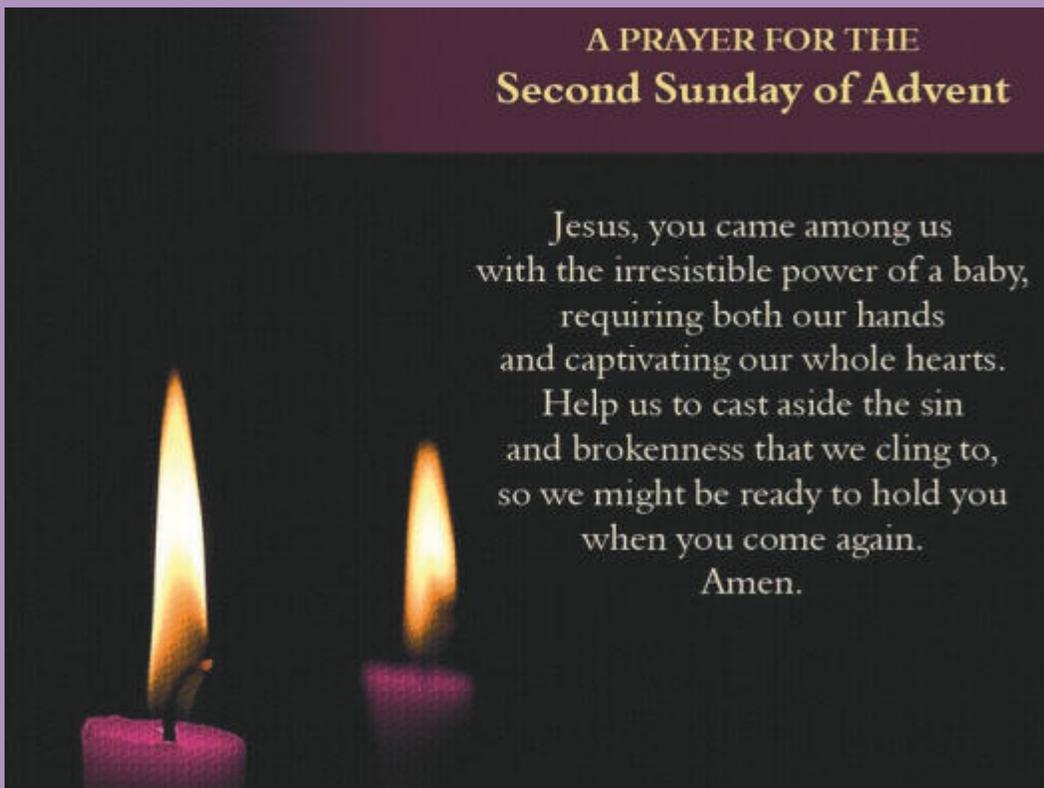


2nd Sunday in Advent

A PRAYER FOR THE Second Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you came among us
with the irresistible power of a baby,
requiring both our hands
and captivating our whole hearts.
Help us to cast aside the sin
and brokenness that we cling to,
so we might be ready to hold you
when you come again.
Amen.



December 6, 2020

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Baptism: Please contact the parish office to schedule an appointment.

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Anointing of the Sick: If you wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the Parish Office or, if more urgent, Fr. Miller directly.



Dear Parishioners,

You may be wondering what the rising number of COVID cases means for activities here at Regina Coeli, especially regarding the ability to attend Mass. First, we all need to remember that regardless of what is planned, things can drastically change within a matter of minutes. We have experienced this already and might again in the future. This is very difficult for most people since we desire stability, but it is an adjustment we have to make for our time. It's helpful to anticipate change and the ways we can positively adapt. There is always good if we look for it, even in the darkest of situations.

As of this writing, public attendance of Mass *will be* permitted here at Regina Coeli, even if Lucas County elevates its COVID level to purple. Bishop Thomas might cease public attendance of Mass at some point in the future as he did last spring, but that will depend on many factors, and most likely be in solidarity with the other Catholic Bishops in Ohio. We are blest here at Regina Coeli to have a large church with many entry/exit points. This allows those attending Mass to have plenty of spacing between themselves and others around them. We are also blest to have volunteers who sanitize after the Masses. I'm very grateful that everyone wears facial masks at Mass each week, knowing some people do so very reluctantly.

There will soon be hand sanitizer stations in the narthex of the church. Prior to the cold weather, the church doors were propped open before and after Mass for "no touch" entry and exit of the building. Obviously that is not possible during the winter months, and thus the reason for providing hand sanitizers. These are being provided for those who desire to sanitize their hands when entering and/or leaving the church. It is NOT mandatory that everyone do so since there is no common touching of anything after entering through the exterior church doors.

