

Be Thankful

Tis the season for taking the time to reflect on what we're thankful for in life. Spending that time with family and friends to give thanks is what makes the holidays so special. But why should we limit it to just a few weeks in the year? Gratitude is a muscle we should strengthen year-round to make us healthier, happier individuals.

The following reflection I found a few months back and thought it appropriate to share at this time.

*Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire.
If you did, what would there be to look forward to?*

*Be thankful when you don't know something,
For it gives you the opportunity to learn.*

*Be thankful for the difficult times.
During those times you grow.*

*Be thankful for your limitations,
because they give you opportunities for improvement.*

*Be thankful for each new challenge,
because it will build your strength and character.*

*Be thankful for your mistakes.
They will teach you valuable lessons.*

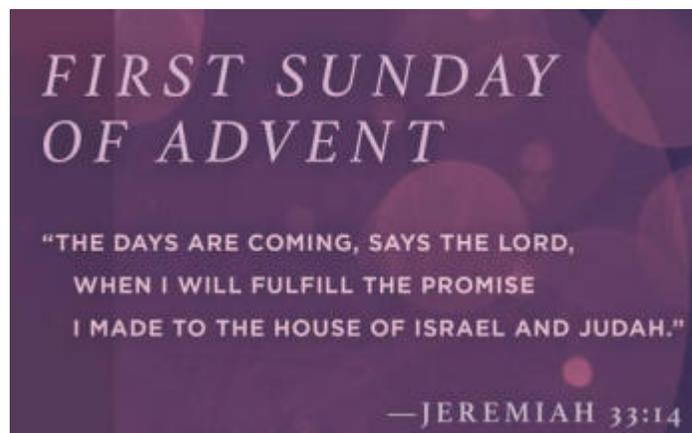
*Be thankful when you're tired and weary
because it means you've made a difference.*

It's easy to be thankful for the good things.

A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.

Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive.

*Find a way to be thankful for your troubles,
and they can become your blessings.*



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READINGS AND REFLECTION

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and by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri: 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14 - 16

Responsorial Psalm: 25: 4 - 6, 8 - 9, 10, 14

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

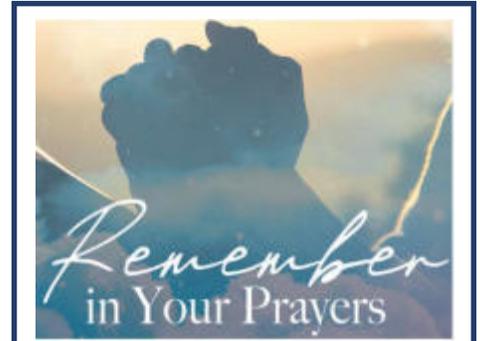
Gospel Reading: Luke 21: 25 - 28, 34 - 36

Reflection: Today's Responsorial Psalm comes from those psalms of trust to God. The psalmist shows clearly his total dependence in God. In today's psalm, we responded, "To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul." And then in verses 2 and 3, the psalmist pleads to God, "Save me from the shame of defeat; don't let my enemies gloat over me! Defeat does not come to those who trust in you, but to those who are quick to rebel against you." This Sunday, the church celebrates the First Sunday of Advent. The season of Advent is the first season of our Liturgical Year. In this season, the church recognizes and confirms that when the creation depends on itself, it falls into ditches and corruptions. That is what happened to our first parents Adam and Eve. When they remained and trusted in themselves when in the Garden of Eden, they ended up falling into the lures of the evil one. During the season of Advent, the creation is waiting for the Savior of the world to come to redeem the fallen world, to redeem it from the darkness of sin into the light of salvation and holiness of God. Psalm 25 invites the creation to center itself to God who is the alpha and omega of all what we are and all what we have. It is only God who can save us from all dangers and defeats. Today's First Reading contains the prophesy from Jeremiah in which God himself confirms that He will raise up for David the just one who will do right and just in the land. This is the savior to come. Today's Gospel Reading from Luke resembles the tone of the Gospel passage we read two weeks ago from Mark. It is the prophesy on the Second Coming of the Son of Man who will return to bring the creation to its original purpose. Jesus advises us to be "vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." In a summary manner, the Season of Advent and the entire Liturgical Year remind us that we are God's own children. It reminds of the First coming of the savior when he took flesh and came to live among us. It also reminds us of the Second Coming of the Savior who will come in his glory to bring the creation in its final judgment. As we navigate in this season, we are called to fully trust in God as we join the psalmist praying, "To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul." Yes! Amen! Fr. Severine.



