

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

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November 29, 2020

Readings for the week

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



1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"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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Mass Schedule:

Monday to Wednesday at 9:00 AM
Saturday at 4:30 PM

Thursday and Friday (No Services at this Time)
Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

As we pray this week:

Despite all of the distractions at this time of year, we really can focus on Advent during these weeks. We seem to get very busy, and at times have to go to a number of social events or wrestle with budgets and shopping, but the heart of this season is all about expectant hope. So, we begin our Advent journey by giving ourselves some time - just a few minutes each day - to reflect on how much God promises us.

Our goal this week is to let ourselves feel like those to whom the promises of our God are made. We want to get in touch with ourselves, especially those parts of ourselves that are in need of a Savior. We do this by keeping our focus on the places that feel like a desert, the places that feel like we've been through a war, the places that feel like a lifeless stump. When we have a hard time seeing, we ask for the grace to be able to believe the promise that we shall see. When we seem deaf, we place our trust in the One who assures us that we will hear. And when we feel beaten down and awfully lowly, we turn to the One who promises that we will "find joy in the Lord." And, who among us doesn't have days on which we are aware of various kinds of wounds? On the day of promise, "the Lord binds up the wounds of his people."

As we let these deep realities of our daily, busy lives come into focus and interact with the readings, something wonderful happens. We become more and more aware of our need for God. Very naturally and quite spontaneously, a prayer comes forth from deep within us, which we can say in the smallest moments of our busiest days. "Come, Lord." "Come and save me." "Come and be with me in all of these messy, empty, dry and disordered places in my life." "Come, Lord. I feel my longing for you grow. I feel my hope grow. And, as I place my hope in your promises, Advent begins to come alive in me."

Selections from: Creighton University Online Ministry, Daily Prayer

Since reservations will be required for all Christmas Masses, we anticipate the need for greater assistance from Liturgical ministers. This will entail functioning apart from your usual ministry. We also realize many ministers may not be at Mass during Christmas time. Therefore, please notify the office if you are willing and able to serve at Mass in a different capacity. For example, perhaps a Eucharistic minister might be willing to serve as an usher/hospitality minister. We do not have enough hospitality ministers for our regularly scheduled Masses and this ministry is especially needed during the Christmas season. Please prayerfully consider this. Thank you for all you do throughout the year and especially in this time of the pandemic.

The giving tree this year has gone virtual. If you are interested in participating, please check the website or Flocknotes for the registry of requested gifts. Thank you for your patience as we try a new way of doing things. If you have questions you can contact Joan Dobles 585-794-1167 or Lisa Guernsey 585-298-6273. Also, if you know of any families in need this Holiday season, please let Joan or Lisa know!

Seasonal Food Collections

WEEKLY: We deliver all weekly food collections to the local pantry at Grace Church of the Nazarene, corner of Union and Stony Pointe. Anyone in Riga, Chili, Gates, and Ogden is welcome to take advantage of this pantry, no income restrictions. During Covid restrictions, please call 594-4555 to make an appointment to pick up food from this pantry. Human Services Ministry Team

The Helping Hands ministry is still looking to support the St. Christopher's Church Community. We are willing to do light housework and outside work such as raking. If you have work that we can help with, please contact Mary in the Parish Office!

Waiting in Silence, Waiting in Hope

Eucharistia Ministry News

After Christmas, we'll be remotely partnering with the Faith Formation families for another outreach project. We'll be making pillows for people undergoing chemotherapy, dialysis, or other treatments. It's a bit more involved. All of the material and grosgrain ribbon has been generously donated but we are in need of (15) 50oz bags of polyfill stuffing which can be purchased inexpensively at Walmart. If you would like to donate a bag, please see Lori in the FF office. We'd be most grateful!

Volunteers will be cutting and pre-sewing the pillows at home. The FF Team will distribute the pillow forms and stuffing for families to take home to finish. When complete, these beautiful pillows will be delivered to Spencerport Dialysis, Wilmot Cancer Center, and St. Mary's Oncology. Faith in action!!