There is peace in knowing that good hygiene, combined with physical distancing and facial masks, are effective in greatly reducing the risks of spreading disease. There is also peace in knowing that the mortality rate of those who have been infected by the virus is only 0.2-0.3%. Children are less affected by the coronavirus than the flu whereas the opposite is true for older people. Fighting through the coronavirus might be rough, but at least there is comfort for most people in knowing they will live through it. So please continue to do your part with following the public guidelines and pray for those who are adversely affected by it or have died.

Finally, for your convenience, the following is being provided to you again this week:

Regina Coeli Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec. 24—Christmas Eve Mass @ 5:00pm & 8:00pm
Dec. 25—Christmas Day Mass @ 10:00am
Dec. 31—New Year's Eve Mass @ 6:00pm
Jan. 1—New Year's Day Mass @ 9:00am

Gratefully,
Fr. Miller

Masses for the Week

Sunday, Dec. 6—Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am † John W. Wayton
10:30 am † Chet & Thelma Malaczewski

Monday, Dec. 7

...see other parishes

Tuesday, Dec. 8

8:00 am † Helen Schaupp

Wednesday, Dec. 9

8:00 am † Evelyn Czerniak
9:45 am † Mildred Tafelski

Thursday, Dec. 10

8:00 am † Helen Pacewicz

Friday, Dec. 11

8:00 am † Frank D'Esposito

Saturday, Dec. 12

8:00 am Parishioners of Regina Coeli
...vigil for Sunday

5:30 pm † Leonard & Leona Blochowski

Sunday, Dec. 13—Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am † Esther Brown
10:30 am † Carol Caputo

Liturgical Ministers

5:30 pm Saturday, Dec. 12

Rosary: K. Steele

Lector: B. Lane

EMHC: R. Augustyniak, S. Augustyniak, J. Norton, P. Norton

Ushers: R. Weislak, B. Lane, C. Wroblewski

Sanitation Teams: B. Lane, R. Weislak, C. Wroblewski

8:00 am Sunday, Dec. 13

Rosary: M. Drabek

Lector: A. Bonanni

EMHC: B. Dudley, E. Horner, K. Horner

Ushers: J. Sobczak, L. Bonanni, E. Marsh, J. Shaner, S. Sobczak

Sanitation Teams:

10:30 am Sunday, Dec. 13

Rosary: L. McClain

Lector: C. Brown

EMHC: D. Caputo, R.M. Liberkowski, L. McClain, J. McNichol

Ushers: T. Esposito, S. Bronikowski, N. Chupp, J. Gajdostik, J. Pesartic, J. Reinhart

Sanitation Teams: L. McClain, J. McNichol

thank you!



Looking Ahead in our Parish

Dec. 13 Donut Sunday after 8:00am & 10:30am Masses
 Dec. 24 & 25 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
 Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Masses @ 5:00pm & 8:00pm (C)
 Dec. 25 Christmas Day—Mass @ 10:00am (C)
 Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Mass @ 6:00pm (C)
 Jan. 1 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
 Jan 1. New Year's Day— Mass @ 9:00am (C)

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At times, all of us experience pessimism, cynicism, and discouragement. How do we overcome these, especially as we see evil become more prevalent and stronger? This second Sunday of Advent, we are reminded that God has not forgotten about us! God is our Lord and Savior! In the wilderness of pessimism and discouragement, John the Baptist tells us to be hopeful, the Lord is coming! He says we should be focusing on and preparing ourselves for this. Isaiah, who preaches comfort to God's sinful people, is reminding them that God is like a shepherd who gathers the lambs of His flock (us) in His arms. Peter reminds us that God's timing is different than ours. What seems like a long wait for us, is in reality just the blink of an eye. Advent is our yearly reminder that God has not forgotten about us, no matter how we may feel. In fact, He never stops thinking of us, and He is leading us with care to everlasting joy.



Pope Francis @Pontifex
 #Advent is the Season in which we remember God's nearness, that He came down toward us.

Prayer Requests

Dolores Beakas (ES), Joanne Zacharias (SC), Rita Veres (FC), Nancy Popelik, Don Miller, Harold Barefield, Judy Hockman, Jeanetta Costanzo, Martha Rygalski, Tina Reil, Josh Coleman, Tom Achinger, Barbara Weithman, Gary Hergenrather, Connie Przybysz, Betty Smenner, Jack Binder

Please keep the parish office updated of changes.

(ES-Elizabeth Scott, KS-Kingston Sylvania, LS-Little Sisters of the Poor, LV-Lutheran Village of Wolf Creek, SC-St. Claire Commons, GC-Goelich Center, SA-St. Anne's, CC-Cleveland Clinic, FC-Franciscan Center)

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Our deepest sympathies and heartfelt prayers go out to the families of Frank D'Esposito and Patricia Johnson. May their souls be at peace with our Heavenly Father and may He comfort & strengthen their family and friends in their time of grief.

