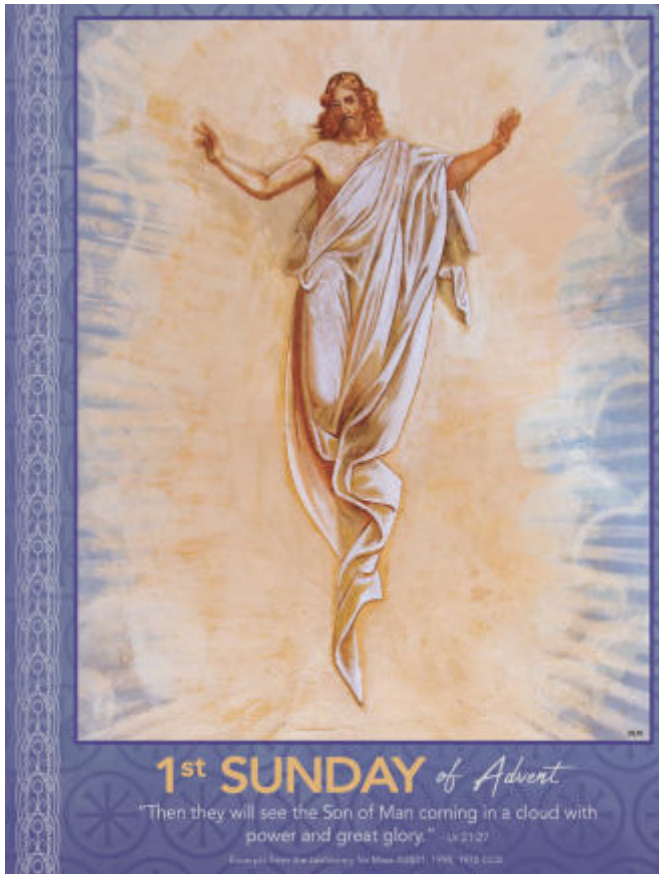


St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Church

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December 2, 2018



Tribulation. Wildfires. Tsunamis. Moral corruption. Disease. War. We tend to associate these things with the end times, and perhaps for good reason! In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world." Not exactly putting us in the Christmas spirit, is it? During Advent, we anticipate a celebration of Christ's first coming. There is a quiet stillness about our waiting, or at least we try to encourage that in ourselves. Perhaps we have an Advent devotional or we take time to pray together as a family around the Advent wreath.

But Jesus did not come only once into history. During Advent, we remember that he will come again. You may remember the rapture craze in the early 2000s, when a series of books and movies envisioned a future where Jesus was coming soon and all the true believers had been whisked away. Everyone else had one more chance to repent before things really went to hell...literally, in this case!

But is that what Jesus is talking about here? The truth is, we don't know what Jesus' Second Coming will be like. The actual return of Christ - though sudden and perhaps frightening to some - should not frighten us. Despite all the stories we may have heard about the apocalypse, the advice of Jesus is not to hang our heads or cower in fear. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." In a certain sense, we are already living in the end times. We already encounter great tribulation. We all find it easy to get distracted or discouraged in the grind of daily life. Today's Gospel reminds us that vigilance for God's presence is needed now.

Ordinary Mass Schedule

Please look inside bulletin for possible seasonal changes.

Daily Mass: Weds., Thurs. Fri. & Saturday 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Holy Hour: Tuesday 5:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Tuesday evenings at 5:30 pm.
First Friday and Saturdays of the month following morning Mass.
Every Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm.

Rosary : Sunday 10:00 am

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St. Aloysius

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Name: _____

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I would like to become a parishioner.

I'm from out of town. Please add me to your mailing list.

Mission Statement

St. Aloysius is a friendly parish with a sense of family. Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ to pray and worship, we serve one another with understanding and compassion. Our mission is to share, live and witness the Gospel, as we celebrate the sacraments and practice the works of Christian service, education, justice and peace. We support a vision for growth rooted in the belief that all things are possible when trusting in God.



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& Joyce Weber, Steve Buck, Marsha
Bergeron, Joyce Frazier, Chuck Shonta, Ge-
rald Wendland, Ron Collins



MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

Advent Weekday

7:00 pm For †Geoffrey Matelic, req. by his mother, Teresa

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Advent Weekday

9:00 am For †Joseph Lisowski, req. by Peggy Black

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Advent Weekday

9:00 am For †Arlene Robson, req. by Carol Kaplan

Friday, December 7, 2018

St. Ambrose

9:00 am For Laura Hager, req. by St. Aloysius Ushers

Vigil: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 pm For the living and deceased members of the Beger and Day families, req. by the family

Saturday, December 8, 2018

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am For the sanctity of human life

Vigil: Second Sunday in Advent

5:00 pm For †Phillip Renke, req. by his wife, Michele

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Second Sunday in Advent

9:00 am For the Parishioners of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church

11:00 am For †Frank Loeman, req. by friends and family

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass will be offered on Friday, December 7th at 7:00 pm and on Saturday morning, December 8th at 9:00 am. *This is a Holy Day of Obligation.*

"Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!" December 8th is one of our feasts celebrating Mary - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began with work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady!



