

# SAIN<sup>T</sup> JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 29, 2020 | First Sunday of Advent

## *First Sunday of* ADVENT



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### WEEKEND MASS

No sign up required.

#### Sunday

8:00 and 10:00 AM  
Divine Mercy Parish Hall

### WEEKDAY MASS

No sign up required.

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### CONFESSIONS

No sign up required.

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November 18, 2020

Dear Saint John Paul II Parishioners,

My prayerful greetings to you all as we begin the holy season of Advent, truly preparing the way for the coming of our Lord. This has been a challenging year for us all as we continue to battle the Corona virus and the effects that it has had on our families, our country, the world and the Church. St. John Paul II parish has been especially impacted by the shutdown of the schools in the spring whereby you had to vacate your place of worship.

With the recent announcement by Fr. Strobl of his leave of absence, you have suffered another loss with the absence of your beloved pastor as he engages in a renewal program to allow him to regain balance in his ministry and life and to be renewed and reinvigorated in his priesthood.

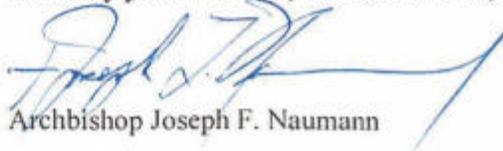
I wish to offer you my encouragement in these trying times. Out of his love for us, Christ suffered for us on the cross to save us from our sins. His sacrifice brought salvation to humanity. You too are being called upon to sacrifice at this time—to endure the absence of your beloved pastor, affording him time for prayer and renewal. I know that many of you are hurting from these recent losses and I want to assure you of my prayers during this challenging time.

Throughout history, the Church has suffered many attacks and challenges and has endured by the grace of God and the resolve and strong faith of her members. In these current challenges, we must embrace the hope afforded us by Jesus Christ and not give in to the darkness of despair or disillusionment. Even in the midst of the pandemic and the absence of Fr. Andrew, you continue to live your faith with joy, continue to celebrate the Eucharist and the sacraments as a faith family, and continue on your journey toward a deeper and more loving relationship with our Lord Jesus, supporting each other and supporting St. John Paul II Parish. Christ gives us hope, not despair. And he continually encourages us to “Be not afraid.”

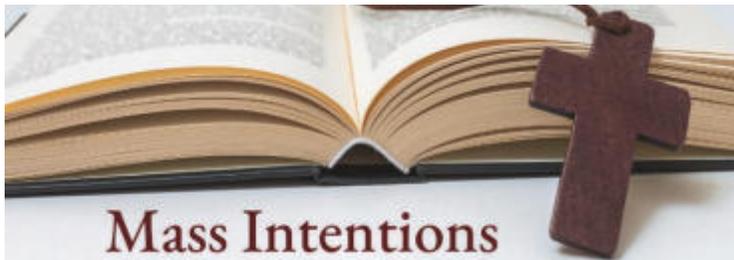
Beginning a new Parish is both an exciting and challenging experience. I am grateful to each of you for your participation in laying the foundation for this new parish family. Your efforts and generosity will impact all the future parishioners of St. John Paul II.

Your patron Saint exhorted the entire Church to be not afraid to open wide our hearts to Jesus. I asked the Lord to continue to bless your efforts to build a vibrant Parish that will bring many to know Jesus and experience His merciful love.

Sincerely yours in Jesus, the Lord of Life,



Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann



## Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY, NOV 28</b>	6:30 PM † Mary Meyer
<b>SUNDAY, NOV 29</b>	8:00 AM People of the Parish 10:00 AM Voyles Family
<b>TUESDAY, DEC 1</b>	7:00 AM Laura Ecklund
<b>WEDNESDAY, DEC 2</b>	7:00 AM † Antonio Jasso
<b>THURSDAY, DEC 3</b>	7:00 AM † Judy Peterson
<b>FRIDAY, DEC 4</b>	7:00 AM Kent Beisner
<b>SATURDAY, DEC 5</b>	6:30 PM People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY, DEC 6</b>	8:00 AM † Patricia Downey 10:00 AM † Mary Meyer

# 2021 Stewardship Commitments

We have sent the 2021 Annual Stewardship Commitment form to each St. John Paul II family.

The parish operates on your generosity of time, talent, and treasure.

We ask **ALL** families to return a commitment to our parish to support our ministries and general operations with financial support.17

**Please return your 2021 Stewardship Commitment form or complete it online at [jp2kc.org](http://jp2kc.org).**

Contact the parish office ([office@jp2kc.org](mailto:office@jp2kc.org)) if you did not receive your letter or have any questions.

