



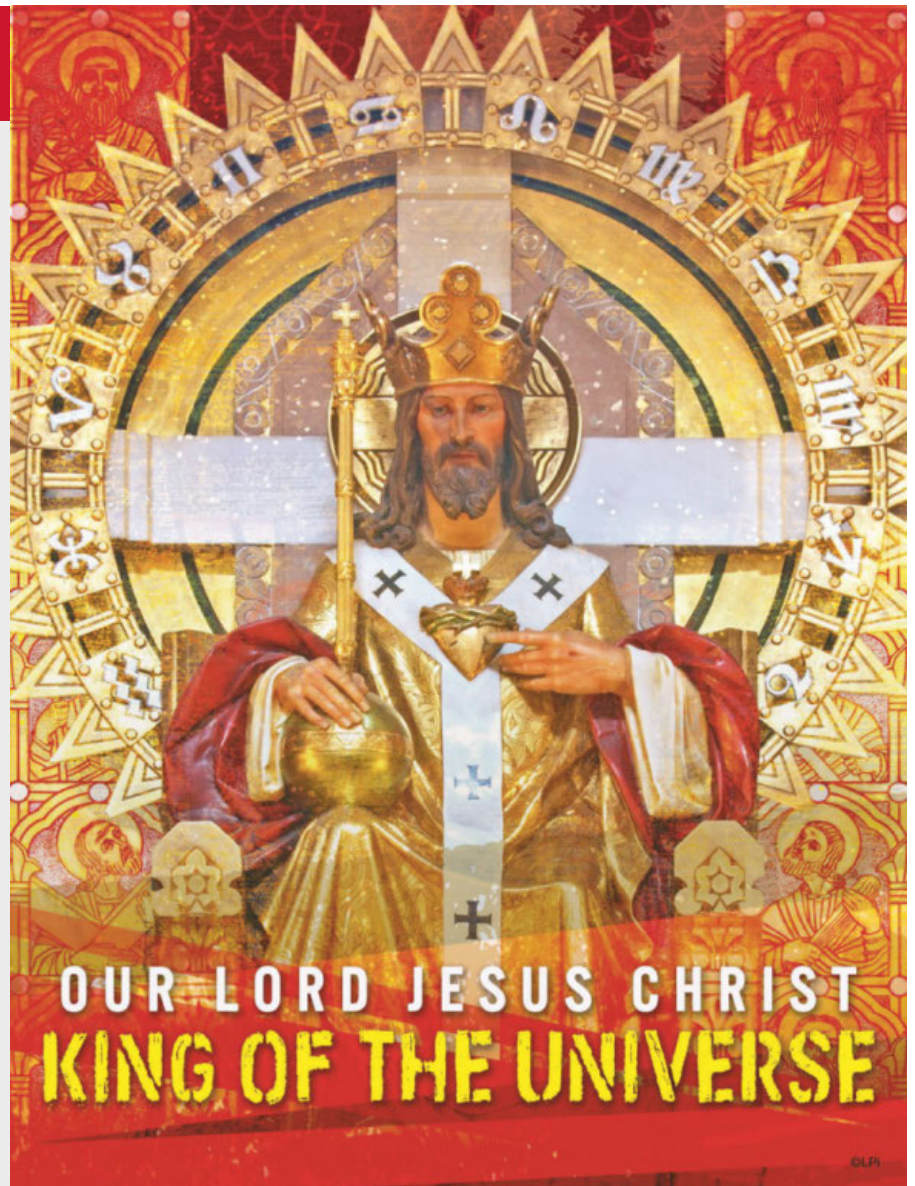
# SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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## Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

### ST. JOAN OF ARC DIRECTORY

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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am  
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

#### Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,  
12:00 pm

#### Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm  
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

#### Reconciliation

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm  
Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
in the Sister Carol Center

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

#### Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am Mass

### PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

**The Parish Center is open:**  
**Monday - Thursday from 8:30am - 5:00pm**  
**Friday: 8:30am—4:00pm**

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

**Baptisms:** Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

**Marriages:** Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

**Registration:** It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

**OCIA:** Please call the Parish Center: 586-777-3670.

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at [stjoan.church](http://stjoan.church) and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

#### Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

**Go to: [livestream.stjoan.church](http://livestream.stjoan.church) to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.**

#### Weekday Masses

Monday thru Friday @ 7am  
Wednesday @ 6pm

#### Weekend Masses

Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm  
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm





## Thanks, Mom!

As many know, I'm our family's "Clark Griswold." And, in the true Clark Griswold fashion, I love to decorate for Christmas. I like to go all out,

both inside and outside. Unfortunately, and all too often, I find myself trying to wrestle with the outdoor Christmas lights at my mom's condo right around Thanksgiving when it's usually pretty cold. I always have this grandiose idea that I will accomplish this task on the warmer days of October or early November, but that rarely happens.

A few years ago, my family and I remember a most spectacularly warm October Sunday afternoon when we decided to park it outside and "test" all the light strands during our Sunday family gathering. We dutifully brought out all the Christmas light boxes, and untangled the sea of cords, and it was Dad's job to test each light set. From there, we created two piles: those that worked and those that didn't. Our dad enjoyed "certifying" each light set as we did some prep work for that year's light display.

The outdoor Christmas light display at my parent's condo has been the talk of the neighborhood for many years. We were the only ones with ANY light display on our half of the block for years. Even today, there might be only a couple of condos with outdoor lights. We light up all the front bushes and spend much time decorating this huge flowering pear tree in front of the house. Most of our lights are multi-functional, so they go from white to multi-color. We then have a bunch of lit wreaths and other ornaments that decorate the landscape. We even deck out the deck with lights and a large light tree that can be prominently seen inside the condo. It's a beautiful Christmas display if I say so myself! My dad was always worried his electric bill would hit \$1,000 during Christmas! I had to assure him that I was using mostly LED lights and that they didn't use that much electricity. He was always somewhat skeptical! But I remember that first year being REALLY worried when the first DTE bill arrived after Christmas. I wasn't sure how much his electric bill would skyrocket; I just had hoped it was never as much as Clark Griswold's bill probably was! But as more and more neighbors thanked my parents for the Christmas display, we never heard any more concerns about the costs! People

liked what the Griswolds were doing! And I'm sure they found it amusing to watch our family descend upon the condo every year (even one year with an electronic lift) to get it all done. It's always a team effort.

This year, as we were planning the display and what would get added (I try to add something new each year), and more importantly, when all of the setup would take place, my mom blurted out that maybe we should hire someone to do our outdoor light display. I was the first to shout out, "WHAT? Why would we need to hire someone?" I'm sure my face did a series of contortions as I was trying to ponder why she would even suggest such a thing. I'm not sure about my siblings or the rest of my family, but I enjoy doing this every year! Yea, the rest of them are somewhat "voluntold" by "The General" (my dad's nickname for me) to show up and help, but I'm "sure" they enjoy this annual ritual!

As my mom and I continued to talk, she reiterated, and was becoming somewhat emphatic, that maybe we should hire someone this year. I was flabbergasted! I wasn't sure why she was saying this or where all of this was coming from all of a sudden. "Mom, why are you in this 'We need to hire someone' kick all of a sudden? We enjoy doing this! It's one of our family traditions. And, the neighbors look forward to seeing our setup every year," I said passionately. My mom paused and said, "You know ... you ARE getting older. You'll be 60 next year!" There was a slight pause, and after realizing what she had just said, she blurted out, "OH MY, I'll have a kid who'll be 60 next year! How'd that happen?" "THANKS Mom! We're still doing the decorations; we're not hiring anyone!"

**The Solemnity of Christ the King:** On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Jesus Christ as King of the Universe. It is a relatively new item on the Church's calendar as it was only instituted in 1925.

