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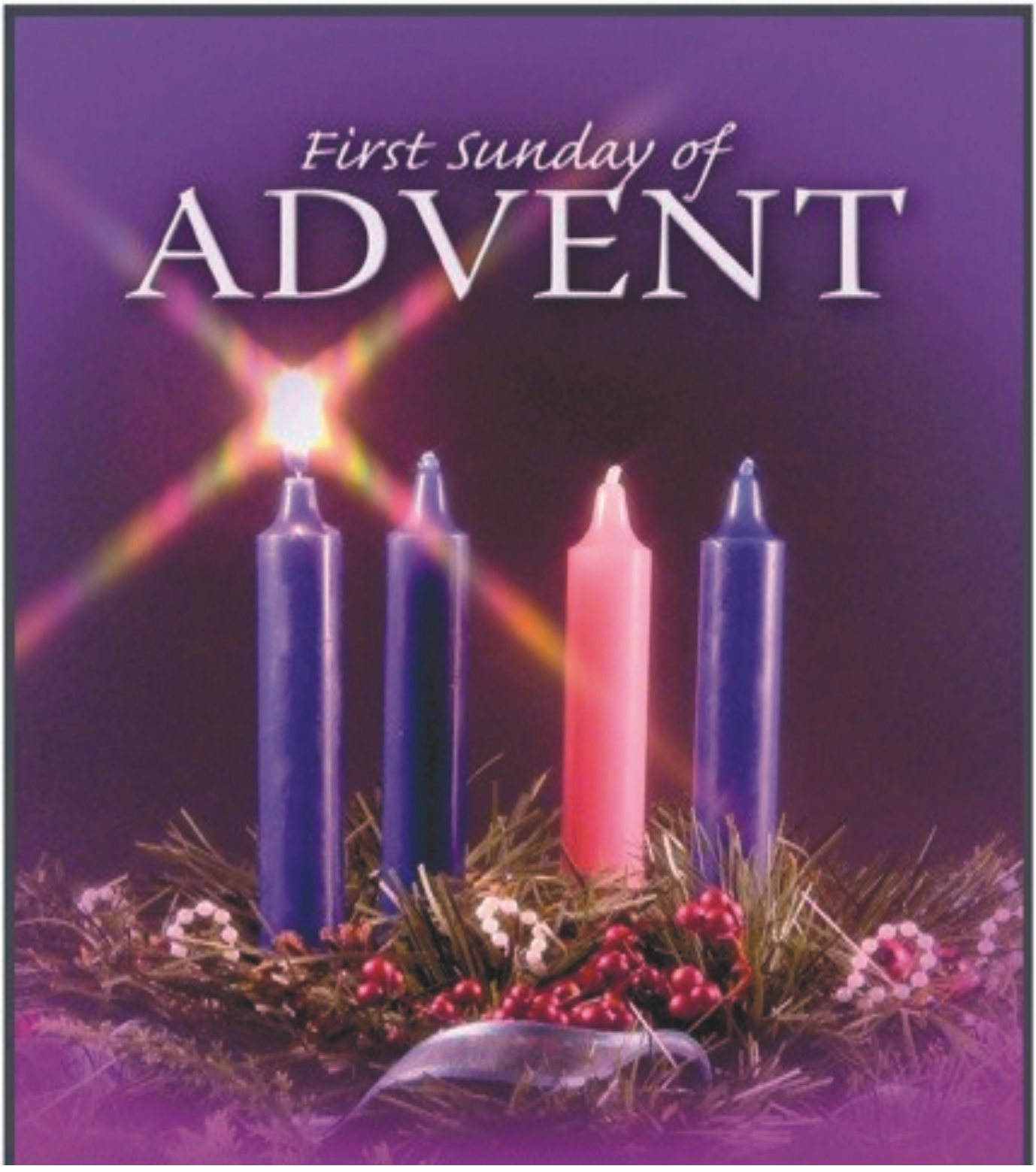
Sunday, November 28, 2021

The First Sunday of Advent



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy,

We begin our Advent season of preparation this weekend. In our gospel today, Jesus urges us not to allow our hearts to become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness or the anxieties of daily life. Rather, he says, we need to remain vigilant and pray for the strength to deal with all the trials that lay ahead of us.

Jesus did not believe or teach that the life that we are living now is just a dream from which we need to awaken. However, Jesus wanted to make us aware that we cannot just go through life blind to the spiritual reality that is an abiding aspect of our existence.

Even in this life, with all its suffering and distractions, we must be awake to the fact that there is something more than meets the eye—something that makes all the suffering and struggles in this life meaningful and purposeful.

