

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. Psalm 80



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Mass Schedule

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:
SATURDAY: 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY: 8:15 A.M.
10:45 A.M.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE:
TBA IN BULLETIN

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:
MONDAY-FRIDAY: 9:00 A.M.

ADORATION:
MONDAY: 9:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M.

CONFESSIONS:
SATURDAY: 4:00-4:30 P.M.

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MASSES THIS WEEK

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, November 27

8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Members
of St. Edward Parish

10:45 a.m. Betty Koenig (RIP) by John Koenig

Monday, November 28

9:00 a.m. Mark Evans (RIP) by Dan & Peggy Evans

Tuesday, November 29

9:00 a.m. Sheila Pascogli (RIP) by Sue Deardurff

Wednesday, November 30 – St. Andrew, Apostle

9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of
Newark Catholic Class of 1960 by Sue Deardurff

Thursday, December 1

9:00 a.m. Kathleen M. Goodwin (RIP)
by Don & Kris Charlton

Friday, December 2

9:00 a.m. Rev. Fr. Hubert Kobunski (RIP Anniversary)
by Jim & Amy Matesich

Saturday, December 3

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish

Sunday, December 4 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of
Lanciault & Baldwin Families by Rita L. Baldwin

10:45 a.m. Anna Gerמוש (RIP) by Anna Las

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 27, 2022 – YEAR A

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (#69)
No Gloria during Advent

LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 122: Let us go rejoicing... (p. 31-32)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (p. 32)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF GIFTS: Creator of the Stars of Night (#68)

SANCTUS: chanted (#859)

MEM. ACC.: We proclaim your death, O Lord... (#10 on pg. 16)

AMEN: chanted

AGNUS DEI: chanted (#863)

COMMUNION: Ps. 85: Let Us See Your Kindness (#792)

CONCLUDING RITE

SENDING FORTH: The Advent of Our King (#59)

CANTORS

5:00 p.m.: Chelsea Zigan

8:15 a.m.: TBD

10:45 a.m.: Kayla Drummond



WITH SYMPATHY

The parish extends deepest sympathy to the family of parishioner, Tatla Dager, beloved wife of parishioner Joseph Dager, whose funeral Mass was November 21. May she rest in eternal peace in the presence of God.



NOTES FROM THE LOFT

♪ The new hymnals for this year are in the pews. Thanks a million to our maintenance staff of Floyd, Diane, and Kevin and to everybody who assisted with replacing the old hymnals! This year, the publisher moved the daily Mass section to the middle of the book instead of the end. Those pages are edged in gray. The gray-edged pages at the beginning of the book are the Order of Mass.

♪ During Advent, the U.S. bishops urge that “the organ and other musical instruments should be used with moderation and should not anticipate the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord” (*Sing to the Lord* 114). As St. Edward has traditionally done, we will chant the parts of the Mass, including the Latin *Sanctus* (Holy) and *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God). Practice videos, pronunciations, and translations are available on our parish website. Go to saintedwards.org/music and click on “Chant Mass parts.”

♪ If you feel like we just sang today’s Responsorial Psalm recently, you’re right; the response is the same as last weekend. The only difference is that today, drawing upon a theme of the first reading, there are two additional verses about peace.



HANDBELL CHOIR

Bell Choir resumes this Tuesday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m.

We will rehearse every Tuesday evening between now and Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, when we will ring for the 9:00 p.m. Mass. If you’re interested in joining us and ringing handbells, please let me know!

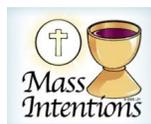
~ Paul Radkowski, Director of Music,
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WELCOME SUNDAY – DECEMBER 4!



All Parishioners and visitors are invited to the Parish Hall after Sunday Masses on the first Sunday of each month. December’s Welcome Sunday will include a celebration of Deacon John’s 10-year anniversary of his ordination. Please come!

SCHEDULE A MASS INTENTION



Mass intentions are being scheduled for 2023. There is no limit to the number of Mass intentions you may request. To schedule a Mass Intention for a loved one – living or deceased – or for a special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary, please contact Maggie at the church office at maggie@saintedwards.org. To comply with Diocesan Finance Office policies, a \$10.00 stipend is requested for Mass Intentions.

MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Return by Sunday, December 11 to be listed in the bulletin.



If you would like to donate for poinsettias for the church during the Christmas season, please fill out the information below and **return by Sunday, December 11th** in the collection basket or mail to the church. The suggested donation is \$20.00. (Checks payable to St. Edward Church.) Please include the following:

In Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

Donated By: _____

The list with the above information will be in the December 18th and 25th bulletins.

This Week at St. Edward

NOVEMBER 27 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass – 8:15 a.m.

Mass – 10:45 a.m.

NO PSR Sunday Classes

Choir – 9:30 a.m. – on the Choir loft

CHILDREN’S CHOIR – 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – on the Choir Loft

NO YOUTH GROUP

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration- 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Preschool Classes

Walking With Purpose – 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool Classes

Bell Choir – 7:00 p.m. – on Choir Loft

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool Classes

Walking With Purpose – 9:30 a.m. in the Lounge

PSR Wednesday Classes

PSR Parent Meeting during PSR in the Parish Hall

High School Confirmation Class

Men’s Rosary and Faith Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 7:30-8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Advent Penance Service – 7:00 p.m.

Preschool Classes

Knights of Columbus Business Meeting – 7:00 p.m. in the Hall

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool Classes

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR SET-UP starts at noon

Baked Goods for Christmas Bazaar Due in the Kitchen

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Men’s Faith & Fellowship – 7:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & BAKE SALE – 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Confession – 4:00 p.m.

Mass – 5:00 p.m.

Second Collection for SVDP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass – 8:15 a.m.

Mass – 10:45 a.m.

Second Collection for SVDP

Welcome Sunday – Celebration for Dcn. John’s

10th Anniversary – after Masses

PSR Sunday classes

CHOIR – 9:30 a.m. – the Choir Loft

CHILDREN’S CHOIR – 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – Choir Loft

Youth Group – 5:00-7:00 p.m. Homeless Outreach in Newark

Giving Tree Gifts Due

GIVING TREE Sort Gifts – Volunteers needed – 1:00-2:00 p.m.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS
NOVEMBER 26-27: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Cliff Kirchner Leann Kirchner	John Fitzpatrick	AJ Bergeron Jude Long (sub req.)
Sunday, 8:15 a.m.	Johnda Orndorff Kris Whiting	Michael Whiting	Tori Helgerman Avery Miller
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.	Lisa Barrett Annie Lach	Roy Brewer	Lydia Priano Olivia Priano
DECEMBER 3-4: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Gary Kristensen Stefanie Manley	Sharon Stancavage	Peter Moberg Warren Moberg
Sunday, 8:15 a.m.	Gary Carter Chris Carter	Jim Bidigare	Andrew Harms Bryan Harms
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.	Joe Krempel Maria McDermott	Robin Krempel	Carter Skinner Claire Skinner

Please check in sacristy for current list of weekend volunteers.



You’re Invited to Celebrate Deacon John’s 10-Year Anniversary

Anniversary

Date: December 4th

Time: After 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Sunday Masses.

Please come to the December Welcome Sunday in the Parish Hall to celebrate Deacon John’s 10-Year Anniversary of his Ordination as Deacon. Blessings and congratulations to Deacon John. Your generous service as deacon is appreciated.



ST. EDWARD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, December 3, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE GATHERING SPACE TO HELP!



BAKERS NEEDED!! (This year, due to the fire at Timbuk, we will not have wreaths or poinsettias to sell. So, we need more baked goods to sell to try to make up for the loss of the greenery sales.) We need many volunteers to supply a variety of treats for our Christmas Bazaar Bake Sale. Lots of cookies are needed because they sell best! Cakes, pies, holiday breads, and candies are all welcomed! Please wrap festively and drop off your donations in the kitchen on Friday, December 2nd. Thank you!

COME TO THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR TO SHOP! 100% of our profits benefit Women of St. Edward charitable works.

Hand-thrown Pottery; Alpaca Wool Wearables; Handcrafted Wooden Items; Quilts, Crocheted Items; Handmade Jewelry.