When Pius XI was elected Pope in 1922, much of the world was in turmoil. While World War I had ended, there still wasn't widespread peace in the world. Governments were in economic chaos, unemployment was rampant and many people throughout the world were starving because of a lack of food. There was also great hatred among nations. As a result of all the chaos, the time was ripe for the rise of tyrants. The philosophies of fascism, national socialism and communism brought about the likes of Mussolini, Hitler and

Stalin. "In their distress, people clung to anyone who offered them hope, offered some kind of direction out of the chaos and promised to put food on their tables. They gravitated to the emerging dictators, and as they did they often sought to be self-sufficient to the exclusion of God from their everyday lives.

"Many considered the basics of morality and the teachings of the Church to be out of date, no longer relevant in 20th-century society. Modern thinking allowed that, at most, Christ might be king in the private life of the individual, but certainly not in the public world.

"Some political regimes advocated the banishment of Jesus altogether, not only from society, but from the family as well. As nations were reborn and governments restructured, their foundations, policies and laws were often being fashioned without regard to Christian principles. (The Solemnity of Christ the King, by D.D. Emmons, simplycatholic.com)."

Pope Pius XI saw that people were denying Christ in favor of a lifestyle "dominated by secularism, material advantage and false hope created by the tyrants." The new pope decided to address the political and economic forces there were "crowding out" the kingship of Jesus. Pope Pius XI reminded the faithful, and the world, that we were called to acknowledge Jesus Christ as king of our WHOLE lives. "He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls...."

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we proclaim to the world, and remind ourselves, that Jesus Christ is our King. His is a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace! And, only Jesus Christ can offer us that kind of Kingdom.

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of November 26, 2023



## Sacred Art: Christ the King

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.



## Who is Jesus Christ? w/ Sr. Bethany Madonna | SEEK23

Sr. Bethany Madonna from the Sisters of Life dives into the truth about who Jesus Christ is. Discover the love of Jesus for yourself and listen to Sr. Bethany Madonna!



## Who is Jesus? | The Search | Episode 5

The most beautiful part of this story is this: we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history?

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### Rome: Part ?

Okay, so this one isn't actually about Rome. When on pilgrimage in Rome, it is not uncommon to visit other cities of significance nearby. My group and I had the privilege of visiting the beautiful Umbrian town of Assisi. Assisi is of course most well-known as the town of St. Francis *and* St. Clare.

The first of many important churches is located at the foot of the hill of Assisi, St. Mary of the Angels (*Basilica di Santa Maria degli Angeli*). Inside of this beautiful basilica is another chapel known as the Portiuncula. It was this little chapel that St. Francis began to rebuild when he heard Jesus from the San Damiano Cross say, "Francis, Francis, go and repair My house which, as you can see, is falling into ruins." Also inside the basilica is the Chapel of the Transito is the small room where St. Francis died on 3 October 1226.

Moving up the hill into the quaint town of Assisi you'll find two important churches (among many) – the Basilica of St. Francis and the Basilica of St. Clare, which each respectively hold the earthly remains of the saints for veneration.



However, one of my favorite places there is the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore. This church served as the original cathedral for the diocese, though now the cathedral is St. Rufino. This unassuming church holds the earthly remains of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

Born in London and raised in Milan, Carlo's wealthy parents were not particularly religious. Upon receiving his first communion at age seven, Carlo became a frequent communicant, making a point of praying before the tabernacle before or after every Mass. In addition to Francis of Assisi, Carlo took several of the younger saints as his models, including Bernadette Soubirous, Jacinta and Francisco Marto, and Dominic Savio.

At school Carlo tried to comfort friends whose parents were undergoing divorce, as well as stepping in to defend disabled students from bullies. After school hours he volunteered his time with the city's homeless and destitute. Considered a computer geek by some, Carlo spent four years creating a website dedicated to cataloguing every reported Eucharistic miracle around the world. He also enjoyed films, comics, soccer, and playing popular video games.

Diagnosed with leukemia, Carlo offered his sufferings to God for the intentions of the sitting pope—Benedict XVI—and the entire Church. His longtime desire to visit as many sites of Eucharistic miracles as possible was cut short by his illness. Carlo died in 2006 and was beatified in 2020.

