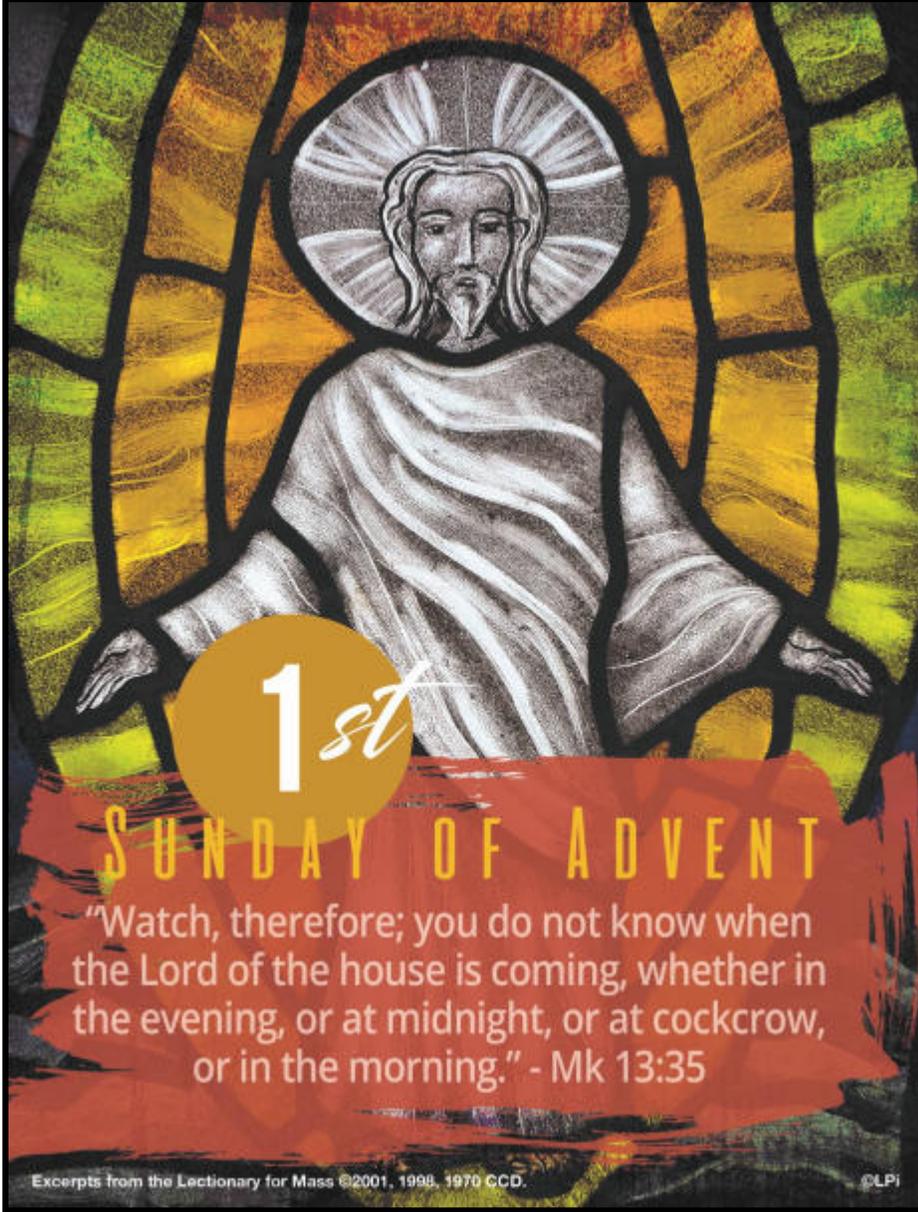




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1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning." - Mk 13:35

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CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 10:00 am—11:00 am
Thursday 7:00 am—7:45 am
Saturday 3:00 pm— 4:00 pm

MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY	WEEKEND
Tuesday 6:00 pm	Saturday 4:30 pm
Wednesday 8:00 am	Sunday 6:30 am
Thursday 8:00 am	8:00 am
Friday 8:00 am	10:30 am

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER ADAM:

As we prepare to begin a new year, I wanted to once again make a plea for all of our parishioners to please fill out our stewardship form, in order to help us in our planning process. Below is the letter that went with the first email we sent out.

One day in seminary, we were talking about church buildings and the ornamentation that goes into them, trying to wrestle with the ideas of spending money on these buildings while people go hungry. One of our professors gave a beautiful insight that has stuck with me in a very strong manner. He posed the question, (with some of the beautiful and extravagant churches from Chicago on a screen) "Who paid for these churches?" We answered, the people of God. We also added that obviously at least a few people with deep pockets helped. He agreed. A second question was posed, "Who gets to enjoy this church?" It dawned on us, that everyone gets to enjoy it. In the pews, we are all equals; we all get to hear the same Word of God and receive (if properly prepared) the same Jesus in the Eucharist. This understanding helps shed light on how we should approach stewardship. God has given each one of us different gifts: our time, talent and treasure. We need to realize they are given to us, not just for ourselves, but to be used for others. We are the Body of Christ, and as a single body we must rely on all of the parts to be able to thrive as God desires for us.

