

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“THE DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD,  
WHEN I WILL FULFILL THE PROMISE  
I MADE TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH.”

—JEREMIAH 33:14

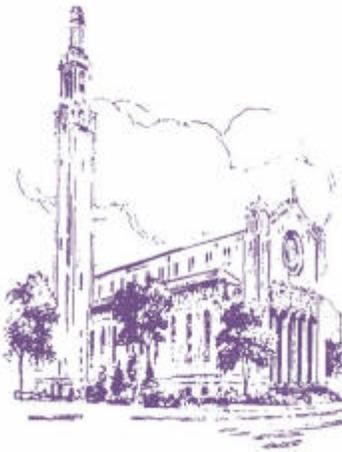
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## First Sunday in Advent ~ November 28, 2021

### SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH CHURCH

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Evening Vigil:** 5 pm

**Sunday:** 9 am, 11 am and

**5 pm** (extraordinary form)

**Monday:** 5:30 pm (extraordinary form)

**Weekday:** M-T-W-F 9 am

**Holy Day:** As announced in the bulletin

**Website:** [www.sioa.weconnect.com](http://www.sioa.weconnect.com)

**Rite of Infant Baptism:** Parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Instruction. Please contact the Parish Office for dates and times Baptismal Classes are offered.

**Catechumenate/RCIA:** Adults and children of Catechetical Age Seeking Baptism and membership in the Church are invited to join, Monday evenings, 7pm.

**Rite of Penance:** **Monday** 4:45 pm - 5:20 pm  
**Saturday** 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm,  
**Sunday** 10 am - 10:45 am and  
*available by appointment.*

**Marriage:** Couples need to make arrangements at least six months prior to wedding date.

#### PHONE NUMBERS:

**Parish House:** 216-251-0300

**School:** 216-671-0535

**After Hours Emergency:** *Please call the Parish House*

**PASTORS COLUMN**

The Sacred Season of Advent has begun. During this season of joyful preparation for Christmas we engage in beautiful traditions which help us to focus on faith, family, charity, and peace. One such tradition is the lighting of the candles of the advent wreath. There is evidence of pre-Christian Germanic peoples using wreaths with lit candles during the cold and dark December days as a sign of hope in the future warm and extended-sunlight days of Spring. In Scandinavia during Winter, lighted candles were placed around a wheel, in anticipation of spring's lengthening of days and restoration of warmth. By the Middle Ages, Christians adapted this tradition and used Advent wreathes as part of our spiritual preparation for Christmas. After all, Christ is "the Light that came into the world" to dispel the darkness of sin and to radiate the truth and love of God (cf. John 3:19-21).

The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath is made of various evergreens to symbolize the everlasting life of Christ our Savior. The circle of the wreath, having no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God. Any pine cones, nuts, or seedpods used to decorate the wreath too symbolize the need to adorn our souls with virtue.

The four candles, three purple and one rose, represent the four weeks of Advent. The purple candles in symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle, lit on Gaudete Sunday, the midpoint of Advent, symbolizes joy that Christmas is near, and the joy which should mark the Christian life as a whole. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.

If you haven't in the past, consider assembling an advent wreath for your family home and lighting it at meal times.

On the First Sunday of Advent, a prayer of blessing over the wreath is appropriate: "O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Who lives and reigns forever. Amen."

Then on the day of the first week of Advent, O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Who lives and reigns forever. Amen."

Prayer for the Second Week: "O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Who lives and reigns forever Amen."

Prayer for the third week: "O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Who lives and reigns forever. Amen."

Prayer for the fourth week: "O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Who lives and reigns forever. Amen."

Since Advent is a time to stir-up our faith in the Lord, the wreath and its prayers provide us a way to augment this special preparation for Christmas. Moreover, this good tradition helps us to remain vigilant in our homes and not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 27, Weekday</b>
5:00 pm	For abused, neglected & dependent children
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 28, 1st Sunday of Advent</b>
9:00 am	For the people of the Parish
11:00 am	For the deceased members of the Woods & Kardeleski families
5:00 pm <i>EF Mass</i>	For the living & deceased members of the Masters, Tomasetti & McIlvain families
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 29, Advent Weekday</b>
9:00 am	Charles Thill
5:30 pm	Michael & Vera Hoynes
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 30, St. Andrew, Apostle</b>
9:00 am	Dennis Dentzer
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 1, Advent Weekday</b>
9:00 am	Edward Yurick
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 2, Advent Weekday</b>
	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 3, St. Francis Xavier</b>
8:30 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Michelino Zappitelli
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 4, Advent Weekday</b>
5:00 pm	Michael Walden
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 5, 2nd Sunday of Advent</b>
9:00 am	For the people of the Parish
11:00 am	Charles Thill
5:00 pm <i>EF Mass</i>	Anna Mae Szymczak