Among the thousands present for Carlo's beatification at Assisi's Basilica of St. Francis were many of his childhood friends. Presiding at the beatification service, Cardinal Agostino Vallini praised Carlo as an example of how young people can use technology to spread the Gospel "to reach as many people as possible and help them know the beauty of friendship with the Lord." His liturgical feast is celebrated on October 12.



Blessed Carlo inspires me, as a fellow millennial. In fact, we were born just 52 days apart. He reminds all of us that sainthood is not out of reach. If we remain faithful and follow God, we too shall become the saints that God has created us to be. As Bl. Carlo said, "The Eucharist is the highway to heaven." Through the Eucharist we shall one day meet Christ, our King!

### Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Oh God, Our Father, thank you for giving us Carlo, a life example for the young and a message of love for everyone.

You made him become enamored with Your Son Jesus, Making of the Eucharist his "Highway to Heaven". You gave him Mary, as a most loving Mother, and, with the Rosary, you made him a poet of her tenderness. Receive his prayer for us. Above all, gaze upon the poor, whom he loved and helped.

Grant for me too, by his intercession, the grace that I need [here ask for what it is you need]. And make our joy fulfilled, placing Carlo among the Saints of your Church, so that his smile may shine again for us in the glory of your name.  
Amen.

Blessings,

Fr. Adam

November 26, 2023

## The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 | 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 | Mt 25:31-46

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

The paradoxical ways we have come to understand Jesus can give us spiritual whiplash. He is both a tender and caring shepherd of sheep and one who sends strong rams and goats to the eternal fire; the executed human and divine man who came into full resurrected glory. He is God incarnate into human history and born in a manger; the servant-leader; the one who is both God and man. This is the beauty of what we call the Paschal Mystery – that the Son of God came into the world and by his life, death, and resurrection he has reconciled us to the Father, and has redeemed us. He saves us from the death of sin. As Catholics we are comfortable with paradox: We are inhabitants of a kingdom of God that is already (here) but not yet (fully realized); we are both an Easter people and we live in a world of Good Fridays. So when Jesus says in today's Gospel that whatever we do to the least of people, we do to Christ himself and we will reap our actions in the fullness of that kingdom, we understand that he is a king unlike any other king. He cares not for pomp and circumstance, but wants to ensure that all – even the least among us – are given his gifts to share. The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe celebrates that we have a king who cares more for us than anyone on earth could ever care for us, and we are blessed to be able to love and serve him in return.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the midst of our busy lives, it is no secret that our thoughts can easily be preoccupied with things other than prayer or our relationship with God. Perhaps we struggle with maintaining a daily prayer practice. So when we pause to take stock of our lives – where our attention is focused during the day-to-day – it's easy to see that God is sometimes "off to the side." Perhaps we take everything we have been given for granted, or maybe we are just not sure how to make him the most important aspect of our lives. Just like cultivating a friendship takes active effort, so does our relationship with God. Just as watering a plant near its center allows the water to spread throughout the surrounding area, to its roots and the soil – thus making it fruitful and full – putting Jesus Christ, our king, at the center of our lives means that his goodness flows into everything else we say and do. Our lives and our hearts will grow in goodness and bear rich fruit.

**INVITATION** Challenge yourself this week to subvert expectations and keep God first. Show Christ is Lord over your life by prioritizing your faith and building up your priorities around him. Make a daily appointment in your calendar for prayer and look for opportunities to put Christ at the center, or heart, of your daily life.





# Readings for the First Sunday of Advent



December 3, 2023

## The First Sunday of Advent – Cycle B

### Reading One – IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

You, LORD, are our father,  
our redeemer you are named forever.  
Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways,  
and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?  
Return for the sake of your servants,  
the tribes of your heritage.  
Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
with the mountains quaking before you,  
while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope  
for, such as they had not heard of from of old.  
No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but  
you doing such deeds for those who wait for him.  
Would that you might meet us doing right,  
that we were mindful of you in our ways!  
Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful;  
all of us have become like unclean people,  
all our good deeds are like polluted rags;  
we have all withered like leaves,  
and our guilt carries us away like the wind.  
There is none who calls upon your name,  
who rouses himself to cling to you;  
for you have hidden your face from us  
and have delivered us up to our guilt.  
Yet, O LORD, you are our father;  
we are the clay and you the potter:  
we are all the work of your hands.

