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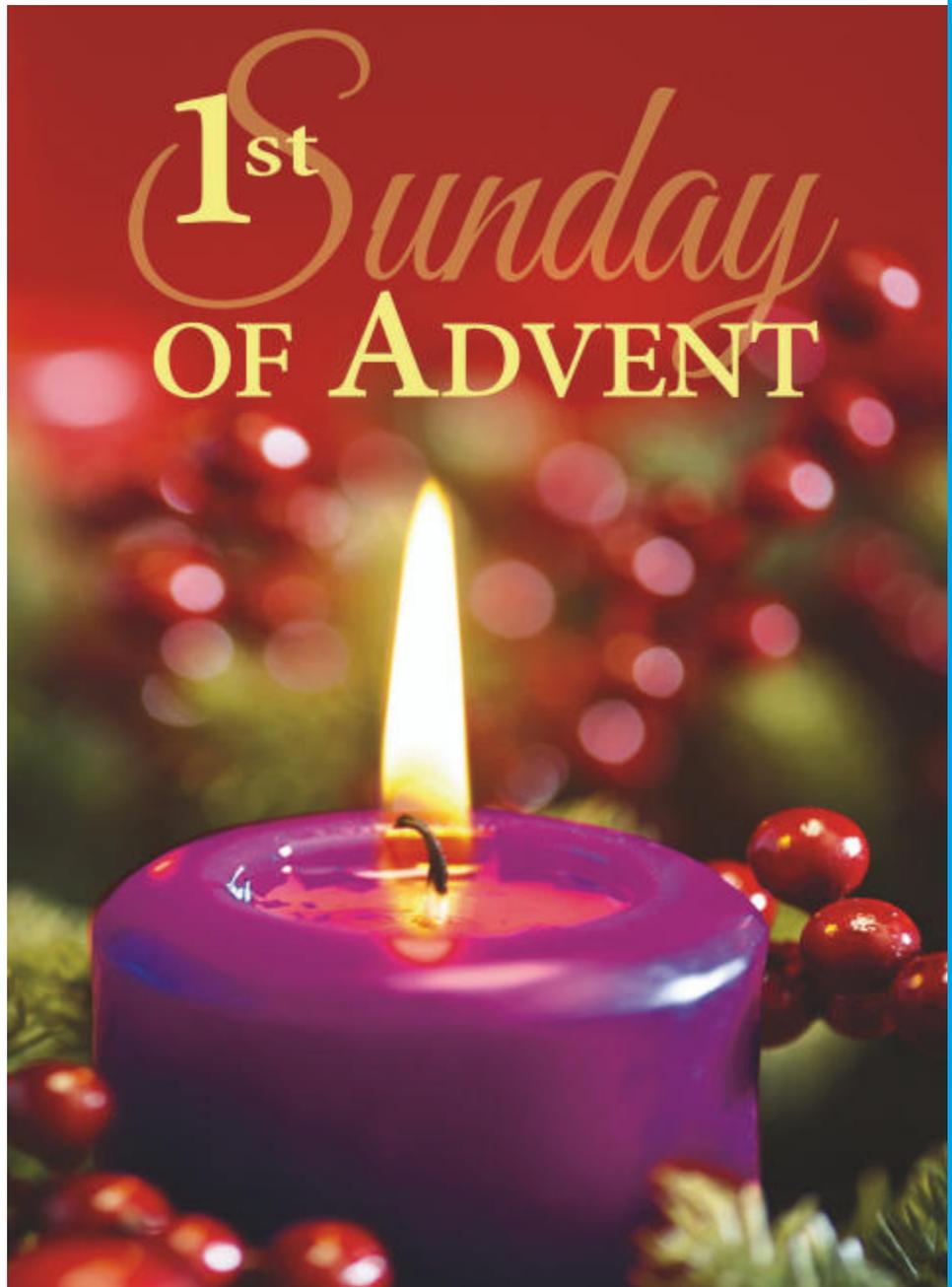
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"Energized by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist,
we the parishioners of St. Agnes, St. Paul of the Cross and St. Rose,
in joyful unity embrace our baptismal call to worship God,
spread the good news of Jesus Christ,
build up a welcoming community of faith and hope,
and lovingly serve and comfort those in need."

