



*FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

RISEN CHRIST  
Catholic Parish

Dear Friends in Christ,

Have you ever had an experience with nature that made you feel small?

I love those moments while skiing when I'm suddenly struck by the beauty of the mountains surrounding me. I have to stop. It seems that all I can do in those moments is stare, jaw dropped, amazed at the grandeur of it all.

Or on those rare occasions when I get to see the ocean, I just want to spend all my time watching the water. From the shore, I am stunned by how huge and dangerous the ocean seems. I cannot even fathom the volume of water, the number of creatures swimming about, or the contours of the ocean bottom. It makes me feel so small.

And yet, in the eyes of God, the mountains and the ocean are not His greatest creations. I am. You are. Humanity is the crown of His creation. When He made everything else, the Bible tells us that He saw that it was "good." But when He made man and woman, finally His creation was "very good."

This weekend in the Archdiocese of Denver we spend some time with the first part of the Kerygma (the basic gospel message): Created. It is a time to consider why God created anything in the first place, and to experience awe for the beauty of creation. We also consider how amazing it is that He created each of us with love, and that he made us to live in this particular time and in this particular place.

Resting in the goodness of His creation, we pray in the words of our psalm this weekend: "To you, O Lord, I lift my soul" (Ps. 25:1).

Sincerely yours,  
Fr. Scott

**DAILY MASSES**

**Daily: 6:30am, 8:00am and 12:15pm**

**Saturday: 8:30am and 4:00pm (LIVESTREAMED)**

**Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am and 5:30pm**

**CONFESSIONS**

**Saturday: 9:00am & 2:30pm**

**Sunday: 4:45pm**

**Wednesday: 11:15am**

**First Friday of each Month: 11:15am**

**OFFICE OPEN**

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY**

**Tuesday and Thursday By Appt. Only**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday-Thursday: 8:30am—5:00pm**

**Friday: 8:30am—3:00pm**

**Closed for lunch: Monday-Friday**

**12:15pm-12:45pm**

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*Welcome to Risen Christ Catholic Parish*

Risen Christ Catholic Parish exists to help people experience the Risen Jesus, who offers us joy and new life! We do this through dynamic faith formation, through frequent and accessible liturgies, by putting people first, and by meeting people where they are. We strive to live joyfully, with a servant's heart, and with the trusting "fiat" of Mary. Fr. Scott Bailey and the staff invite everyone to participate in our ministries, activities, and liturgies; these are opportunities for spiritual growth and to share the Risen Jesus with others. Risen Christ Catholic Parish welcomes all visitors and is happy to have you pray with us!

*Week at a Glance*

**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]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



**WOMEN OF RISEN CHRIST  
ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT  
Monday, November 29th @  
6:30pm**

The WoRC are sponsoring an evening of prayer to help the women in the parish prepare for Advent. Fr. Scott Bailey will make a presentation on “Hope Does Not Disappoint” and music will be provided by Voices in Praise. The event will be in the church, followed by a cookie reception in the Parish Hall. All women of the parish are invited. Guests are welcome!

**High School  
Youth Ministry**

Join us next Sunday, December 5th @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall for fun and fellowship!  
Friends are welcome!

**PARISH ADVENT WEEKEND RETREAT  
with Fr. Eric David Zegeer**

“If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do its builders labor.” (Psalm 127:1)

Friday, December 3rd – Sunday, December 5th

Join us for our parish wide Advent mission/retreat with Fr. Eric Zegeer entitled: “Unless the Lord Builds the House” December 3rd through the 5th. As we continue to listen and plan for our Church renovation, nothing is more important than the renovation of our interior lives. Come and walk the stages of growth into missionary discipleship as a parish family. No sign up needed. Bring a friend and join us Friday December 3rd at 6 pm for our first talk in the Church followed by a holy hour. Make plans for a full day of listening, sharing and reflecting Saturday, December 4th from 9:00am-5:00pm and Sunday from 10:00am and ending with the 11:00am Mass. See you there!

*Upcoming Events*

**ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL**

Monday—Friday @ 8:30am-12:00pm

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT**

Monday, November 29th @ 6:30pm in the Church

**INTRO TO CATHOLICISM**

Tuesday, November 30th @ 6:30pm—2nd Floor Seminar Room

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

Wednesday, December 1st @ 6:30pm in Parish Hall

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

Wednesday, December 1st @ 6:30pm—2nd Floor Classrooms

**DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH**

Thursday, December 2nd @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall

**PRAYER IN THE SQUARE**

Saturday, December 4th @ 10:30 at the Risen Christ Statue

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY**

Sunday, December 5th @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall

**BREAKING OPEN THE WORD**

Sunday, December 5th @ 9:00am in the Seminar Room

**YOUNG FAMILIES OF RISEN CHRIST**

Sunday, December 5th @ 10:00am  
Jefferson Square Park—Happy Canyon Rd. and Ivy Way



**Intro to Catholicism**

The Gospel Message: The Catholic Church

Instructor: Jason Cox, M.T.S.