### Responsorial – PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

**Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,  
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.  
Rouse your power,  
and come to save us.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

Once again, O LORD of hosts,  
look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine,  
and protect what your right hand has planted  
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

May your help be with the man of your right hand,  
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.  
Then we will no more withdraw from you;  
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

### Reading Two – 1 COR 1:3-9

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God  
our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
I give thanks to my God always on your account  
for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus,  
that in him you were enriched in every way, with all  
discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ  
was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking  
in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our  
Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end,  
irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship  
with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Alleluia – PS 85:8

Alleluia, alleluia.

Show us Lord, your love;  
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia, alleluia.

### Gospel – MK 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know when the time will come.  
It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and  
places his servants in charge, each with his own work,  
and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.  
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.  
May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.  
What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"



# Presence™

## THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

Join us Tuesdays from 7-8:30 pm November 14-December 5 to learn about the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. With each week, participants will also learn about the practice of Eucharistic Adoration and conclude on December 5th with Fr. Adam's talk - From the Stable to the Table.

**Tuesdays, November 14-December 5**  
**7-8:30 pm in the Emmaus Fellowship Hall**  
**in the Sister Carol Center**



# *Living Rosary*

December 8 at 6:40 pm

Before the 7 pm vigil mass on the  
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Join us for a Living Rosary, where  
people represent the beads and  
encircle our church with light as we  
pray together the Holy Rosary.

This will take place before the 7 pm  
Mass on the holy day.

*Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Pray for Us!*

 **St. Joan<sup>of</sup> Arc**

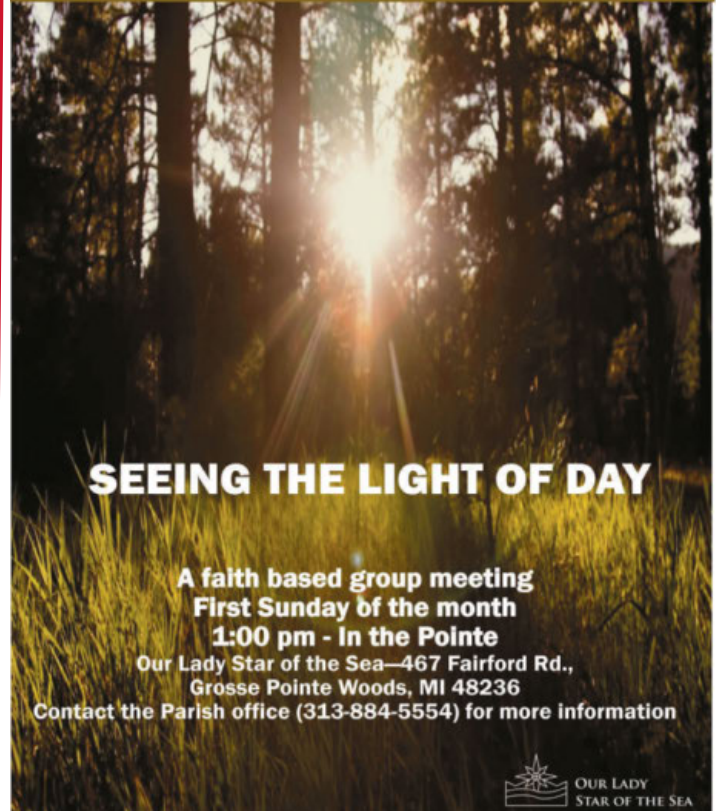
Corewell Beaumont Grosse Pointe is in need of volunteers to work in its gift shop. Gift shop hours are M-F from 10 am-5 pm.

If you are interested, call the volunteer coordinator Betsy Schulte at (313) 473-1089 for more information.

Thank you so much and God Bless you.