I know that this year is a little crazy, and there are uncertainties ahead, but I ask that every family spend time in prayer. Ask God to show you where He desires His gifts to be used. If God asks anything of you, He will make sure that you are taken care of. Who knows how your gifts will be able to help our brothers and sisters. You might just be the one who helps someone make it home to heaven! Please look for the email Monday, and the link to our commitment form. Thank you!

Father Adam



SAT NOVEMBER 28

4:30pm † Dcn Daniel Peterson

SUN NOVEMBER 29

6:30am People of the Parish

8:00am † Sandra Wichman

10:30am Collective Intention

TUES NOVEMBER 1

6:00pm † Dorothy Jesberg

WED DECEMBER 2

8:00am † John Smith

THURS DECEMBER 3

8:00am † Eugene G. Scherer

FRI DECEMBER 4

8:00am † Jim & Betty Carney

SAT DECEMBER 5

4:30pm † Frank Deters

SUN DECEMBER 6

6:30am People of the Parish

8:00am Monica Straub

10:30am Robert Moritz

Please contact the parish office for Mass intentions. The suggested offering is \$10 per Mass.

Parish Support

Collections for November 15, 2020

Regular Offertory

Budgeted	\$13,913
Collection	\$15,319
Difference	\$1,406

Towards Christ

Budgeted	\$2,121
Collection	\$667
Difference	-\$1,454

Budget Year to Date

Income

Budget July 1 - Nov 15	\$356,867
Actual July 1 - Nov 15	\$340,348
Difference	-\$16,519

Expenses

Budget July 1 - Nov 15	\$389,554
Actual July 1 - Nov 15	\$355,063
Difference	\$34,491

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There was NOT a winner for the week of November 15, 2020. #715 was drawn. The balance was \$595.24

PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR HOLY MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Psalm 25:1-3

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.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Confiteor (Optional)

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 in 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

KYRIE

Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy.

R: Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Christe, eleison. Christ, have mercy.

R: Christe, eleison. Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy.

R: Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at this coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom. through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

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

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

Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

LORD, MAKE US TURN TO YOU

Owen Alstott



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

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.

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.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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

Psalms 85:8

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

R.

GOSPEL

Mark 13:33-37

The Lord be with you

R: And with your Spirit

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

R: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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 men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*All bow through "became man"*) 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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Lord God, your church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin.

Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever.

R: Amen

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION & PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

R: Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

R: Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

STAND

R: 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.

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

R: And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

R: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R: It is right and just.

SANCTUS

HOLY

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

WHEN WE EAT THIS BREAD

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GREAT AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

R: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

R: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

AGNUS DEI

LAMB OF GOD

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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.

R: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

NOVEMBER 29th, 2020

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Psalm 85 (84):13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen

CONCLUDING RITES

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

JOIN FATHER ADAM - FACEBOOK LIVE 6:00PM

PARISH EVENTS

- 1 Tues- 5-5:45pm Confession
- 1 Tues- 6:00 pm Mass
- 1 Tues- 6:30 pm- Into the Deep
- 2 Wed- 8:00 am Mass
- 2 Wed- 10:00 am - 11:00 am Confession
- 2 Wed- 10:00 am - 9:00 pm Adoration
- 2 Wed- 6:30 pm- Bible Study
- 3 Thurs- 6:15 am That Man Is You!
- 3 Thurs- 7:00 am-7:45 am Confession
- 3 Thurs- 8:00am Mass
- 4 Fri- 8:00am Mass
- 4 Fri- 9-10:00am Confession
- 5 Sat- 3:00pm-4:00 pm Confession
- 5 Sat- 4:30pm Mass
- 5 Sat- 6:00pm Pints with Padre
- 6 Sun-6:30am Mass
- 6 Sun- 8am Mass (Live Stream) Must sign up
- 6 Sun-10:30am-Mass
- 6 Sun- 9:15am Formation classes Gr. 5-8
- 6 Sun- 11:30 am Youth Group



Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions but, in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Be watchful! Be alert! The core message of Advent cannot be more direct or simple. As those who are postured in a spirit of readiness and anticipation, we must always be attentive and vigilant. We have to be ready not only for the anticipated arrival of our Lord, but watchful and attentive to the unexpected visit as well. While we know that the Christ is coming, we also do not know the exact time. Cultivating this expectant attitude is the purpose of this season. It is easy to grow slack, inattentive, and too self-assured. We can easily deaden ourselves to the wonder and surprise of God's presence. We get so absorbed in so many other distractions that it can seem like Christ's second coming, and even Christ's coming in time are of lesser importance. When it finally dawns on us that we have wandered far away from where we need to be, and lost our attentiveness and focus, we will wonder how this all happened. We may even try to put the onus on God and blame God for a lack of involvement or presence. We are the ones, who through our own choice, put the distance in our relationship and lost touch. Now it's time to come back and perk ourselves up a bit!



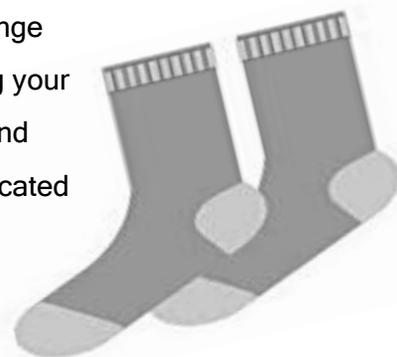
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