Due to the rising corona virus cases and new restrictions, the Altar & Rosary society has cancelled the Christmas Party that was scheduled for this Sunday. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. We may consider a Christmas in July party if virus cases start to go down. We pray everyone has a safe and blessed Christmas Season and New Year. God bless you all!

EVENT CANCELED

Holy Name Society has decided to cancel their December 8 meeting and holiday party due to current coronavirus restrictions and risks. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



Need a Christmas gift idea? Want to support a local business? Want to support Regina Coeli Athletics?? You can take care of all 3 by buying a Sidelines card from our Athletic Boosters for only \$20! This card will pay for itself in just 3 visits and is good until June 2021! You are supporting both Regina Coeli and a local small business with the purchase of these gift cards. If interested, please text or call Matt Kistner at 419-787-5912.



This year we have Advent Gospel Reflection books from Bishop Barron, available in the narthex. The books contain the full Gospel reading for each day, questions for reflection, and journal pages. It's a small, yet spiritually powerful way to connect with the Word every day as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior. Stop and pick one up!

Calling God's angels to help us make the season brighter for those in great need this Christmas. Simply grab a tag with a wish item off the Angel Tree in the narthex, and then return the gift to the tree. Gifts need to be returned no later than December 12th. **Covid Concern:** Please return all gifts **UNWRAPPED** with the tag securely attached or in a bag. Please call Kristi at 419-351-9163 with questions.



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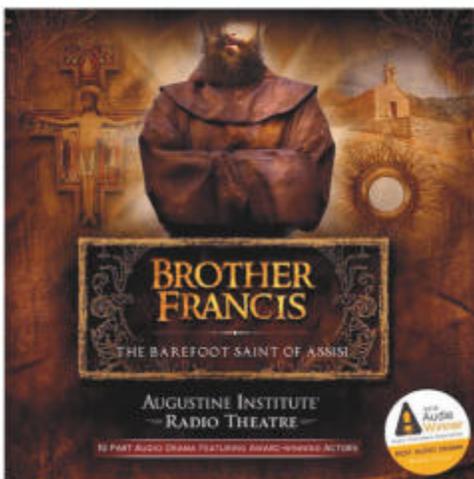
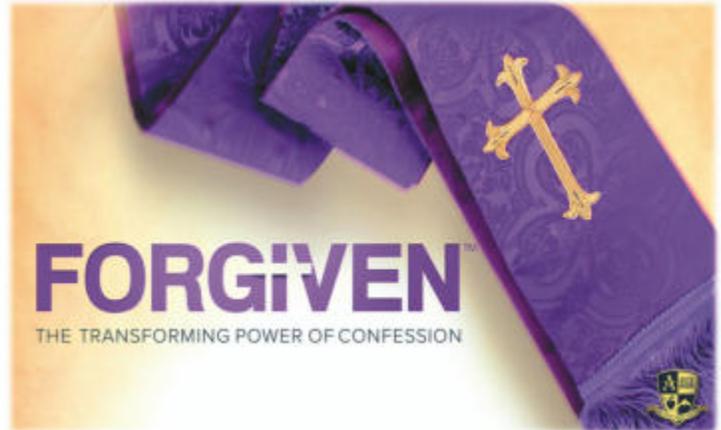
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*Prepare the way of
the LORD!*

Second Sunday of Advent

Opening Hymn — On Jordan's Bank

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh—Awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin—Make straight the way for god within, and let each heart prepare a home where such a mighty guest may come.
5. All praise to You, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won, whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

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Penitential Act B

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

Assemble: For we have sinned against you.

Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

Assembly: And grant us your salvation.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

1st Reading — IS 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your

voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

Responsorial Psalm — PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

2nd Reading — 2 PT 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, be loved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – MK 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn — There Is a Longing

Refrain: There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for You to reveal Yourself to us. There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in You, our God.

1. For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer. In sorrow, in grief: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

[Refrain]

2. For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer. In weakness, in fear: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

[Refrain]

3. For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer. In sickness. In death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

[Refrain]

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Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl above the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Closing Hymn — Sing Out, Earth and Skies!

1. Come, O God of all the earth: Come to us, O Righteous One—Come, and bring our love to birth: In the glory of Your Son.

Refrain: Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of God who loves you! Raise your joyful cries! Dance to the life around you!

2. Come, O God of wind and flame: Fill the earth with righteousness—Teach us all to sing Your name: May our lives Your love confess.

[Refrain]

5. Come, O Justice, Come, O Peace: Come and shape our hearts anew—Come and make oppression cease: Bring us all to life with you.

[Refrain]

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