## Bereavement Group



### SEEING THE LIGHT OF DAY

A faith based group meeting

First Sunday of the month

1:00 pm - In the Pointe

Our Lady Star of the Sea—467 Fairford Rd.,

Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

Contact the Parish office (313-884-5554) for more information



## BE THANKFUL



St. Joan of Arc will be sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, November 30th, from 12:00 noon until 6:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room.

If you are a regular donor, we thank you and hope to see you there. If you've never given before, it takes a little over an hour to donate and can save many lives.

The American Red Cross will not be taking walk-ins and you must have an appointment.

To make an appointment, log on-to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) (sponsor code: stjoanblooddrive) or call John Staperfenne at 248-789-8274.

Please help save a life and become a Red Cross Blood Donor!

## Light of the Spirit Prayer Group

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at St. Joan of Arc from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Sr. Carol Center.

**Join us!**



### Weekly Calendar of Events

#### **Monday, November 27th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Tuesday, November 28th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 AM Rescue Project - Church

7:00 PM Presence Series - EH - Live Streamed

#### **Wednesday, November 29th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

5:00 PM Reconciliation

6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Thursday, November 30th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

9:00 AM American Red Cross Blood Drive - EH

#### **Friday, December 1st**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Saturday, December 2nd**

11:00 AM Reconciliation

12:30 PM Baptism of Bennett S. Eschenburg

2:30 PM Baptism of Connor A. Kamysiak

4:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Sunday, December 3rd**

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

11:00 AM Family Faith Formation - Gym

12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

### Words on the Word

#### ***Nov. 26, 2023 – These Least Ones***

The wheels of progress keep turning. That's a good thing. Sometimes innocent bystanders can get caught up on those wheels, and that's not such a good thing.

*The Detroit News* provided an in-depth look a few weeks ago at an ongoing situation in Detroit's Corktown, near the old Michigan Central Train Depot. As most area residents know, Ford Motor Company purchased the station a few years ago to transform it into a technology center. The automaker reportedly has spent millions since the purchase, transforming the building into a place suitable to do business.

The company also reportedly pledged almost a billion dollars to help transform the entire area into a hub for technology. That's all great.

The issue reported on by *The News*, however, is that many of the area's homeless people feel they are essentially being "pushed out" to other areas of the city to accommodate the area's transformation.

It's a delicate situation, to be sure.

The homeless feel they are unfairly targeted and harassed. The city and developers, meanwhile, understandably need to make the area clean, safe, and attractive as a business, entertainment, and residential location.

As things continue to evolve in that area and others, people of goodwill can hope and pray that the rights of everyone – developers, residents and homeless alike – all are protected, including, to be sure, those with no voice and no power.

"Then they will ... say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?'" we hear in today's Christ the King gospel passage from St. Matthew. "He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'"

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## Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

### Mass Intentions

**Monday November 27, 2023 Weekday (Green)**

7:00 a.m. Clara M. Champine

**Tuesday November 28, 2023 Weekday (Green)**

7:00 a.m. Hugo Calisi

**Wednesday November 29, 2023 Weekday (Green)**

7:00 a.m. Anthony Lombardi

6:00 p.m. Joseph & Angeline Calus

**Thursday November 30, 2023 Saint Andrew, Apostle (Red)**

7:00 a.m. Leonard Cichoracki

**Friday December 1, 2023 Weekday (Green)**

7:00 a.m. Steve Finn

**Saturday, December 2, 2023 Vigil for the First Sunday in Advent (Purple)**

4:00 p.m. Bonnie Batche, Richard Mooney, Irene Mack, Grace & Sam Valenti, Sally Cabot, Thaddeus J. Stolarski Sr., Richard Bottcher and special intentions for the Thomas Family, the J. Champine Family, for Angelina Hernandez, Guadalupe Sandoval, Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas, Ray DeFrates and Linda Frank; and Prayerful appreciate for the work of the Priests and Staff of St. Joan of Arc

6:00 p.m. Lawrence VanOverbeke

**Sunday November 26, 2023 First Sunday in Advent (Purple)**

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions for St. Joan of Arc Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Robert Boesiger