CALENDAR

A WORD FROM FATHER

BOLO

Perhaps you've heard the term BOLO, an acronym for 'Be On the Look-Out'. It's frequently used on TV shows that feature police, federal agents or other officers of the law. When the good guys are looking for a potential bad guy and they don't know where he or she might be they issue a general call for law enforcement, civil service, transportation or other officials to be "on the lookout" for the suspect, their vehicle or any other information they have to find the person of interest. Have you ever been asked if you noticed anything different, something that has changed, in a person, place or thing? "See anything different about me?" your spouse asks. "Did you notice anything unusual on Elm Street today?" your neighbor inquires. "What's different in the kitchen?" a family member quizzes you. Chances are, if you weren't specifically looking for the item in question, you might not have noticed it. Your spouse's new blouse, the recently installed mailbox at your neighbor's curb, or the new microwave oven in the kitchen may have gone completely unnoticed. Not that you aren't observant, you simply weren't looking for it. If we hope to observe something it's helpful to be actively watching for it, especially when there are potential distractions or if it's something to which we might otherwise not pay attention.

When opportunity knocks it might be under the guise of something that we would miss or choose to ignore. Prospects for success or advancement might initially present themselves as difficult, challenging or even tragic situations. Saint Martin of Tours was given the vision of a beggar freezing to death at the city gate. Certainly not a pleasant site, it's one that we see all too frequently today; and would just as soon pretend didn't exist. But we can't wish it away. If on the lookout, however; perhaps we can see Christ in the beggar, as Martin did. The beggars in our experience might not be destitute of food, clothing or shelter but even more in need of our time and attention. The Coronavirus epidemic presents plenty of difficulties that can distract us from the Peace of Christ into worry, anxiety or fear. Isaiah notes in the first reading that we are clay in the Potter's hands. Let us be watchful for the ways in which we can let God change us during this Advent season of anticipation. May we not be lacking in any spiritual gift to reach out in love to our neighbor as God is reaching out to us in love via the Incarnation and Nativity of His Son.

Watching and Waiting,

Father Michael Fowler

- SAT 11/28** 3:00-3:45pm **SA** Confession
4:00pm **SA** Bruno Rodgers - By Family
- SUN 11/29 1st Sunday of Advent**
8:00am **SR** Ray Magar - By Tom & Kathie Reynolds
9:45am **SP** For the People of the Parish Cluster
11:30am **SA** John & Roselanna Connors (122 Wedding Anniv.)
- By Joan Reid and Family
- MON 11/30** 9:00am **SP** Carol Ryan Miller - By Sandra Wager & Family
- TUE 12/1** 8:15am **SA** Jane Welch - Birthday - By Dan Welch
- WED 12/2** 9:00am **SP** Michele Dooley Tuck - By Reynolds & Weber Families
4:30-6:00pm **SR** Adoration & Confession
- THR 12/3** 8:00am **SR** Rev. Michael Hogan - By Estate
- FRI 12/4** 8:15am **SA** Patricia Anne Tytler - By St. Agnes School, Faculty & Staff
8:45am - 12:00pm **SA** Adoration
- SAT 12/5** 3:00-3:45pm **SA** Confession
4:00pm **SA** Barbara Cole - By Tom & Kathleen Davin
- SUN 12/6 2nd Sunday of Advent**
8:00am **SR** Dec. Members of the Mathe Family - By Margit Mathe
9:45am **SP** Rocco, Catherine & Anthony Cocola - By Family
11:30am **SA** For the People of the Parish Cluster

Readings

- Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
- Monday:** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
- Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
- 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:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Observances

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** St. Andrew, Apostle
- Thursday:** St. Francis Xavier, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent
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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Be watchful! Be alert! The core message of Advent cannot be more direct or simple. As those who are postured in a spirit of readiness and anticipation, we must always be attentive and vigilant. We have to be ready not only for the anticipated arrival of our Lord, but watchful and attentive to the unexpected visit as well. While we know that the Christ is coming, we also do not know the exact time. Cultivating this expectant attitude is the purpose of this season. It is easy to grow slack, inattentive, and too self-assured. We can easily deaden ourselves to the wonder and surprise of God's presence. We get so absorbed in so many other distractions that it can seem like Christ's second coming, and even Christ's coming in time are of lesser importance. When it finally dawns on us that we have wandered far away from where we need to be, and lost our attentiveness and focus, we will wonder how this all happened. We may even try to put the onus on God and blame God for a lack of involvement or presence. We are the ones, who through our own choice, put the distance in our relationship and lost touch. Now it's time to come back and perk ourselves up a bit!

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Advent in memory of Sister Yvonne Nadeau
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PRAY FOR
Our Deceased

† Madeline Moss



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.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING to the Call

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

In the Unexpected

"What could happen next?" How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don't seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right.

No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increasingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. You can count on the unexpected, but you can also count on Him to be there with you. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, "God with us." He is the expected in all things unexpected.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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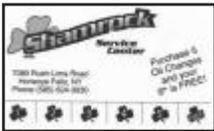


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