Lectors: Please pick up a copy of the new lector workbook. They are on the table in the back hallway.

Our volunteers who need the Diocesan required SAFE training and background check are currently being contacted by Mary. Please complete your training as soon as possible. Feel free to contact Mary in the parish office with any questions you may have.

There will be a second collection for Catholic University at all weekend Masses this weekend. We thank you for your generosity.

The CMA is now in full swing. Pledge cards were sent out last week and you should have received yours in the mail. We would appreciate your prayerful and timely response to this campaign. gratefully appreciated. Let each of be the Light of Christ and let our light shine! For more information about this year's CMA and options for ways to donate can be found at www.dor.org/CMA.

While she is still in the midst of contacting volunteers for the required Diocesan SAFE training and background checks, Mary would like to thank all those volunteers who have responded so promptly! Please complete your training as soon as possible. Feel free to contact Mary in the parish office with any questions/concerns.

Faith Formation and Human Services Ministry Christmas Outreach

Christmas is a time of joy and gift giving. Jesus was a gift from God to the world. The three kings brought gifts of frankincense, gold and myrrh to the Baby Jesus. Now, we exchange gifts with our families, friends and special people in our lives.

For our December service project, we'll be making Blessing Bags to give to homebound parishioners from St. Christopher's and residents of Legacy Assisted Living.

Due to the pandemic, many people have not been able to have visitors or spend time with their families for many months. We hope our little Blessing Bags will brighten their day and let them know someone is thinking of them during the holiday season.

If you would like to donate to this worthwhile project, the Blessing Bags items needed are: notepad, pen, chapstick, hard candy, hand lotion (suitable for men or women), small snack bag of pretzels, goldfish, nightlight

These items can all be purchased at the Dollar Tree if you shop there. There is also a display board at the front of church showing examples of each item.

Thank you for your generous support and help as we reach out to make Christmas a little merrier for those who might be alone!!!

For questions or more information please contact Lori.murtaugh@dor.org or 594-1441 ext 105

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 28

4:30 PM– Bud Morgan by Tom & Barb Staccone

Sunday, November 29

9:00 AM– Anne Pretko by The Folk Group

11:00 AM– Bridget Publicover by Dick & Karen Philson

Monday, November 30

9:00 AM– The Parish

Tuesday, December 1

9:00 AM– Don Cussen by Dave & Robin Kepler

Wednesday, December 2

9:00 AM– Eileen Spillane by Shaun & Marcia O'Brien

Thursday, December 3

NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Friday, December 4

NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Saturday, December 5

4:30 PM– Robert Baisis by Kitty Keller

Sunday, December 6

9:00 AM– Kathleen Delesky by Dave & Robin Kepler

11:00 AM– Sharon Strollo by CCS & Skirment Family

Prayer Ministry

Please contact the rectory if you would like to be added to the list of people who need prayers. If you or someone you know has been hospitalized and would like to have a pastoral visit, please contact the Church Office at 594-1400 ext.: 100

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Linda & Robert Springer	Jean LeWalter
Richard Welch	Pat Bradt
Tom & Pat Schryver	Beulah Reihle
Valerie Brescia	Bob Early
Terrance Collins	Fred Hoehn
Patrick Ford	Dominick Fantauzzo
Fr. Bob Gaudio	Roz Fadden
Mary DiPonzio	Dino Pezzimenti

Please keep the families of those who have lost loved ones in your prayers.

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Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM or by appt.

Baptism: Baptisms are scheduled the last Saturday of each month at 1pm. Please contact Mary to begin the Baptismal process. You must be a registered and active member of the parish in order to have your child baptized.

Marriage: Please contact Church Office at least 6 months before wedding.

First Reconciliation, First Communion &

Confirmation: Contact the Faith Formation Office, 594-1441 ext. 105

Anointing of The Sick: Please contact the Church Office at 594-1400 ext. 100

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