"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." - Lk 21:27-28

Readings for the week of December 2, 2018

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

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: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Lay Minister Liturgy Schedule December 7, 8 & 9, 2018

Altar Server

7:00 pm Help Needed

5:00 pm Pam

9:00 am Tony

11:00 am Charley

Readers

7:00 pm Jack

5:00 pm Paul

9:00 am Nancy

11:00 am Jack



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

7:00 pm Help Needed

5:00 pm Darryl, Virginia & sub

9:00 am Viviane, John & sub

11:00 am Sr. Edith, Steve & sub

It is not the actual physical exertion that counts towards one's progress, nor the nature of the task, but by the spirit of faith with which it is undertaken.

-St. Francis Xavier

Everyday Stewardship

Waiting is not always so easy. If you lack patience, like me, you probably want whatever is going to happen to just happen already. I remember waiting on the births of my children. There was the time I sat with my dying father in the hospital. One year, we waited to see if our oldest child got into the college of his choice, or any college at all, which was nerve-wracking.

So, to make the time pass more easily, and because it is prudent and wise, we make preparations. We put together nurseries, go over last will and testaments, and look through endless college mailings. Then, when the event finally happens or our fate is unveiled, the preparation ends. Either you have prepared well or you didn't.

Unlike events in our lives that only happen once, we have been through Advent many times before. Even though this is the case, when Christmas arrives many of us will think we missed it again, and next year will be the year we really get into Advent. Of course, there is no promise of next year. What if you knew this was your last Advent ever?

I once read a book about how to live your life as if you only had one year to live. The author said that doing this provides incentive for a real commitment to living life to its fullest. You notice things for the first time. You make plans that you always put off. You tell people what you always wanted to say.

I hope all who read this have many wonderful years ahead of them. However, let's approach this Advent like it is our last. I bet Christmas will seem that much sweeter. And who knows, we may find a new and improved way to live all year long.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT



ADVENT F • A • Q

What is the origin of the Advent Wreath?

The origin dates to pre-Christian Germany and Scandinavia where the people gathered to celebrate the return of the sun after the winter solstice. For us, the lighting of the Advent candles represents the promise of the coming of Jesus, the light of the world.

Why is the rose-colored candle lit on the third Sunday of Advent?

The third Sunday of Advent is known as *Gaudete Sunday* because in Latin, the first words of the opening antiphon for that day's Mass are *Gaudete in Domino semper* (Rejoice in the Lord always) from Philippians 4: 4-5. On this Sunday a rose-colored candle is lit as a reminder that we are called to rejoice.

Was St. Nicholas Real?

Yes, St. Nicholas (270-343) was a Bishop of Myra (now Demre in southwest Turkey). He was imprisoned during Emperor Diocletian's persecution (303-5) and attended the first ecumenical council at Nicaea (325). Famous for his pastoral care, the many legendary stories of his charitable deeds became the basis for the figure of Santa Claus.

What is a Jesse Tree?

An ancient tradition revived in the mid-20th century as an Advent practice, the Jesse Tree represents the family of Jesse, father of King David. Each day of Advent a home made ornament is added to the Jesse Tree, a small tree made of evergreen branches. These symbolic ornaments each represent a prophecy foretelling of Christ.

Daily Thoughts and Scripture Readings to Prepare for Christ's Coming

Dec. 2: **Now is the Time:** *God's promise to save us is now fulfilled.* Jeremiah 33: 14-15

Dec. 3: **Jesus Will Come to Heal Us:** *Let us trust in Jesus' love for us.* Matthew 8:8

Dec. 4: **Change Our Hearts, Holy Spirit!** *Ask God's Holy Spirit to transform us.* Isaiah 11: 2-3

Dec. 5: **Jesus Fed the Hungry.** *What can we do this Advent to feed the hungry.* Matthew 15:32

Dec. 6: **Trust in God Forever:** *God is our constant guardian, keeping us from harm.* Isaiah 26:4

Dec. 7: **Jesus Opened the Eyes of the Blind.** *Open your eyes to notice those who need help today.* Psalm 27:1

Dec. 8: **Do Not Be Afraid.** *Like Mary, let us trust God and then entrust ourselves to God.* Luke 1: 28-30

This Coming Week

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

5:30 pm Holy Hour
5:30-6:15 pm Confessions
7:00 pm Mass

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

9:00 am Mass
9:30 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
6:00 pm Religious Education Classes

Thursday, December 6, 2018

9:00 am Mass
6:00 pm Legion of Mary

Friday, December 7, 2018

9:00 am Mass w/Confessions
7:00 pm Mass

Saturday, December 8, 2018

9:00 am Mass
3:30-4:30 pm Confession
5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 9, 2018

9:00 am Mass
10:00 am Rosary
11:00 am Mass

OUR GIFTS OF LOVE

November 25, 2018

Envelopes Issued:	190
Envelopes Used:	92
Weekly Budget:	\$3,600.00
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Your Continued Support is Needed and Appreciated.	

Children's Corner

Sharing the Gospel

One day Jesus will come back to take us home to live with him in heaven. So when scary things happen around us, we do not need to be afraid. We can stand up tall, because we know heaven will be so much better than this world.

Prayer

Dear God, when I am afraid, help me to be brave and trust in you. I know heaven will be wonderful.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus coming back in the clouds, ready to take you to heaven.

Mission for the Week

Write down one thing that scares you. Tell God about it, and ask him to help you To be brave.

Read the Gospel and Color



The Lord's Prayer

(In Memory of Joseph and Verna Kotlarek)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours. Now and forever. Amen.

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