12:00 p.m. Dennis Venuto, Norma Fortunate, Ann Mularoni, Jose Medina, Rosario Medina, Jeffrey Hardy, Joan Hardy, Felician Punzalan, Dini Hamm, Daisy Marie Buena Vista, and special intentions for Pam Haisenleder, Alison Reslow, Lorraine Jonas, Ray DeFrates and Linda Frank

### Daily Readings

**Monday, November 27**

Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20  
Luke 21:1-4

**Friday, December 1**

Daniel 7:2-14  
Luke 21:29-33

**Tuesday, November 28**

Daniel 2:31-45  
Luke 21:5-11

**Saturday, December 2**

Daniel 7:15-27  
Luke 21:34-36

**Wednesday, November 29**

Daniel 5:1-28  
Luke 21:12-19

**Sunday, December 3**

Isaiah 63:16b-19b; 64:2-7  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:33-37

**Thursday, November 30**

Romans 10:9-18  
Matthew 4:18-22



### I Am The Resurrection & The Life

“Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families.”

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Gary Surinck  
Michele DeLeeuw  
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“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.”

*Minnie Louise Haskins*



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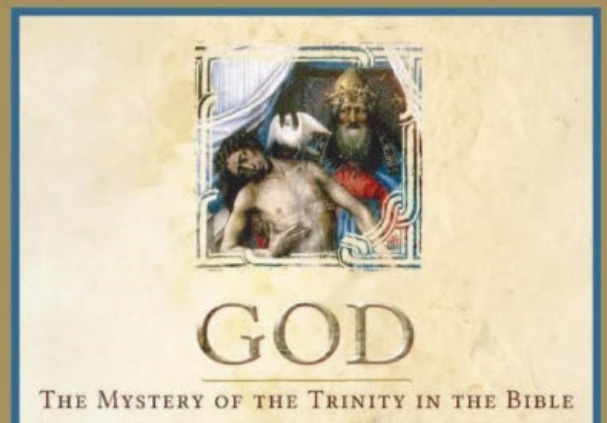
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- If God is one, how can Jesus be God?
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During the Advent season of waiting, let's enjoy some faith, fellowship, food and fun for the whole family.



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**DEC. 9**

Following 6 pm Mass





# Prayers Needed

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Maura Corrigan	James Glaeser	Mila Lictawa	Fe Reyes	Larry Weber
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George Dickerson	Judith Hasten	Nina Mondalek	Terri Smigels	Janet Yntema
Nick DiCresce	Leland Helzer	Jennie Mooney	Kathleen Smith	Eddie Zatyrcz
Jean Edwards	Valerie Hudson	Adam Moore	Cathy Spindler	Patricia Zublin
Dr. Elise Eden	Joan Ireland	Jim Moore	Palma Strussione	
Frank Faiss	Lorraine Jonas	Joel Moore	Raymond Strussione	

**Pray for the Sick List:** Please note that we regularly clear the “Pray for the Sick List” because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don’t always hear from people when they’ve gotten better. If you would like to add a person

## PRAY FOR OUR MEN & WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

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# Bringing Home the Word

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)*

November 26, 2023

## The Lord Is My Shepherd

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

**T**he prominent image for God in today's readings is the shepherd. This might be an unfamiliar image for city dwellers, but it is a very rich religious image. The Bible tells us that early Israelites were herders, so they knew a lot about shepherds. They knew that shepherds follow the wandering of their sheep and attended to their needs—not the other way around. They knew that shepherds lived with their sheep in the hills for long periods, away from family, friends, and the comforts of life. They knew that shepherds helped birthing and dying. They knew that all of this is a messy, smelly business, and no job for the fastidious.

Many nations of the ancient world, Israel included, thought of their kings as shepherds of the people—leaders who should be willing to do for their people what the shepherd does for the sheep. This explains why, on the feast of Christ the King, we represent our king as a shepherd rather than a victorious military commander, as many kings are. But more than this, throughout his life—at his passion and death, and now in his risen glory—Christ cares for us and leads us as a shepherd does. He embraces the messy, smelly reality of life. He is a shepherd-king, intent on our needs, searching for us when we seem to be lost. How comforting it is to know he carries us on his shoulders. †

### *A Word from Pope Francis*

We will be judged on love.... not on feelings, no: we will be judged on works, on compassion.... Do I draw near to Jesus present in the persons of the sick, the poor, the suffering, the imprisoned, of those who hunger and thirst for justice? Do I draw near to Jesus present there? This is the question for today.