In his preaching and in his miraculous works of healing and power, Jesus pointed toward a future that was attested to by the prophets. The Prophet Jeremiah spoke of a future time when God would raise up a descendent of King David. That descendant would restore a right order to creation. That descendent of David is Jesus, our Messiah. He announced that God's kingdom was coming into our world.

This is the reality that Jesus calls us to awaken to! God's Kingdom is breaking into our world, and we don't know when it will come in all its fulness, but it is coming, and Jesus does not want us to be caught unaware!

Let us take the advice that is given to us today to Wake up! Be more aware of God's great plan for us and make a little extra effort to grow in love. For our salvation is nearer now than it was on the day that we first came to believe!

God bless you all!

Love,
+Father Marty

SYNOD 2021-2023

On May 21, 2021, Pope Francis surprised the Church by announcing that the worldwide Synod of Bishops, postponed due to the pandemic, will be preceded by a synodal process that includes "listening to all of the baptized" in every local diocese before the bishops gather again in Rome in 2023. The word "synod" literally means "walking" or "journeying together."

The Archdiocese of Newark joined dioceses throughout the world in celebrating a special Opening Mass on Oct. 17 to launch *"Synod 2021-2023: For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission"* a two-year re-examination of the way the Catholic Church is listening to and walking with its parishioners.

Like other dioceses worldwide, the opening Mass was the Archdiocese's first significant step in participating in the worldwide "synod on synodality" initiated by Pope Francis on Oct. 10.

Next, as part of its synodal journey, the Archdiocese will coordinate listening sessions for its 212 parishes, at which Catholics will be encouraged to share their opinions on what is expected of today's Church. These sessions will be guided by universal questions for dioceses worldwide examining the perceptions of today's Catholics. Such listening sessions will take place here at Our Lady of Mercy Parish early in 2022.

For more information, visit the Archdiocese of Newark's Synod webpage **www.rcan.org/Synod2023**

the 2021 Annual Appeal

"Catholic Stewardship in Action" is the theme of this year's annual appeal that supports the programs and ministries of the Archdiocese. This year's goal for Our Lady of Mercy Parish is **$42,123.** So far donors from OLM have pledged **$63,598 (150.98%)** and **$59,404** in pledges has been redeemed. There is a 100% rebate of every dollar collected above our goal. Please continue to send in your pledges and payments.

SATURDAY MORNING MASS RETURNS

Starting this coming Saturday, December 4, we will resume celebrating a Mass on Saturday mornings at 8:30 am.

BE PART OF INVITATION WEEKEND!

HELP TO DELIVER THE GOOD NEWS!

Most of us are aware of members of our parish family who have not returned to Sunday Mass. We miss them and want them to rejoin us at the Altar of the Lord.

With this in mind, the Parish Pastoral Council has designated this weekend, November 27 & 28, as "Invitation Weekend."

Those at Sunday Mass today are asked to take a specially printed invitation and to give it to those persons they have not recently seen in church. We want them to know that our parish family is incomplete without them. You can personally give the invitation to them, mail it, or drop it by their home.

THE JUBILEE CROSS NOW AT OLM

The Jubilee Cross, marking 500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines, is now at our parish. The Cross is enshrined near the tabernacle of the church. The Jubilee Cross will be at OLM until Saturday, December 4, when it will leave the parish at the end of our 5 pm Mass. After that Mass, which will be celebrated by Bishop Studerus, there will be food and fellowship in the Maria Room. The Cross will then be brought to St. John the Evangelist Parish in Bergenfield.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Since this bulletin had to be prepared in advance because of the Thanksgiving Holiday, the collection amount for November 21 was not available. It will appear in a future bulletin.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names will be published for four consecutive weeks. To re-submit or add names, contact the parish office

Week Two

Erwin Reyes, George Carter, Josephine Luby

Week Three

Shirley Niemira**,** Elaine Staltari

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Sunday, November 28

The First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonian 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36.

THE *GIVING TREE* AT OLM

The *Giving Tree* involves people donating to those in need during the Christmas season. Many families cannot afford rent or food, and certainly not gifts. The beautiful tradition about the *Giving Tree* is that the giver does not know the receiver, and the recipient does not know the giver, but both are touched by the love of Christ.

The Giving Tree will continue this Christmas at OLM. Stars will be on the trees in the church describing gifts requested by various charities, such as Saint Ann's Day Care Center, Catholic Charities, Several Sources Shelters (serving unwed mothers), Broadway House (HIV/AIDS) and Covenant House (Newark).

Bring your gifts by Sunday, December 19. Place them under the trees or bring them to the parish office.