MASS INTENTIONS—BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

Saturday, November 27, 5:15PM: Joanne Kammer and Marie—Family
 Sunday, November 28, 7:30AM: People of the Parish
 Sunday, November 28, 9:15AM: George and Mary Hahn—Family
 Anna and Tony Nappi—Family
 Monday, November 29, 8AM: Janet Barry—Betty and Joe Metallo
 Tuesday, November 30, 8AM: Carmella Sweeney—Joe and Gloria Berardi
 Wednesday, December 1, 8AM: Corey Stone—Cowan Family
 Thursday, December 2, 9:30AM: Francis Brady—Mrs. Hildenbrand
 Friday, December 3, 8AM: Janet M. (Spenard) Stone—Joseph and Nancy
 Medicis, Jr.
 Saturday, December 4, 5:15PM: Ethel and Walter Stone—Family
 Sunday, December 5, 7:30AM: Helen and Lawrence Haney and Dennis
 Kuss—Mary Kay and Chuck BeGell
 Sunday, December 5, 9:15AM: People of the Parish



We pray for: Elizabeth Bucher, Carl Price, Anika Johnson, Anna Ciccarelli, Kathleen Naughton, Abby, Sarah, Pat Laun, Gerard Zutant, Mike, Mary, Larry, Kimberly Penny, Karen Ballog, Shari Rustay, Ann Folger, Sonny McCarthy, Missy DiPaulo Angotti, Margie McKeon, Carolyn Armstrong, Susan Moro Campbell, Terri Close, Ann Cook, Mary Extale, John Fortino, Mary Anne Garrett, Mary Gersbacher, John Gersbacher, Elizabeth Gilbert, Mary Griffin, Mary Ingalls, Yang Juan, Cole Malone, Grace McNamara, Giavanna Regulbuto, Jean Suits, and Elizabeth Walrath.

During the month of November, we remember those whom we have known who are no longer with us, those who have touched our lives deeply and significantly in so many ways. We often think about all those special moments we shared with them over the course of time. We offer our prayers for all our family members, friends, acquaintances, as well as those who have been abandoned and forgotten. The amber candles surrounding the baptismal font will remain lit during the month of November in memory of those deceased who have been buried from Blessed Sacrament Church from November 2020 until the present. Requiescant in pace.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is back during the 9:15 a.m. Mass at Blessed Sacrament. Each week we will share readings and engaging activities that are perfect for Mass for the children. The Covid Protocols are: hand sanitizing upon entering and leaving the Chapel; sitting 3 feet apart; all in attendance must wear a mask.

Giving Options: If you are 70-1/2 or older, another alternative to a gift of cash is a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA. There is favorable tax treatment and should be an important consideration for 72 or older who want to make a gift and are also required to take an IRA distribution. Please call the Blessed Sacrament rectory at 315.437.3394 if you have questions or to notify us of your gift. Thank you!

 The Knights of Columbus Council meets the First Monday of each month in the Blessed Sacrament school cafeteria at 7PM. For more information, call (315) 395-6918.

 Hospitality and Fellowship (coffee and donut hour) is returning to Blessed Sacrament beginning Sunday, December 5th after the 9:15AM Mass in the back of church. (free will offering) This popular community gathering provides the opportunity to mingle with fellow parishioners. Confirmation students will be assisting each week. Please join us!

 **Parish Outreach and Food Pantry Christmas:** Unfortunately, due to Covid 19, our Food Pantry will not be able to give out any Christmas presents or have a Giving Tree in Church. Instead, we are asking again this year for donations of gift cards in the amount of \$10 (ten dollars) for WALMART only. After much consideration, we have decided to only ask for gift cards to Walmart because it is close by and offers a variety of merchandise for our clients. We appreciate and want to THANK YOU ahead of time for your consideration in helping us provide our clients with a little something for the Christmas season. You are welcome to drop off the gift cards in the collection basket or to the rectory until 12/6/21. Any questions, please call the Rectory, 315-437-3394. God Bless and Stay Safe, Janice, Outreach Coordinator

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MASS INTENTIONS—ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

Saturday, November 27, 4PM—Mass of Thanksgiving, req. by the James Family

Sunday, November 28, 10:30AM—Shannon Winchell, req. by Bob & Linda James

Monday, November 29, 12PM—Ernestine Lanza, req. by Pat Leet

Tuesday, November 30, 12PM—Anne Martin, req. by Jane Caltabianco

Wed'day, December 1, 12PM—Jeremiah Griffin, req. by Legion of Mary

Saturday, December 4, 4PM—Edward & Frances Herron, req. by Annmarie & Mark Kinnan

Sunday, December 5, 10:30AM—Mark Warner, req. by St. Vincent's Coffee Hour

ALTAR SERVERS: 12/4 and 12/5—4PM- Adult Servers; 9:30AM- Youth Servers

LECTORS: 12/4 and 12/5— 4PM- Sue Overton; 10:30AM - Lena Murphy

GREETERS -12/5—10:30AM - Kathy Morse

Legion of Mary will meet on Wednesday, December 1st at 12:30pm in the church hall.