Tuesday, November 30th from

6:30pm—7:15pm

2nd Floor—Seminar Room



**JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
AND THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY  
IN PRAYER IN THE SQUARE**

Saturday, December 4th @ 10:30am at the Risen Christ Statue



**ANGEL TREE**

Please return the unwrapped gift with the ornament to the collection boxes in the vestibules by **December 10th** or drop off at the parish office.

**Please Pray for the Sick:**

Josifina Borrego, Kerri Button, Daniel Foxhoven, Patricia Moore, Cooper Reh, Andy Ryan, Leigh & Sharon Severance, Carl & Charlotte Worster and Kim Zanni

**Please Pray for the Deceased:**

Rocco Genevese, Margaret MacDonald, Ruth Marie Prunty, Dehlia Rebusillo and Fr. Regis Scanlon

**CALL THE OFFICE FOR ANY PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR RECENTLY SICK/ DECEASED**

**Please remember in your prayers all expectant mothers and the children in their wombs, especially those from Risen Christ.**

Laura B.—December; Pricila G.—February;  
Heidi S.—March; Christy K.—May; Natalie S—June

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**November 28, 2021  
First Sunday of Advent**

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really important and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.

***ADVENT*****Advent Confessions**

There will be two priests at each of our regular confession times: Wednesdays at 11:15am; Saturdays at 9:00am and 2:30pm; & Sundays at 4:45pm. We will also have two priests to hear confessions each Friday of Advent at 11:15am, beginning Friday, December 3. Confessions last until the line ends or until the priest needs to prepare for Mass—whichever happens first.

**Immaculate Conception – Holy Day of Obligation**

Vigil Mass – 6:00pm on Tuesday, December 7  
This Mass will be livestreamed.

**Immaculate Conception – Holy Day of Obligation**

Wednesday, December 8 - Masses at 6:30am, 8:00am, 12:15pm and 6:00pm

***COME CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US!*****Friday, December 24th**

One daily Mass at 8:00am

**Friday, Christmas Eve Mass Times**

4:00pm in the church and overflow Mass in the gym  
6:00pm in the church

**Saturday, Christmas Day Mass Times**

Midnight, 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am  
No 5:30pm Mass for Christmas

**Sunday, December 26th – the Feast of the Holy Family**

7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:30pm

**Daily Mass Times – December 27th – December 31st**

8:00am **ONLY**

**Exposition and Benediction – December 27th, 28th & 29th**

6:30pm each night

**Saturday, January 1st – Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

It is **NOT** a holy day of obligation. Only one Mass at 8:30am.

**Baptism**

Call the parish office to register for a Baptism class. Baptisms are scheduled after the 11:00am Sunday Mass only.

**Marriage**

Couples wanting to get married at Risen Christ need to contact us at least 8 months prior to their wedding to discuss marriage preparation. An initial meeting will be scheduled to discuss the marriage preparation process in more detail.

**R.C.I.A.**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process for bringing adults into the church (converts) and for Catholic adults who need to complete the initiation sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Call the parish office for more information.

**Religious Education for Children**

Please call the parish office for registration information and for class information.

**Sacrament of the Sick**

In the case of serious illness in the family, contact the parish office immediately. Please do not wait until death is imminent.

**Adoration Chapel**

Parishioners may contact the office to receive the code for the door to the chapel.

**Lost & Found Items**

Any item lost in the church or in the office building will be held in the parish office for one month before being discarded.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FUTURE MASSES,  
PLEASE CALL OR STOP BY THE OFFICE TO SCHEDULE.**

**Sunday, November 28**

7:30am—Parishioners  
9:00am—Peggy Pugsley+  
11:00am—Peter Howley+  
5:30pm—Alexander Ciucci+

**Monday, November 29**

6:30am—Lena Lee Pollard+  
8:00am—Bob McMinn+  
12:15pm—Rose Roth+

**Tuesday, November 30**

6:30am—Wilfred “Bill” Melanson+  
8:00am—Charles & Stella Kasal+  
12:15pm—Peggy Tighe+

