St. Patrick & Immaculate Conception Parishes

November 29, 2020

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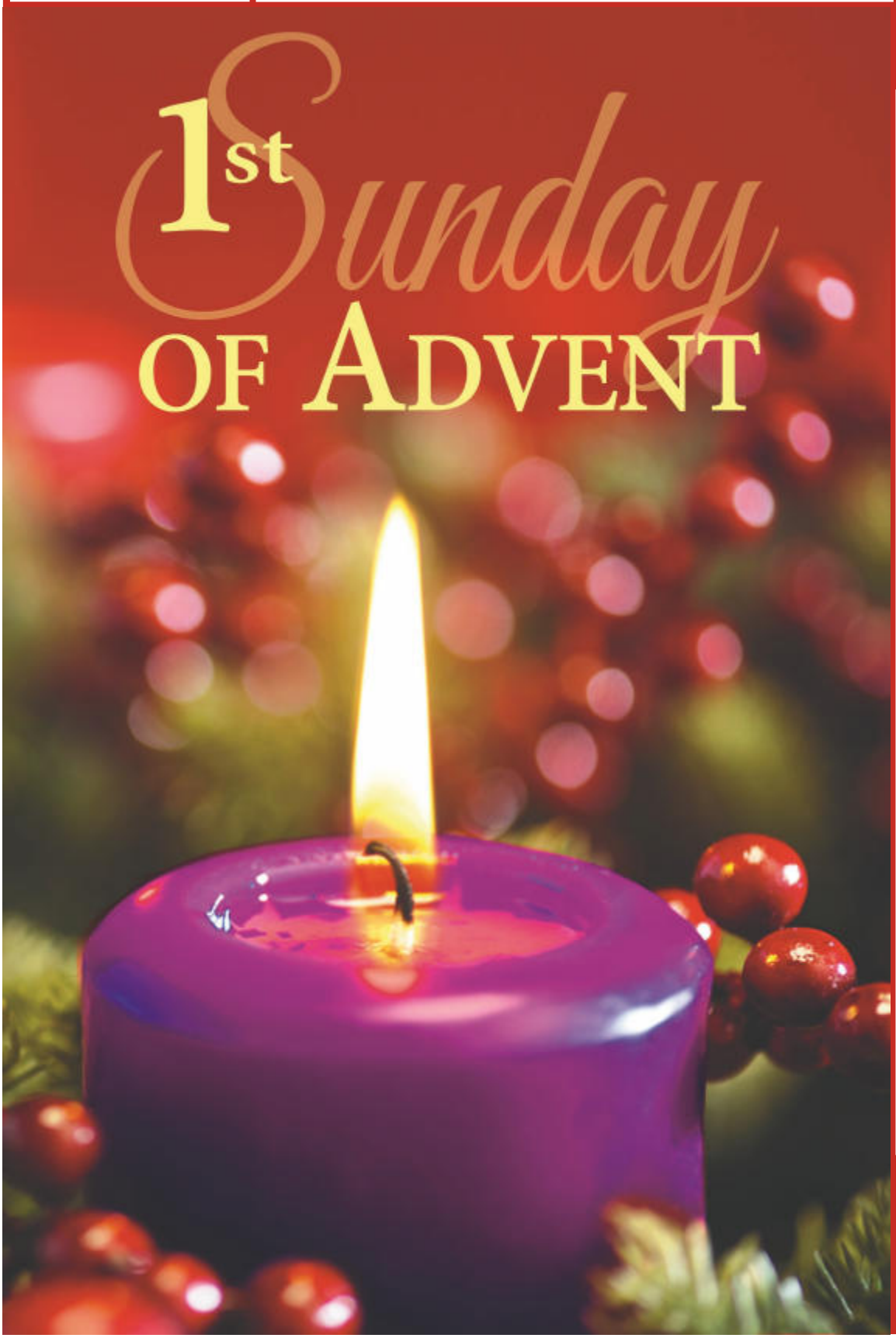