“I rejoiced when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1



WELCOME all visitors and parishioners who have come to worship today! To our visitors, you may have come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray you will find peace, hospitality, and friendship with us. Children are always welcome at Mass! We hope you will return regularly to worship at St. Edward Church! If you would like to be a member of St. Edward parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket, or stop by the church office, or call us at 740-587-3254. **God bless you!**

I WANT TO JOIN ST. EDWARD PARISH!

NAME _____
PHONE (CELL) _____

EMAIL _____
PHONE (HOME) _____



Please return your gifts to the church by December 3-4. (Gifts returned after this date may not be included.) **Volunteers are needed to sort gifts on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 between 1:00-**

2:00 p.m. You can help the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Edward Church to make Christmas brighter for children and families in Licking County and for the men who are currently homeless and living at the St. Vincent Haven. Please consider taking an ornament(s) from the physical tree in the Gathering Space or the virtual tree online at <https://bit.ly/st-ed-givingtree> and return purchased gifts to the church by noon on December 4th. Put **UNWRAPPED** gifts under the Giving Tree. Be sure to **attach the "ornament" TAG and include some wrapping paper.** Food gift certificates from Aldi and "GAS ONLY" cards from local gas stations (like Speedway) are a wonderful ADDITION to a family gift – **only if you are able to do so!** Questions? Please call Pattie Wolf at 740-281-9026

Advent and Christmas Schedule



Please come to Advent Masses to prepare for the Birth of Christ.

Advent Mass Times

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.



Parish Advent Reconciliation

Thursday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m.



Advent Sundays

First Sunday of Advent ~ November 27

Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 4



Immaculate Conception of Virgin Mary

Vigil Mass ~ Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 8 at 9:00 a.m.



Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 11

Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 18

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

5:00 p.m. ~ Children's Choir sings at 4:40 p.m.

9:00 p.m. Mass



Christmas Day Mass

10:00 a.m. ~ one Mass only

Solemnity of Mary

Saturday, December 31 – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1, 2023 – 10:00 a.m. ~ one Mass only



Epiphany

Saturday, January 7, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 8, 2023,

at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.



STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT



God has blessed everyone with special gifts and talents and calls us to use them to His glory. Please look over your volunteer and offertory card and prayerfully consider how you can offer your God-given talents and gifts to your parish. You may return it either to the box in the Gathering Space, the offertory basket, the parish office, or mail it to the church. Thank you. (If you desire, you may also send in an offertory card for a one-time donation for Christmas and Easter.)

PLAN AHEAD. The next *ChristLife* begins in January.

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR



Please use the reflection below, from Fr. Henri Nouwen, to set the stage for your Advent observance.

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send Your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We, who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear Your voice each day.

We, who are anxious over many things, look forward to Your coming among us.

We, who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of Your Kingdom.

We, whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of Your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To You, we say, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

SUPPORTING ST. EDWARD CHURCH

"Each one must do as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

The collection for November 19 and 20 was not available for early bulletin deadline.

If you no longer need envelopes, please contact the parish office.

Please consider signing up for **ONLINE GIVING** on the St. Edward website homepage at www.saintedwards.org. If already using online giving, for any changes to your credit card, you need to update your online account. For help, contact the parish office.

2022 DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTIONS:

December 11 Retired Religious

December 25 Diocesan Charities

Next SVDP Collection is December 3-4

Santa's Attic Collection dates for 2023 ~ January 14-15.



Peanut butter, deodorant, shampoo, tuna and laundry detergent are requested. Please put Food Pantry donations in the box in the Gathering Space. Thank you.

PARISH MINISTRY MESSAGE



Jesus said:
"Here I am among you as one who serves."

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us."

Romans 12:6

MEALS FOR THE HAVEN

Stewardship Opportunity: To be a part of a team to prepare meals for men who are staying at The Haven – a homeless shelter for men. 8-10 people are needed.

Talent/Gift to Offer: An enjoyment of preparing food for others. A sense of compassion for people in need of a hot meal.

Time Commitment: Each team prepares and delivers a meal once per quarter on the first Tuesday of the month. Prepare your designated part of the meal in your home kitchen and deliver to The Haven around 4:30 p.m.

Treasure/Blessing Received: The joy of extending loving kindness to others who are in need of a hot meal.