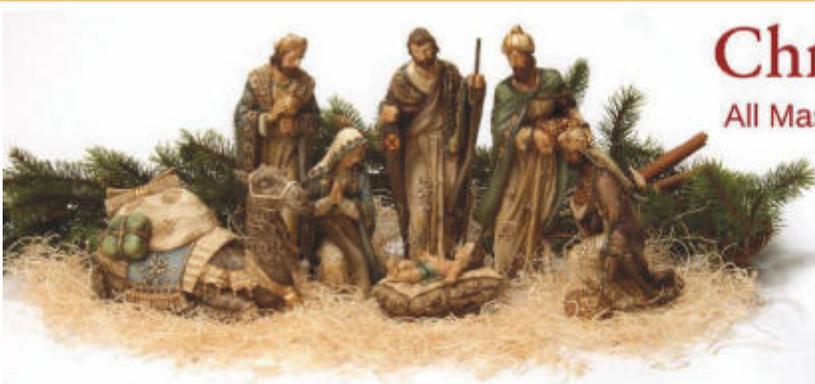
## We Need Your Support!

*Our parish depends on your donations to pay the salaries of our staff, maintain the parish office and rectory, support Catholic education, pay rental costs for our Mass locations, and purchase supplies for our liturgies, sacraments, and ministries.*

## PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT JULY-OCTOBER 2020

The following financial report was provided to the Finance Council of St. John Paul II Parish on October 17, 2020.

	OCT. 2020	JULY-OCT. 2020	NOVEMBER 2020
<b>INCOME</b>			
Ordinary Collections	\$60,348	\$271,046	
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Parish Operations	\$47,620	\$180,113	
Catholic School Subsidy	21,172	39,442	
Archdiocesan Assessments	<u>12,230</u>	<u>51,721</u>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	81,022	271,276	
<b>ORDINARY NET INCOME / LOSS</b>	<b>(\$20,674)</b>	<b>3,074</b>	
			<b>Ordinary Collections required for November</b> \$78,698
			<b>Collections through 11/15/20</b> 52,792
			<b>Additional funds needed to cover expenses</b> \$25,906



## Christmas Mass Schedule

All Masses will be held at Divine Mercy Parish Hall.

**Christmas Eve: 5:00 & 7:00 PM**

**Christmas Day: 8:00 AM**

**Sign ups are REQUIRED.**

Watch the bulletin, weekly email, website, and Facebook for the registration link.

# PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR HOLY MASS

## WE SHARE YOUR LONGING FOR MORE

Archbishop Joseph Naumann has granted a dispensation so that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is currently suspended. We look forward to the time we can all gather together again. Praying together via the internet can be edifying, but it has limitations. Watching Mass online is not the same as actually attending Mass, and it is not meant to be a true substitute. We pray that we will all be able to gather together soon in person. Until then, we remain united in prayer, charity, and our longing for more.

## PRAYER TO YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL

O HOLY ANGEL at my side,  
Go to Church for me,  
Kneel in my place, at Holy Mass,  
Where I desire to be.

At Offertory, in my stead,  
Take all I am and own,  
And place it as a sacrifice  
Upon the Altar Throne.

At Holy Consecration's bell,  
Adore with Seraph's love,  
My Jesus hidden in the Host,  
Come down from Heaven above.

Then pray for those I dearly love,  
And those who cause me grief,  
That Jesus' Blood may cleanse all hearts,  
And suffering souls relieve.

And when the priest Communion takes,  
Oh, bring my Lord to me,  
That His Sweet Heart may rest on mine,  
And I His temple be.

Pray that this Sacrifice Divine,  
May mankind's sins efface;  
Then bring me Jesus' blessing home,  
The pledge of every grace. Amen.

## PRAYER BEFORE MASS

*(Take time to turn your heart to the Heart of Jesus.)*

Behold, O my most loving Jesus, how far Thine exceeding love hath reached! Of Thine own Flesh and Most Precious Blood Thou hast prepared for me a divine table in order to give Thyself wholly to me. What hath impelled Thee to such transports of love? Nothing else surely save Thy most loving Heart. O adorable Heart of my Jesus, burning furnace of divine charity, receive my heart within Thy most sacred wound; to the end that in this school of love, I may learn to make a return of love to the God who hath given me such wondrous proofs of His love. Amen.

## THE MEMORARE

*(Together we renew our parish consecration to Our Blessed Mother.)*

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

## THE ORDER OF THE MASS

### 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. (Ps 25:1-3)*

### GREETING

### PENITENTIAL ACT - CONFITEOR

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, *(And, striking their breast, they say)* 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

PRIEST:	Kyrie, eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
PEOPLE:	<b>Kyrie, eleison.</b>	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
PRIEST:	Christe, eleison.	<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>
PEOPLE:	<b>Christe, eleison.</b>	<b>Christ, have mercy.</b>
PRIEST:	Kyrie, eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
PEOPLE:	<b>Kyrie, eleison.</b>	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>

### GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, 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 the 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.