ANGELUS, ROME,  
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## Sunday Readings

**Ezekiel 34:11–12, 15–17**

For thus says the Lord God:  
Look! I myself will search for  
my sheep and examine them.

**1 Corinthians 15:20–26, 28**

The last enemy to be destroyed  
is death.

**Matthew 25:31–46**

"Amen, I say to you, what you did  
not do for one of these least ones,  
you did not do for me."

*Christ cares for us  
and leads us  
as a shepherd does.*



### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What are you doing to help those who are most in need?
- What more could you do?



# Finding God in the Interruptions

Ron Rolheiser, OMI

In a biography of C. S. Lewis, A. N. Wilson describes how Lewis' life was, during virtually all of his productive years, interrupted by the demands of his adoptive mother who made him do all the shopping and housework. Lewis' brother Warnie, who also lived in the household (and who generally refused to let his own agenda be so interrupted), laments this fact in his diaries and suggests that Lewis could have been much more prolific had he not been forced to spend countless hours doing domestic chores.

Lewis himself, however, gives a different assessment. Far from being resentful about these interruptions, he's grateful and suggests that it was precisely these domestic demands that kept him in touch with life in a way that other Oxford dons were not. Wilson agrees. He suggests that it was precisely because of these interruptions, which kept Lewis'



feet squarely on the ground, that Lewis was able to have such empathic insights into the everyday human condition.

We, too, must look for the hand of God in our interruptions. These often appear as a conspiracy of accidents, but through them God guides and tutors us. If we were totally in control of our own agendas, if we could simply plan and execute our lives according to our own

dreams with no unwanted demands, I fear that many of us would slowly and subtly become selfish.

C. S. Lewis once said that we'll spend most of eternity thanking God for those prayers he didn't answer. I suspect we'll also spend a good part of eternity thanking God for those interruptions that derailed our plans. †

*From Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas, Ronald Rolheiser, OMI (813375)*



*God of the universe, we pray for the coming of the kingdom of your Son in all places and in the hearts of every human being. We pray always in Jesus' name. Amen.*

The Redemptorists

## From Sr. Thea Bowman's Address to the US Bishops' Conference, June 1989

Today we're called to walk together in a new way toward that Land of Promise and to celebrate who we are and whose we aren't. If we, as a Church, walk together—don't let nobody separate you—that's one thing black folk can teach you—don't let folks divide you up—you know, put the lay folk over here and the clergy over here—put the bishops in one room and the clergy in the other room—put the women over here and the men over here. The Church teaches us that the Church is a family of families and the family got to stay together and we know, that if we do stay together—if we walk and talk and work and play and stand together in Jesus' name—we'll be who we say we are—truly Catholic and we shall overcome—overcome the poverty—overcome the loneliness—overcome the alienation and build together a holy city, a new Jerusalem, a city set apart where they'll know that we are here because we love one another. †

## WEEKDAY READINGS

November 27—  
December 2

**Monday, Weekday:**  
Dn 1:1–6, 8–20 / Lk 21:1–4

**Tuesday, Weekday:**  
Dn 2:31–45 / Lk 21:5–11

**Wednesday, Weekday:** Dn 5:1–6,  
13–14, 16–17, 23–28 / Lk 21:12–19

**Thursday, Saint Andrew:**  
Rom 10:9–18 / Mt 4:18–22

**Friday, Weekday:**  
Dn 7:2–14 / Lk 21:29–33

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Dn 7:15–27 / Lk 21:34–36

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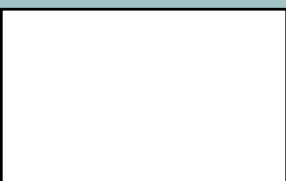
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