

1st Sunday of Advent Nov 27, 2022

Is 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

“The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect” ([Mt 24:44.](#)) That is a frightening prospect.

- What if Jesus comes when there are still nearly two and a half billion people living in countries where the annual per capita income is \$400 or less?
- When there are still about 40,000 people dying every day from hunger?
- When a billion people, one fifth of the human race, still do not have decent housing?
- When there are still 20 million Latin American children sleeping in the street?
- When there are still hundreds of millions of people without basic medical care?
- When one out of every four human beings still has no access to safe drinking water?
- When we are still burning down rain forests, depleting the ozone layer that protects us from the sun, depositing black crude oil along the delicate shoreline of the world, sending noxious gasses into the atmosphere so they return to earth as acid rain and pollute lakes and streams, playing games with radioactive materials that will be around to torture us for centuries?

“It is now the hour for us to wake from sleep ([Rom 13:11.](#))” The challenge to “beat our swords into plowshares” ([Is 2:4](#)) has been around for centuries, as have other biblical challenges to “cast off deeds of darkness ([Rom 13:12.](#))” The season of Advent is a time for us to wake ourselves up and begin preparing better for the coming of Christ.

Hope in the coming kingdom is already beginning to take root in the hearts of men. The radical transformation of the world in the paschal mystery of the Lord gives full meaning to the efforts of men, and in particular of the young, to lessen injustice, violence and hatred and to advance all together in justice, freedom, brotherhood and love.

Synod of Bishops, *Justice in the World*, 1971: 76

--Gerald Darring from SLU Sunday Website.

2nd Sunday of Advent – Dec 4, 2022

Is 11:1-10; Psalm 72 Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



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Weekdays – Fri 6:00 pm



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Schedule of Masses

Sun Nov 27 8:00 am Mass
Fri Dec 2 5:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration
Sat Dec 3 8:30 am 1st Saturday Mass
Sun Dec 4 8:00 am Mass

Birthdays

November 30 Craig Levesque

Liturgical Ministers

<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Nov 27 S Pobst	B Porter	M Nelson	M Palmer/E Zmuda	*M Slife, J Bergmann
	<u>Cantor</u>	Z Garrett		

<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Dec 4 J Nelson	C Johnson	P Widowski	M & C Bergmann	*J Slife, D Zmuda Sr
	<u>Cantor</u>	C Ross		

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Nov. 20 2022

General (15) \$765.00
Loose \$155.00
CCHD (12) \$480.00
Thanksgiving (3) \$70.00
Total \$1470

Bldg & Maint. (1) \$25.00
Total: \$25.00

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THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

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Sun Dec 4 8:00 am Mass
9:00 an Adult Bible Study

VOCATION CORNER November 27th –

“I was stationed overseas in the Navy when a chaplain asked me “”Have you ever considered becoming a priest?”” My first response was, “”Father, did you not just hear my confessions? I’m not cut out to be a priest.”” Later, I realized that God does not call those who are worthy; he makes worthy those who are called. I was able to respond to the call with help from a Knights of Columbus seminarian scholarship for prospective military chaplains. When sailors and Marines see a Navy chaplain, with the cross on his uniform, they become aware of the presence of Christ. Fewer than 200 priests now serve the 1.8 million Catholics in the U.S. armed services. God is calling men to the priesthood and military chaplaincy. Like my confessor, we can all help plant the seed simply by asking the question.”

Fr. Mark Bristol, USN; Archdiocese for the Military Services; Columbia Magazine, May 2020.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIG FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for last week’s special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. You can still contribute. It is not too late. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

FAITH ALIVE WORK DAYS WILL BE DECEMBER 8,9,10

A sign-up sheet is in foyer. We appreciate volunteers. This is a great place to shop for Christmas!

FOOD DRIVE FOR VIENNA FOOD PANTRY IS WRAPPING UP THIS WEEK.

Thank you to all parishioners who donated food items.

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LOOK FOR THE ANGEL TREE IN THE CHURCH FOYER.

School counselors from our area school have helped us identify children that need items that are often overlooked with other available local Christmas charity drive. Please consider adopting an angel from the tree in the foyer

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation
Mass 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 11 Pancake Breakfast and Children’s’ Christmas Pageant

Dec 16 Advent Reconciliation Service 6 pm

Dec 21 Parish Council Meeting 6 pm following 5:30 pm Mass

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Mass starting at 5:30 with Christmas carols

Dec 28 Christmas Day Mass at 8:00 am