Masses
Saturday
4:30 p.m. St. Patrick

Sunday
9:00 a.m. IC
11:00 a.m. St. Patrick
7:00 p.m. IC

Weekday 7:00 a.m.
St. Patrick (Tu-F)
Lauds (Morning Prayer)
following Mass (W, Th, F)
following Devotion (Tu)

Sacraments
For all Sacraments
please contact the
Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick
Communal Anointing
following
7:00 a.m. & 12:10 pm Mass
1st Friday or please
contact the
Parish Office

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
St. Patrick
or by appointment
with the priest

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
St. Patrick Church
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(Tu, W, Th, F)

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion
Tuesday after 7 am Mass

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PARISH Announcements

Feast of The Immaculate Conception ~ December 8

7:00 am St. Patrick

5:30 pm Immaculate Conception

Congratulations on your Baptism

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The 2020 ACA provides Human Resource Services and direction for Safe Environment/Protecting God's Children. Telecommunications and technology support benefits our 57 parishes and 38 missions.

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COLLECTION AMOUNTS

November 14-15 Week 20

Envelopes	$1,624.00
Loose	$2,260.00
Other Income	$850.00
Weekly Total	$4,734.00
Total to Date	$114,084.90
Budget Amount	$500,000.000
Needed to Make Budget	$385,915.10
Weekly Average	$5,704.24

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BEST ADVENT EVER

How does it work?

1. Sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp

2. **Starting November 29th**, the First Sunday of Advent, participants receive daily emails with short inspirational videos.

3. Through Advent, participants will discover how to slow down and focus on what really matters in preparing for Christmas.

Due to the Covi-19 virus, we will be offering the Catholic City-Wide Bible Study as a personal, in-home study of the Sunday readings for each Sunday of the new Church year. The program is put out by Little Rock Scripture Study and is entitled "Ponder—Contemplative Bible Study, Year B." Please call St. Ann's parish office for more information 723-4303.

A virtual, online Retrouvaille marriage help program starts Thursday evening, January 14th. The Retrouvaille Community of Montana has been invited to join with California's Northern Community in offering this online weekend. The virtual program begins Thursday and Friday evenings and a full day on Saturday and Sunday, January 14-17, 2021. The weekend will be followed by a series of virtual Post Weekend Sessions. There is a $500 registration fee per couple. Please know that no one is turned away because of inability to pay. www.helpourmarriage.org.

MONTANA ORTHOPEDICS

Please see advertisement on back of the bulletin.

Tue	Dec 01	St. Patrick, 7:00 am	Pete Schonsberg rb Don & Carol Vega
Wed	Dec 02	St. Patrick, 7:00 am	Mike Walsh rb BCCN
Thu	Dec 03	St. Patrick, 7:00 am	Skip O'Brien rb The Family
Fri	Dec 04	St. Patrick, 7:00 am	Doris Boyle (6th Ann.) rb The Family
Sat	Dec 05	St. Patrick, 4:30 pm	Lee Wulf rb The Cummings Family
Sun	Dec 06	IC, 9:00 am	Pete Schonsberg rb Holly Maloney
		St. Patrick, 11:00 am	Drew Kehoe rb His wife Linda
		IC, 7:00 pm	Mrs. Louise Seipp rb St. Patrick Parish Family

FIRST READING

Oh, that you would rend the heavens
and come down,
with the mountains quaking before you. (Is 63:19b)

PSALM

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face
and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)

SECOND READING

God is faithful,
and by him you were called to fellowship
with his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Cor 1:9)

GOSPEL

"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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WORSHIP & MEDITATION

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.

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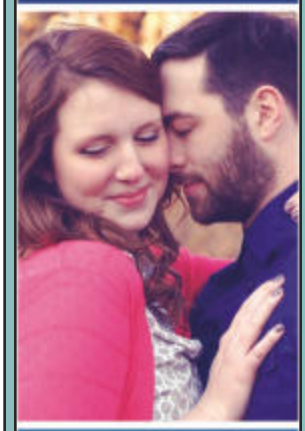

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