### COLLECT

PRIEST: Let us pray.

*And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while.*

*Then the Priest, with hands extended, says the Collect prayer, at the end of which the people acclaim:*

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

## The 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.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19)**

℟. 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.

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. ℟.

### **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.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

℟ Alleluia, alleluia.

*Lord, show us your love; and grant us your salvation.*  
(Ps 85:8)

℟ Alleluia, alleluia.

## **GOSPEL (Mark 13:33-37)**

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!' "

## **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.

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

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

# The Liturgy of the Eucharist

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS & PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

PRIEST: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

PEOPLE: **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.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

PRIEST: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

PRIEST: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: **It is right and just.**

## PREFACE

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus)

San-ctus, San-ctus, San-ctus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sá-ba-oth. Ple-ni sunt coe-li et ter-ra gló-ri-a tu-a. Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis. Be-ne-dí-ctus qui ve-nit in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni. Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis.

TRANSLATION:

*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.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.

## GREAT AMEN

## OUR FATHER

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

PEOPLE: **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.**

PRIEST: 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.

PEOPLE: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

## LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei)

A-gnus De-i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no-bis. A-gnus De-i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no-bis. A-gnus De-i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

TRANSLATION:

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, grant us peace.

PRIEST: 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.

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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase. (Ps 85:13)*

## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*(For those not presently able to receive Holy 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.

# The Concluding Rites

## DISMISSAL

## RECESSIONAL

## PRAYER TO ST. 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.

## PERSONAL PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Receive, Lord, my entire freedom. Accept the whole of my memory, my intellect and my will. Whatever I have or possess, it was you who gave it to me; I restore it to you in full, and I surrender it completely to the guidance of your will. Give me only love of you together with your grace, and I am rich enough and ask for nothing more. Amen.

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## LIVE THE GOSPEL THIS WEEK

The word advent means "arrival" – this season provides us with an opportunity to ponder the arrival of Jesus Christ into the darkness of our sinful world: in the past, the present, and at the end of time. The words of Isaiah in the First Reading were spoken in a time when the people of Israel were facing exile as consequence for their unfaithfulness to God. In the midst of this intense grief and loss, there was still the cry of hope – that God would not abandon them forever, but would return one day to finish His work of forming His people. In many ways, our experience today parallels that of ancient Israel. We too are living in exile, longing for the return of Jesus Christ. The difference is, we have been given the Holy Spirit, who keeps us firm in hope "to the end" as we wait for the day of Christ's arrival, which may come at any time! Let us heed the words of our Lord in today's Gospel by entering fully into the Advent season. Let us put away every distraction so that we may stay alert and ready for His coming.

## WEEKLY CHALLENGE

This year, let us resist the urge to skip over Advent in the rush to celebrate the joys of Christmas. Instead, let us make a renewed effort to observe the spirit of this season – a time of devout preparation, penance, and quiet reflection. Consider making a small daily sacrifice like you would during the season of Lent – give up a food that you enjoy, or wake up a little early each day for prayer.

## FAMILY MEALTIME QUESTION

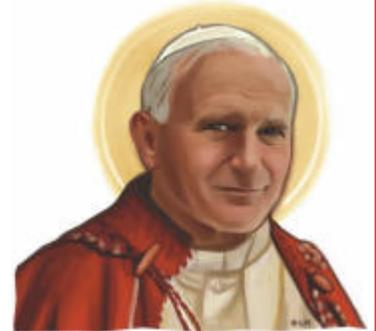
What do you think it means to be watchful and alert to the Lord's coming? How would you prepare yourself if you knew Jesus was coming to your house for dinner tonight?

## Inspiration from St. John Paul II

"With today's first Sunday of Advent, a new liturgical year begins. The Church takes up her journey again, and invites us to reflect more intensely on the mystery of Christ, a mystery that is always new and that time cannot exhaust. Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Thanks to him, the history of humanity proceeds as a pilgrimage toward the fulfillment of the Kingdom which he inaugurated with his Incarnation and victory over sin and death.

For this reason, Advent is synonymous with hope: not the vain waiting for a faceless god, but concrete and certain trust in the return of him who has already visited us, of the "Spouse" who with his blood has sealed with humanity a pact that is an eternal covenant. It is a hope that stimulates vigilance, the characteristic virtue of this special liturgical season. Vigilance in prayer, fostered by a loving expectation; vigilance in the dynamics of concrete charity, aware that the Kingdom of God comes close whenever men learn to live as brothers."

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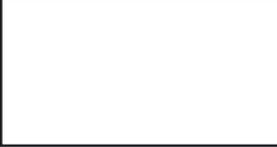
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