2022 BIBLE DIARY AVAILABLE

The new edition of the popular Bible Diary is now available for $12 at the Parish Office after Mass or during office hours. The 2022 Bible Diary contains the assigned scripture reading for each day of the year, a reflection on the reading, and also information about the saint of day.

The Bible Diary is a great help for personal daily prayer. These books also make an appreciated gift.

This year our annual Advent Communal Penance will take place on a Saturday afternoon rather than on a weekday evening and it will also take place earlier in the Advent Season. We hope that this change in time and day will enable more people to come and join us as we celebrate God's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Penance.

Our Advent Communal Penance will take place **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, at 1 pm.** Several priests will be available for confessions. Please put this service on your personal calendar.

OUR MASS BOOK OPENS TODAY

Our 2022 Mass Book opens for your Mass Intentions today. Masses may be scheduled Saturday, November 27, between 10 am to 2 pm, and Sunday, November 28, between 9 am and 1:30 pm, and on weekdays during regular office hours.

Please note that no more than five Mass intentions may be scheduled at any one time. During the first month the Mass Book is open for intentions, we request that parishioners book no more than FIVE Masses. Besides Mass intentions, you will also be able to make donations for the sanctuary lamp and for the bread and wine used at our Masses.

SATURDAY, Nov 27
5pm Ignacio Isip r/b Friends

SUNDAY, Nov 28, First Sunday of Advent
8am Luteng Medina r/b Keating Family
10am Patricia Scanlon
r/b Christine & MaryAnn Hnath
12pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, Nov 29
7am Felisa Lumanglas & Antonia Ramos
r/b Araceli & Belen Lumanglas
8:30am Milagros Serrano r/b Annie Casino

TUESDAY, Nov 30
7am Redmond Coloquio (Birthday Blessing)
8:30am Walenty Chrzaszcz (1st Death Anniversary)
r/b Ann Kowalski & Family

WEDNESDAY, Dec 1
7am Anastacio Binlayo r/b Teresita & Jaime Josua
8:30am Gabriel Panganiban (L) r/b Gloria Panganiban

THURSDAY, Dec 2
7am Purgatorial Society
8:30am Ken Palileo r/b Chit

FRIDAY, Dec 3
7am Rosa Carrascoso r/b Maribel Soto
8:30am Alberto Dicen (Death Anniversary)
r/b Gloria Panganiban

SATURDAY, Dec 4
8:30am Luis Almonte (Death Anniversary)
r/b Leticia Almonte
5pm Lucia Aviguetero r/b Lisa Seludo

SUNDAY, Dec 5, Second Sunday of Advent
8am Sergio Yap r/b Kathy Yap
10am For the People of the Parish
12pm Ignacio Isip r/b Friends

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5 pm
Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon
Weekday Mass Schedule
Monday – Friday: 7 am & 8:30 am
Saturday 8:30 am

RECONCILIATION/ CONFESSIONS

Monday through Friday
9 am to 9:30 am
Saturday
4 pm to 4:30 pm

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

If you or a relative is hospitalized or homebound and wish a visit from a parish priest, contact the Office.

BREAD & WINE

The offering for the **Bread** to be used this week at our Masses is given in Memory of **Antonio Villarica (First Death Anniversary)** r/b Nymia Villarica.

The offering for the **Wine** to be used this week at our Masses is given in Memory of

SANCTUARY LAMP

The lamp burning over our tabernacle in the **Church** is offered in Memory of **Josefa Villafranca** r/b Maria Paredes.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"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." Luke 21:36

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Nov. 28, Sunday	First Sunday of Advent
Nov. 28, Sunday	"Invitation Weekend"
Nov. 30, Tuesday	Digital Missionaries
Dec. 4, Saturday	8:30 am Saturday Mass resumes
Dec. 4, Saturday	Jubilee Cross leaves during 5 pm Mass with Bishop Studerus
Dec. 5, Sunday	First Eucharist Session One
Dec. 6, Monday	Focus Group Meeting
Dec. 11, Saturday	Parish Staff Meeting
Dec. 11, Saturday	Advent Communal Penance Service
Dec. 12, Sunday	Café OLM after 10 am Mass
Dec, 13, Monday	Holy Name Society Meeting
Dec. 15, Wednesday	Simbang Gabi Masses begin
Dec. 18, Saturday	Parish Finance Council Meeting
Dec. 18, Saturday	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Dec. 18, Saturday	Parish Christmas Party
Dec. 24, Friday	Christmas Eve
Dec. 25, Saturday	Christmas Day
Dec. 26 Sunday	Feast of the Holy Family
Dec, 31, Friday	New Year's Eve
Jan 1, Saturday	New Year's Day, The Solemnity of Mary, Mother or God

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