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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 29, 2020

The bread and wine offered at this week's Masses and the sanctuary candle burns in memory of Deacon John Shepard.

SATURDAY – November 28

- 4:00 Jack Hogan (12), Larry & Judy Masterson,
Dorothy Lasser Kish (15)
5:30 Dominick Sanginiti

SUNDAY

- 7:30 Henry & Mary Soehnlein and Elda Testa
9:00 Michael Frisbee; Roy, Thomas and Rafael Lanzot,
10:30 Patrick Kavanah; Gerard Strommer, Danny Strommer and
Brian Strommer II
12:00 Michael and Stella Regina, James Gralski,
Martin Moran, Dec. members of the Soltis Family,
Toni Reinhart

MONDAY

- 8:30 Leonardo Albuquerque

TUESDAY

- 8:30 Eileen Kilduff

WEDNESDAY

- 8:30 Genowefa, Zygmunt & Tadeusz Siembab

THURSDAY

- 8:30 For Anastacia G. Del Rosario and for the Intentions of
Doris Adams

FRIDAY

- 8:30 Deacon John Shepard

SATURDAY

- 8:30 People of the Parish
4:00 Larry Mack, Stephan Sasala,
Rachel Weinand Mizenko
5:30 Henry, Kennedy, and Wood Families,
Angelina & Arthur Saladino

SUNDAY – December 6

- 7:30 Felix Versweyveld, Henry & Mary Soehnlein and Elda Testa
9:00 Stefano, Vitagliano & Grasso Families, Ed & Kay Blackford,
Michael Frisbee
10:30 Eleanor Giuffra and Ines Cella, Michael Strolla,
Michele Phillips
12:00 Judith DeGraw, Karolina Barbara Ogonowski and
Mike Setteducato

NOVEMBER 30

ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

Andrew, Peter's brother, and John were the first disciples to follow the Lord. St. Andrew was a native of Bethsaida in Galilee. He was a fisherman and former disciple of John the Baptist. He introduced his brother Peter to Jesus, saying, "We have found the Messiah."

After Pentecost, Andrew took up the apostolate on a much wider scale, and is said to have been martyred at Patras in southern Greece on a cross which was in the form of an "X". This type of cross has long been known as "St. Andrew's cross."

The story of his martyrdom rests on the apocryphal Acts which lack historical foundation. The pagan judge exhorted him to sacrifice to the gods. Andrew replied: "I sacrifice daily to almighty God, the one and true God. Not the flesh of oxen and the blood of goats do I offer, but the unspotted Lamb upon the altar. All the faithful partake of His flesh, yet the Lamb remains unharmed and living." Angered by his reply, the pagan judge threw Andrew into prison. With little difficulty the people would have freed him, but Andrew personally calmed the mob and earnestly entreated them to desist, as he was hastening toward an ardently desired crown of martyrdom.

When Andrew was led to the place of martyrdom, on beholding the cross from a distance he cried out: "O good Cross, so long desired and now set up for my longing soul I confident and rejoicing come to you; exultingly receive me, a disciple of Him who hung on you." Forthwith he was nailed to the cross. For two days he hung there alive, unceasingly proclaiming the doctrine of Christ until he passed on to Him whose likeness in death he had so vehemently desired. --The legendary account of our saint's martyrdom has this value: it presents to us the mysticism of the Cross of later times. (source: catholicculture.org)

