

First Sunday of Advent–28 November 2021

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25; 1 Thessalonians 3:12--4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Life is filled with in-between situations. We work toward success, but have yet to achieve it. We plan for a home, but haven't yet built it. We train to win a championship, but haven't yet won it. These in-between times are crucial. Today's readings talk about life where there is beginning but not yet completion, hope but not fulfillment, expectation without realization. The Jeremiah passage offers hope to the people at a time when there is no Davidic king. The author teaches that God will provide, the future will bring change. In this in-between time there must be continued trust in God's promise to David. It's true that the fulfillment of this promise lies in the indefinite future, but there is still an obligation to hope in the present. Writing about twenty years after the death and resurrection of Jesus, Paul tries to strengthen his Thessalonian converts in their new faith. For Paul, an essential part of the Christian message is the Parousia, or the Second Coming. Without that event, the drama of salvation is incomplete. Paul believes the Parousia is imminent, but preparation is required. Paul asks two things: (1) an increase in mutual and universal love and (2) the attainment of the Christian goal. The goal is holiness expressed in loving concern for one another. The Parousia is not imminent for Luke. When the Parousia does occur, it will be a day of redemption for the oppressed and a day of vengeance on the oppressors of God's people. Constant prayer and vigilance will remove all fear about the return of the Son of Man. The Second Coming will make salvation complete.

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Fulfilling the Promise. This is the thrust of Advent. We know Jesus came once; we believe, because of that, he comes again to bring the Reign and Kingdom of God to completion. We, now, are in between those two comings. How are we to live? Not dismayed or anxious. No, we are to be vigilant and strong, ever hopeful, full of right action, justice, and mercy. We stand erect because God does not abandon us.

- What dismays me about life today?
- What will I do to please God, trusting I am and we are not abandoned?
- What right actions, what works of justice and mercy will I do?

2nd Sunday of Advent- 05 December 2021

Baruch 5:1-9; Psalm 126; Philippians 1:4-6,8-11; Luke 3:1-6



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Sundays – 8:00 am

Weekdays – Fri 6:00 pm

Fulfilling God's Promise

Christian living takes place 'between the times,' between the first coming of Christ and his second coming. The first coming was humble, to say the least: an infant born of poor parents in an obscure village. The second coming will be different: "The powers in the heavens will be shaken and people will be distraught at the roaring of the sea and the waves."

Both comings of Christ bring justice. Jeremiah says of the coming messiah that he will be "for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land," and because of him Jerusalem shall be called "The Lord our justice." The second coming is also about justice, about God setting things right, about the ransoming of those who "can stand up straight and stand secure before the Son of Man."

Jesus came to us in Bethlehem to renew the world in love and justice. Christ will come again to fulfill God's promise of love and justice.

Love induces the Church to concern herself constantly about the true temporal welfare of men. Without ceasing to recall to her children that they have not here a lasting dwelling, she also urges them to ... promote justice, peace and brotherhood among men, to give their aid freely to their brothers, especially to the poorest and most unfortunate. The deep solicitude of the Church, the Spouse of Christ, for the needs of men, for their joys and hopes, their griefs and efforts, is therefore nothing other than her great desire to be present to them, in order to illuminate them with the light of Christ and to gather them all in Him, their only Savior.

Pope Paul VI, Solemn Profession of Faith at the Closing of the Year of Faith, June 30, 1968

Gerald Darring from SLU Sunday site.

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No Birthdays this week

Schedule of Masses

Sun Nov 28 8:00 am Mass David Dickey
Fri Dec 3 5:00-6:30 Eucharistic Adoration
Sat Dec 4 8:30 am 1st Saturday Mass
Sun Dec 5 8:00 am Mass Bill Kinhead

Liturgical Ministers

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Nov 28 8 am	J Galey	B Porter	B Palmer	Vol.	S & P Widowski

Cantor J Starratt

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Dec 5 8 am	S Widowski	K Pobst	V Anderson	M Palmer M Bergmann	*J Nelson, J Nelson

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STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Nov 21, 2021

Envelope(24) \$1370.00, Loose \$263.00 CCHD(10) \$340.00
Thanksgiving (2) \$50 **Total \$2023.00**
Bld. & Main.(3) \$50.00 Total **\$50.00**

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sun Nov 28 Mass.....8:00 am
PSR classes.....9:00 am
Fri Dec 3 Eucharistic Adoration.....5:00 pm to .6:30 pm
Sat Dec 4 1st Saturday Mass.....8:30 am
Sun Dec 5 Mass.....8:00 am
PSR classes.....9:00 am

REMEMBER WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 8 IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. Mass will be 11:00 am at St. Paul. Mass will also be offered at St. Mary’s in Harrisburg at 5 pm and a fish fry sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and KCLA is available after Mass in the parish hall.

OTHER DECEMBER DATES TO NOTE:

--Sunday December 12 Christmas Pageant & Potluck 9:00 am
Last day to bring Advent Angel tree gifts
--Friday December 17 Reconciliation Service will be offered at 6:00 pm.
--Saturday December 25 Christmas Day Mass at 8:00 am

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT.

CPR CLASS TO BE OFFERED BY WELLNESS COMMITTEE. A sign-up sheet is available in the lobby. Date is pending. Peggy Widowski at 618 771-2077 is available to answer any questions you might have about the course.

OUR FOOD PANTRY DRIVE FOR VIENNA ENDS TODAY. If you prefer to write a check makes it in care of First Baptist Church, Vienna IL and indicates on your check that it is for the food drive. Thank you to Vickie Anderson for taking the donations to the Food Pantry.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATION FORMS WERE GIVEN TO YOU LAST WEEK. Please consider volunteering for this important service to our parish family if you are contacted by the Parish Council nominating committee.

LOOK FOR THE ADVENT ANGEL TREE in the church Foyer. Each parishioner is asked to pick an angel from the tree and provide the item that the child requests. Please bring by December 12.

VOCATION CORNER November 28th “I was raised in a loving Catholic family, yet it wasn’t until I joined the local parish youth group that my faith came alive. Led by our youth minister to pray before the Blessed Sacrament, I encountered a God who knew and love me intimately, and I dreamed about becoming his bride and serving him in the poor. In high school, my life was filled with studies, sports and friends. After graduating from Villanova University, I worked as an oncology nurse while also dating man I could see myself marrying. I seemed to have it all, but I couldn’t forget what God had placed deep in my heart as a 15-year-old. The immense joy and peace I experienced contemplating a religious vocations led me to leave everything and follow in our Lord’s footsteps. God’s dream for me came true on June 6, 2016 when I professed my final vows. Sister Chara Rose Fedele; Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal; *Columbia Magazine* – April 2019.