As "We Wait in Joyful Hope" for the coming of Christ, consider sharing that hope and your love with others. Please take a star from the Giving Tree located in the front of the church. All gifts are to be wrapped and returned by Sunday, December 12. Don't forget to attach the star to your gifts. Gifts can be left under the tree.



We ask your prayers for the spiritual comfort and restoration of health for:

Sandra Betts, Desiree Landers, Madeline Duda, Anne Marie Drury, Roseanne Vrolyk, Catherine O'Donnell, Nora Libertone, Charles Pontius, Hannah Sloan, Linda James, Theresa Santillo, Kristen Berg (granddaughter of John and Carm Fitzgerald), Kara Horvath and Marian Brooks. Pray for the Scullen family.

Christ the King Retreat House Fund-raiser: "Matilda" at Syracuse Stage-December 12. Join us for a special matinee performance of "Matilda" at Syracuse Stage, 820 E. Genesee St. The show starts at 2 pm. Some refreshments in the lobby from 12:30 pm and take a chance on beautiful gift baskets. Tickets: \$60 per person or \$40 for under 17. If you would like to be a sponsor or contribute to our gift basket raffle, give us a call at 315-446-2680.

EVANGELIZATION PRAYER

St. Vincent de Paul, Holy patron saint of our parish, which was founded as a visible beacon to those seeking respite, solace and care, intercede in the name of those in need. Implore His divine assistance in the continuation of the mission of this church to spread His loving message, provide relief to the needy and console the troubled. Our dedicated saint, Apostle of charity, instill in us your same commitment to carry out your mission in whatever capacity the Lord instructs. Help us to be an inviting and welcoming parish open to all seeking a spiritual home and zealous in our outreach. May your caring spirit always remain in our hearts,, on our lips, and in our actions. Amen.



Please brighten the lives of those who are homebound, in nursing homes or in need by donating to the Christmas Poinsettia Outreach Program. Envelopes are available in the church pews.



Please join your parish family members and enjoy their fellowship at Coffee Hour. Thank you to all who volunteered to make it possible. We are still in need of volunteers for Donut Pick Up and to Host the Coffee Hour after the 10:30 Sunday Mass. Please call the rectory at 315-479-6689.

Our parishioners who use the WeShare envelope program find it a convenient way of giving to the church. The website is stvincentdepaulsyracuse.weshareonline.org/. Click on Give Online. If you decide to participate in the program, you will no longer have to write checks or mail your envelopes to the church. The amount you elect to give will be deducted from your bank account or credit card and will be automatically sent to the church each week. All WeShare donations will be included in your annual giving statement. may contribute. If you have any questions, please call the office at 315-469-6689.

Faith Formation classes have begun. Registration forms are still available in the back of the church.



Remember for just \$5.00 you could be the next winner. The November drawing will be Sunday, November 28. Thank you for your continued support!

EVENTS AND UPDATES

GIVING TUESDAY AND HOPE APPEAL 2021

Giving Tuesday 2021 is on November 30th. Join millions of givers on that day by remembering your diocesan Hope Appeal 2021, which continues to reach many ministerial programs throughout the diocese. In both of our parishes, we have collected about 2/3 of our assessed goal and we have about four weeks to complete our goals. Kindly for those who have not yet contributed or pledged, let's take advantage of Giving Tuesday to make our contribution/pledge to the HOPE APPEAL 2021.

A Family Perspective for the First Sunday of Advent (LK 21:25-28, 34-36)

At this time of the year we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today's gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciates the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.



Christmas Masses

Friday December 24th: 4:00PM (BSC); 5:15PM (SVC) & 7:00PM (BSC)

Saturday December 25th: 12:00AM (BSC); 9:15AM (BSC) & 10:30AM (SVC)

*Note: No Mass on Saturday evening on Christmas Day and Masses on Sunday
December 26th: 7:30AM (BSC); 9:15AM (BSC) & 10:30AM (SVC)*

Holy Hour: Every Thursday 6:00PM - 7:00PM. Blessed Sacrament Church.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays—December 1st, 8th, and 15th. "The Light is on for You" is on Monday, December 20, from 4P - 7P (the date is corrected from Wednesday, Dec. .22 to Monday, Dec. 20).

On the First Sunday of Advent, the Candle of "Hope" is lit.

We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you. Come Lord Jesus, come! Amen.



The Church has dedicated the month of November to pray for all Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Sponsoring the altar flowers at Blessed Sacrament is a beautiful way to honor loved ones or in thanksgiving for life's blessings. To make a donation for Christmas flowers, complete the below (please print clearly) and return to the rectory via the collection basket, regular mail, or deliver to the rectory (place in envelope and mark 'Christmas Flowers' with \$10 donation) by December 19. Checks may be made payable to Blessed Sacrament Altar and Rosary (note Christmas Flowers if using a check). Note: If you ordered Easter flowers, ordering Christmas flowers is optional unless desired. The Easter and Christmas flower list will be posted in the Christmas bulletin.

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