**THIS WEEK AT SAINT IGNATIUS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 27</b>
Eucharistic Exposition	3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Confession	3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 28</b>
Doughnut Sunday	after the Masses
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 29</b>
Legion of Mary	9:30 am
Bible Study	7 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 1</b>
Share-A-Meal	5:30 pm
Choral Rehearsal	7 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 2</b>
1st District Meeting	6 pm
Taize Prayer Service	7 pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 3</b>
Eucharistic Adoration	7 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 4</b>
Eucharistic Exposition	3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Confession	3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Quire Cleveland	8 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 5</b>
Christ Child Book Give-a-Way	After the Masses
1st Sunday Rosary	10:30 am

**QUIRE CLEVELAND**



In Quire Cleveland's opening program of its 14th season, it is a call to awaken our collective souls and spirits to bask in renewed life through the sounds of the human voice! We invite you to celebrate the season as we raise our myriad voices through familiar carols interspersed around three sixteenth-century settings of the Magnificat, the Virgin Mary's hymn of praise to the Lord, taken from Luke's Gospel (1:46-55). Join Quire Cleveland for a concert here at SIOA on **NEXT Saturday, December 4 at 8 pm.** Free will offering, suggested offering \$25.

**CHURCH SUPPORT**

Due to the early submission of the bulletin we do not have a total for offertory for the weekend of Christ the King. We appreciate your patience and as always we are grateful for your generous heart!



**GIVING TREE**

We will have trees set up in the church. Please take an ornament and purchase the gift specified on the tag. Wrap it and return it to Church **NO LATER than December 12** with the card attached to the gift. Thank you for your generosity.

**FREE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BOOKS**

The Christ Child Society of Cleveland will be distributing **FREE** children's Christmas books after each Mass on **NEXT Sunday, December 5** for **Christmas Book Sunday** Enjoy this special gift just in time for the Christmas Season!



**SVDP**



A reminder that **THIS** weekend **November 27 & 28** is Basket Collection Weekend. Thank you in advance for your support.

**WEDDING BANNS**

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**1ST SUNDAY ROSARY ~ LEGION OF MARY**



The Legion of Mary will be praying the Rosary **NEXT Sunday, December 5** at **10:30 am** before the 11 am Mass. Please join us as we gather to pray the rosary for **evangelization** during this Season of Advent.

**THIS TUESDAY**  
**November 30, 2021**

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with the Catholic Community Foundation on #GIVINGTUESDAY

**ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKS**

Prepare spiritually for the coming of Christ with this popular and inviting annual guide. **These books are available in the church and at the Parish Office.** Please feel free to take one of these books to enrich your Advent Season. There is no cost and it is our gift to you!

**A NEW WAY TO GIVE**

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**PREPARE FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!**

As we prepare at home for the holiday season so too does the church need to be readied for the holiday and the coming of Jesus. We need your help preparing the church.

1. **Sunday, December 12 after the 11 am Mass** a Prep Meeting to discuss what needs to be done and who will be doing what the following week is scheduled. All are welcome!
2. **Sunday, December 19 after the 11 am Mass** we will decorate the church. All are welcome. Many hands make light work.

Last year we had a wonderful time decorating the church and getting to know fellow parishioners. Even if you think your mind is willing but the body is not, we would love to have you join us and share an idea, make a bow or just chat. Join us and get in

**GARDEN CLUB**



Please start collecting your milk containers. The Garden Club will be decorating the steps of the church with luminaries for Christmas Eve. We need your help to collect 100 plastic one gallon milk containers. Please remember to rinse out each jug and remove the cap. The containers can be dropped off in the church following Mass or the Parish Office by **Friday, December 17.** Thank you!

Thank you to all who attended and supported our Spaghetti Dinner we appreciate all of your support for our ministry. The money raised will go a long way in preserving the splendor of our property at the corner of West Boulevard & Lorain Ave. We are most grateful for all of the volunteers that made this event so successful and all of their hard work in maintaining the beauty of our parish grounds.

**TAIZÉ PRAYER**



In person and Live stream on Facebook **THIS Thursday, December 2 at 7 pm.** Taizé Prayer is a distinctive style of meditative prayer developed by an ecumenical community of monks in rural France. A typical Taizé prayer service incorporates periods of silence with meditative readings from Scripture, prayers of praise and intercession, and the frequent repetition of simple, contemporary chants.

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