# First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2025

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz. saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come. the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it: many peoples shall come and say: "Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain. to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For from Zion shall go forth instruction. and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. O house of Jacob, come. let us walk in the light of the Lord!

# **VOCATION CORNER November 30, 2025**

This coming week we celebrate a National Day of Thanksgiving. We, Catholics, give even greater thanks for all the gifts that God has bestowed on us and for us to share. Each one of us has been given a unique calling to Holiness. Each one is to serve the Lord in her/his own "called" way. A vocational calling is asking us to surrender our talents to God so that they may be sanctified and produce fruit for the Kingdom.

## MEDIA CORNER.

Our first **Catholic Podcast Resource** is the *Dynamic Catholic "Best Advent Ever 2025"* email program. You can sign up for it at

the <a href="https://www.dynamiccatholic.com">https://www.dynamiccatholic.com</a> website. They will send you a video podcast for each day of advent.



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## **Schedule of Masses**

**SUNDAY** 11/30 8:00 am Mass- *David Zmuda Sr*.

**THURSDAY** 12/04 6:00 pm Mass

SATURDAY 12/06 8:30 am First Saturday Mass SUNDAY 12/07 8:00 am Mass- David Zmuda Sr.

## **Liturgical Ministers**

	Lector	Greeter	<u>EM</u>	<b>Servers</b>	<u>Ushers</u>
<i>Nov 30</i>	J. Nelson	D. Irby	Madonna Slife	M. Palmer	*Matt Slife
		_	C. Kruep	E. Zmuda	S. Widowski

Gift Bearers L. Coleman & C. Johnson Cantor J. Starratt

Dec 07LectorGreeterEMServersUshersDec 07S. WidowskiP. WidowskiX. GruszczykCurtner Bergmann\*Mike McMahanV. AndersonCarter BergmannW. Hooks

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#### **STEWARDSHIP OFFERING** November 23, 2025

 General
 1035.00 (17)

 Loose
 300.00

 Masses
 40.00

 Candles
 .90

Other 5000.00 (**Draw Down**)

Total \$6375.00

### **BUILDING & MAINTENANCE: \$0 (0)**

## **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

**NONE** 

#### THANK YOU

Thank you all so very much for your generosity in this year's Food Drive for *First Baptist Church's Food Pantry*.

## PSR CLASS SCHEDULE UPDATE

There will be no PSR Class today, November 30, December 28 or January 4. The PSR Christmas program and breakfast is December 14 after Mass.

## **FAITH ALIVE**

Volunteers are needed to help host the *Faith Alive Thrift store on Dec 4-6. Hours are 9 am - 3pm on Thursday and Friday, 9 am - noon on Saturday.* The store has been busier than usual. *There's a signup sheet on bulletin board or contact Arlene or Madonna.* 

#### SAVE THE DATE

On **December 14** our *PSR Students* will present a program for the parishioners and then serve a *Pancake/ Ham / Scrambled Egg breakfast after church*. Please come join the festivities.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR**

If you are interested in being a part of the Choir or play an instrument for Christmas Eve, please contact **Pam 217-714-4568.** *Planning to practice after Mass on December 7 and the 21st.* 

## **MEDIA CORNER**

Our Parish Council will be posting Catholic podcast opportunities occasionally in this new **Media Corner** of our weekly bulletin. You can sign up for it at *https://www.dynamiccatholic.com* website. They will send you a video podcast for each day of advent. Many of their podcasts cite the book *Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy*. You can purchase this book free with only shipping costs; but the book is not necessary to enjoy their advent program.

## JESSE TREE

Gift tags are on the Jesse Tree from the five county grade schools. *Yellow gift tags need to be returned by December 7th*. Other gifts please return by *December 14th* so they can be delivered to the schools before Christmas break. Make sure you put your name on the signup sheet identifying which tag/tags you took.

#### **PRAYERS**

Please keep the following list of Homebound Parishoneers in your prayers. *George Bell* (Hillview), *Sandy Belski, Dick & Midge Bigler, Larry Flamm* (Hillview), *Gertrude Henderson, and Suzanne McHugh*.

# **LOOKING AHEAD**

**December** 4-6 Faith Alive

**December** 6 First Saturday Mass 8:30 am Feast of St. Nicholas

**December** 7 First Sunday Social - PSR after Mass- Choir practice

**December** 8 Holy Day - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**December** 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day

**December** 14 PSR program and breakfast after Mass

**December** 21 PSR after Mass-choir practice

**December** 24 Christmas Eve Caroling Program before **Mass 5:00 pm/ Mass 5:30 pm** 

**December** 25 The Nativity of the Lord

**December** 28 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

\*\*Office Hours are M-F 8am-4pm at the rectory. Contact Theresa at (618)658-4501 or via email. Wednesday at 12pm is the deadline for any bulletin changes or additions.\*\*