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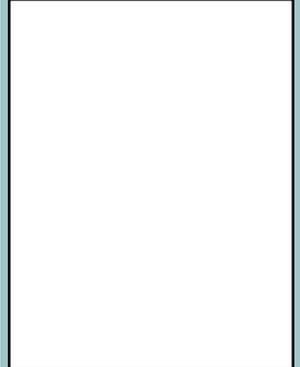
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