7 Ways You Can Prepare for Christmas During Advent:

- 1. Make an Advent wreath!** Make the Advent wreath the centerpiece of the dinner table. Light it at dinner time, and say the special prayers along with grace before meals. This daily practice will help each member of the family keep focused on the true meaning of Christmas.
- 2. PRAY.** Schedule a regular time for prayer. Also, pray the rosary, individually or as a family. Ponder the various events in the life of Our Lord, and the example of Mary, “the handmaid of the Lord,” who gave of herself to receive the gift of the Savior. *For little children, who have a shorter attention span, maybe just pray a decade each night, looking at one mystery; over the four weeks of Advent, all the mysteries will have been prayed.*
- 3. Read Sacred Scripture.** Open up your Bible to the Sunday’s Gospel and spend a few minutes reflecting upon it. Place yourself into the passage, and allow the Holy Spirit to speak in the quiet of your heart.
- 4. Make time for Confession.** Do a thorough examination of conscience. If its been a while since your last confession, find a good examination of conscience, and over the course of the week — praying for help from the Holy Spirit — write down those sins that come to mind. Bring that examination to confession, receive absolution, and do the prescribed penance.
- 5. TEACH.** For children especially, read to them the stories of St. Francis and the first Christmas crèche, St. Boniface and the first Christmas tree, or St. Nicholas who is Santa Claus. There are other good stories about the religious significance of Christmas greenery, poinsettias and window candles.
- 6. PREACH.** There are subtle ways to preach Christmas: Most of us send some kind of greeting card — use religious cards and religious stamps and sign them with “May God bless you” or “I’ll be praying for you at Christmas.” When greeting people, say, “Merry Christmas,” not “Happy holidays” or “Seasons greetings”; people of goodwill won’t be offended. At social gatherings, preach by your actions. Defend the faith, speak the truth clearly and teach with love.
- 7. GIVE.** Give of yourself by doing good works. Good works help heal the hurts caused by sin, including our own. Each day, do a good work — say a prayer for a person, help a neighbor in need or make a sacrifice for a special intention. Donate food, clothes, or toys, and give them to a charity or family in need. *St. Francis said, “It is in giving that we receive,” and through our charitable works, we will receive the love of Christ Himself.*



The Church is open Daily from 8am-9pm.

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ADVENT ADORATION
"SILENT NIGHTS"



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
MONDAYS-FRIDAYS
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O, Come let us adore Him.

MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigils 4:00pm*
and 5:30pm**

Confessions available in the Religious Ed classrooms from 4:45-5:30pm every Saturday.

**Sundays 7:30am,
9:00am, 10:30am,*
12:00pm**

*Will be livestreamed to YouTube and Facebook parish page.

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of confession or
Communion?



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Congratulations to all of our candidates who received their confirmation last weekend!

May God continue to bless them and may the Holy Spirit guide them each and every day.

JUST A FEW NOTES!

- House on the Hill tags are now available for pickup in the church vestibule.
- Any purchased gifts for Project Love may be dropped off in the old sacristy in the church vestibule by 12:00pm, next Sunday, December 6.
- Next Tuesday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. (Holy day of obligation- like a Sunday)
Check out our website or parish Facebook page for the Mass schedule and livestream info.



Advent is Here!

Today is the beginning of Advent, the time when we prepare for Christmas.



The word "advent" comes from the Latin word that means "coming". In Advent we are preparing for Jesus' coming. We look forward to Christmas, which is the celebration of His first coming and we also look forward to His second coming.



Did you know that the most important thing to have ready for Christmas is a clean soul?

During Advent you can try extra hard to be good. It is also a very good idea to go to confession before Christmas so that your soul will be good and clean when Jesus comes!

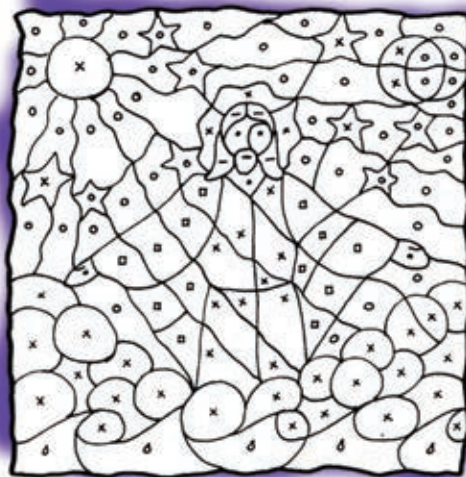


Answer to Immaculate Conception Word Find: HAIL MARY

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The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Advent



Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

In today's Gospel reading Jesus talks about what is going to happen when He comes back at the end of the world.

Use the code to colour in the picture!

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| • black | • red | - brown |

Beginning on the Feast of St. Andrew, (Monday, Nov. 30) the following beautiful prayer is traditionally recited 15 times a day until Christmas. This is a very meditative prayer that helps us increase our awareness of the real focus of Christmas and helps us prepare ourselves spiritually for His coming.



Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold.

In that hour vouchsafe, O my God! To hear my prayer and grant my desires, [here mention your request] through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

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