**Wednesday, December 1**

6:30am—Int. of Tony Paolucci  
8:00am—Agnes Sayers+  
12:15pm—Frederick Judd+

**Thursday, December 2**

6:30am—Int. of Mary Cate Golden  
8:00am—Ida Marie Hein+  
12:15pm—Karen Ligrani+

**Friday, December 3**

6:30am—Int. of Sophia Adams  
8:00am—Loretta DiGrappa+  
12:15pm—Mick Passantino+

**Saturday, December 4**

8:30am—Robert Dunn+  
4:00pm—Priests of the Archdiocese

**NEW CLASS!**

**Who are the Doctors of the Church?  
Thursday, December 2nd through  
Thursday, December 16th,  
6:30 pm in the Parish Hall**

Join us as we explore what it means to be declared a Doctor of the Church. Presented by Jason Cox, our Staff Theologian.

December 2nd – Who are the Doctors of the Church?  
December 9th – St. Irenaeus of Lyon  
December 16th – St. Therese of Lisieux

**VENMO**

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**WE NEED 100+ DOZEN  
CHRISTMAS COOKIES!**

**Saturday, December 11th 9:30am**  
We are packaging cookies for our 160 nursing home and homebound parishioners. Please bring your homemade cookies to the parish hall before 9:30am on the 11th of December.  
Sponsored by the WoRC



**CHRISTMAS WREATHS**

Risen Christ has Advent/Christmas wreaths again! Our confirmandi and Religious Ed families will be offering **fresh, handtied wreaths after every Mass this weekend November 27th/28th.** Your \$28 donation directly supports Religious Education at the parish, enabling us to offer cost-free classes and sacramental preparation for our families.

*Other News*

**THEOLOGICAL TIDBITS**

The punishment of hell lasts for all eternity: “To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God’s merciful love means remaining separated from Him forever by our own free choice. This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called ‘hell’ ” (CCC 1033). Hell is eternal because the will of the damned is hopelessly hardened in evil. They are no longer capable of true repentance because God no longer provides them with His grace.

God supplies all the graces necessary to be saved during life on earth—only.

If a person dies with their will turned away from God, they will cease to have the capacity to see God as Father. The condemned will not know God as He is in Himself (the infinitely lovable Trinity) but only insofar as the effects of His justice are experienced by them. They will only know God through the divine punishments they suffer. This is why the damned will always hate God. They hate Him because they only know His punishments.

God predestines no one to hell. Anyone damned is through their own fault, for having rejected God through mortal sin and remaining in that state until the end. God wants all to be saved—but He counts on man’s free correspondence to grace. Therefore, the teachings of the Faith on hell are a call to the responsible use of freedom and an urgent call to conversion:

“Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few” (CCC 1036).



**Please remember in prayer these men & women who are in our military:**

*LT Andrew Faciszewski (Air Force); 1LT John Paul Caldwell (Army); LTC Tyler Canter (Army); MAJ Garrett Nakazono (Army); PFC Matthew Nelson (Army); MAJ Gregory O’Malley (Army); CPT Mary O’Malley (Army); PVT Jakob Skinner (Army); CPT Bret Bartlett (Marines); CPL Anthony Edwards (Marines); LCPL Robinson Goldman (Marines); CPL Danny Summer (Marines); PO Jessica Quaille (Navy); LT Alec Rynaski (Navy); 2LT Patrick Neff (Air Force); SN Brady Fossett (Navy); TSGT Connor Smith (Air Force); TSGT Peter C. Wirth (Air Force); W-1 Gabriel Varela (Army); TSGT Jesse R. Albin (Air Force); MSTG Tony Mercado, Jr. (Air Force); Samuel Kenny (Army); LTJG Angela Naple (Navy Nurse Corps); SSGT Damon Daniels (Air Force); E-1 Christian Farris (Navy).*

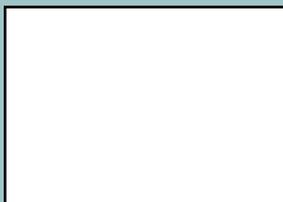
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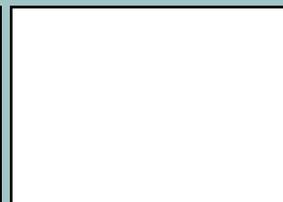
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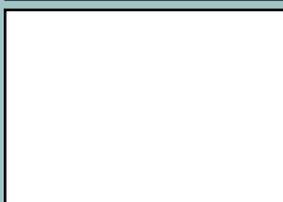


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