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SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.” - Lk 21:27




Parish Office Hours:

The office will be closed from Noon on Wednesday November 24th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Office will reopen on **Monday November 30th**.

****There will only be one mass celebrated on Thanksgiving Day at All Saints. Mass will be at 9:00 am.**



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Eric Thomas Clement
by his mom.

A circular image on the left shows two lit white candles on a purple base, surrounded by red and white roses and greenery. The text to the right is centered and uses a mix of serif and cursive fonts.

Readings for the week of November 28, 2021

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16 / 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 / Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: Is 2:1-5 / Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a / Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 / Mt 9:35-10:1-5, 6-8



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 27th

9 am: Jamil Mazraani †
5 pm: Manuel Jose Plata †
7 pm: Moises & Consuelo Ortega †

Sunday, November 28th

8 am: Liza Mazraani †
10 am: The People of All Saints Parish
11:30 am: Eric Thomas Clement †

Monday, November 29th

6:30 am: Aunt Maria †
9 am: Gary Davidson †
12:10 pm: Mark Ferri †

Tuesday, November 30th

6:30 am: Thomas Cleveland Baker †
9 am: Yvonne Forbes
12:10 pm: Jeff Doner †

Wednesday, December 1st

6:30 am: Sister Maria †
9 am: Carmen Miranda †
12:10 pm: Mike Ferri

Thursday, December 2nd

6:30 am: Our Lady of Grace Monastery
9 am: Maria & Dominico †
12:10 pm: Becky Herrell †

Friday, December 3rd

6:30 am: John Donovan †
9 am: Bernard & Gilbert Patrino †
12:10 pm: Janet Yousif †

Saturday, December 4th

9 am: James Bruce McElligott †
5 pm: Patricia Filipkowski †
7 pm: Soila de Leon Mateo †

Sunday, December 5th

8 am: Priest & Deacons of All Saints
10 am: Jeremiah J. Nugent †
11:30 am: The People of All Saints



Laudato Si' Care for Our Common Home

“Saint Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness.” (Laudato Si’ 12)

As we gather with family and friends to celebrate **Thanksgiving**, it is the perfect time to reflect on God’s beautiful creation, for “his eternal power and divinity have been made known through his works since the creation of the world” (Rom1:20). We come to know the God who loves us by appreciating the beautiful world he has created. As we give thanks for our beautiful “Common Home”, may we also take the time to reflect on our place in the world and the ways that we can nurture and heal creation.

November 14, marked the release of the *Laudato Si’ Action Platform*, a 7 year journey to sustainability for families, individuals and institutions. As we give thanks for what we have, may we accept Pope Francis’ invitation to heal our planet. Go to godsplanet.us to learn more about how others are accepting this important challenge.



A group for parishioners age 50 and older

Leader: Donna Terzak
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Get in the holiday spirit by attending the musical “Plaid Tidings” at the Cumberland Playhouse. We plan to attend the 2:30 pm performance on **Sunday, December 5**. We have ordered a limited number of advance tickets at a discounted price of \$25. If interested, please contact Donna.

Advent by Candlelight. Two tables have been reserved for the Prime Timers women for the Advent by Candlelight on Tuesday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Join us for an evening of prayer, song, fellowship and closing remarks by Sister Maria Juan to get yourself prepared for the Advent season. RSVP by **Sunday, November 21** at penguin7@prodigy.net or 531-3839.

Book Club. The selection for the November book club is “*The Midnight Library*” by Matt Haig, an engaging read, full of gentle insights and soothing wisdom. Because of Thanksgiving holiday, the group will meet on **Tuesday, December 7** at 7 pm in Room A. We will also connect via Zoom for those who cannot meet in person. Please contact Donna if you are interested in reading and plan to join us in discussing this book.

Christmas Luncheon. Our Christmas luncheon is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 8** at **11:00 am** at the Chop House in Franklin Square.

Christmas Tea and Cookie Exchange. Take a break from the holiday frenzy and join us for a festive tea on **Sunday, December 12 at 2:00 p.m.** Bring a batch of your favorite Christmas cookie to exchange and take home to enjoy with family and friends.

Holiday Concert for Music for Seniors. The Knoxville Opera Company is holding a musical celebration of Christmas and Chanukah at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension on **Thursday, December 16** from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

See more upcoming events at
www.allsaintsknoxville.org/prime-timers



If you wish to have Christmas cards sent to a family member in the military who will not be home for Christmas, please forward their name and address to busha_8@yahoo.com by December 1st.

EVERY FAMILY take one next week:

- ♥ Advent Wreath brochure of weekly prayers.
- ♥ Prayer for Advent--maybe use for your wreath blessing at home!
- ♥ Family project Advent chain bag.

Married Couples and Priests:



"Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Listen to Jesus on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on **February 25-27**. You can also look for virtual experiences and get more information and apply online at wwme.org or by calling 678-242-WWME.

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Calling all crafters and artisans!!! Holy Ghost is having a Christmas Market on Saturday, December 11 at the St. Joseph School gymnasium from 9 am-2pm. Please contact Christine Blair at 356-2017 or christine.h.blair@gmail.com for more information or to register.

Parish Day Retreat

on Prayer

Saturday, December 4th
8 am - 2 pm
Parish Hall

allsaintsknoxville.org/events/prayer-retreat

DON'T ALLOW ANY SADNESS TO DWELL IN YOUR SOUL, FOR SADNESS PREVENTS THE HOLY SPIRIT FROM ACTING FREELY.

-SAINT PADRE PIO



Youth Ministry Summer Camp Registration Open



Advent by Candlelight

Tuesday, November 30th
All Saints Parish Hall
Doors open at 6:30 pm
Lights lowered at 7 pm

[allsaintsknoxville.org/events/
advent-by-candlelight](http://allsaintsknoxville.org/events/advent-by-candlelight)

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Light of Life Nativity Festival. Tennessee Right to Life is planning an exciting new event to bring Christ's message of LIFE to our community this Christmas. Saturday, December 11, 9 am- 7 pm on Broadway Event Center in Fountain City. The event will bring together the faithful of our community to spread this message by focusing on our Savior's birth as portrayed in Nativity Scenes in all their various forms, telling the story of their importance in our observance of the Christmas Season and as a reminder of the Sanctity of LIFE. We would like to invite you to exhibit a cherished, handmade, vintage, or new Nativity Scene for this event.

For more information or to exhibit your Nativity Scene (s), contact Mary Amber Dunn at maryamberdunn@yahoo.com.



**Get Tickets Through
December 31st, 2021!**

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.

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