Contact Barb Hinterschied at 740-403-3736 (phone or text) or by email to bhinterschied@gmail.com to offer your gift of service to residents at The Haven.

Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

“Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God’s own love and concern.” +SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA (MOTHER TERESA)

Monday, November 28 ~ First Week in the Season of Advent

Holy Gospel: Matthew 8:5-11 When Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion approached him and appealed to him, saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, suffering dreadfully.” He said to him, “I will come and cure him.” The centurion said in reply, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man subject to authority, with soldiers subject to me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come here,’ and he comes; and to my slave, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, “Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. I say to you, many will come from the east and the west, and will recline with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the banquet in the Kingdom of heaven.”

Meditation: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! As we begin this Season of Advent we want to begin this first Monday of our Advent journey by rallying ourselves to turn to the Lord with great hope. In the midst of many discouraging challenges in our lives – the economy, violence, political in-fighting, problems in our own lives – we desire to spend this day in anticipation of the graces our God desires to give us. 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.” (Isaiah,2) Let us remember the words in scripture which we state during each Mass before we receive the Eucharist: “Lord, I am not worthy to receive you; but say only the word and my soul will be healed.”

Prayer: Keep us alert, we pray, O Lord our God, as we await the advent of Christ your Son, so that when he comes and knocks, he may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in his praise. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The prophet Isaiah foretold a time of restoration for the holy city Jerusalem and for its remnants (ref. Isaiah 4:2-6) and also a time of universal peace when all nations would come to Jerusalem to “the mountain of the Lord and to the house of the God of Jacob” and “beat their swords into plowshares” (Isaiah 2:2-4). Jesus fulfills this prophecy first by restoring both Jew and Gentile to fellowship with God through the victory he won for us on the cross. When he comes again he will fully establish his universal rule of peace and righteousness and unite all things in himself (ref. Ephesians 1:10). His promise extends to all generations who believe in him that we, too, might feast at the heavenly banquet table with the patriarchs of the Old Covenant who believed but did not see the promised Messiah. And so we need to ask ourselves: Do you believe in God's promises and do you seek his kingdom first in your life? The Season of Advent reminds us that the Lord wants us to actively seek him and the coming of his kingdom in our lives. The Lord will surely reward those who seek his will for their lives. We can approach the Lord Jesus with expectant faith, like the centurion did in today's gospel reading, knowing that he will show us his mercy, love, compassion, along with guidance and help in our time of need.

Tuesday, November 29 ~ First Week in the Season of Advent

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:21-24 Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.” Turning to the disciples in private he said, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. For I say to you, many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.”

Meditation: What does Jesus' prayer in today's gospel tell us about God and about ourselves? First, it tells us that God is both Father and Lord of earth as well as heaven. He is both Creator and Author of all that he has made, the first origin of everything and transcendent authority, and at the same time, goodness and loving care for all his children. All fatherhood and motherhood are derived from him (ref. Ephesians 3:14-15). Jesus' prayer also contains a warning that pride can keep us from the love and knowledge of God. Pride closes the mind to God's truth and wisdom for our lives. Jesus contrasts pride with child-like simplicity and humility. The simple of heart are like "babes" in the sense that they see purely without pretense and acknowledge their dependence and trust in God who is the source of all wisdom and strength. They seek one thing – the "summum bonum" or "greatest good" which is God himself. Simplicity of heart is wedded with humility, the queen of virtues, because humility inclines the heart towards grace and truth. Just as pride is the root of every sin and evil, so humility is the only soil in which the grace of God can take root. It alone takes the right attitude before God and allows him as God to do all. "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (Prov. 3:34, James 4:6). The grace of Christ-like humility inclines us towards God and disposes us to receive God's wisdom, grace, and help. Nothing can give us greater joy than the knowledge that we are God's beloved and that our names are written in heaven (ref. Luke 10:20).

Prayer: Look with favor, Lord God, on our petitions, and in our trials grant us your compassionate help, that, consoled by the presence of your Son, whose coming we now await, we may be tainted no longer by the corruption of former ways. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Jesus makes a claim which no one would have dared to make – He is the perfect revelation of God. Our knowledge of God is not simply limited to knowing something about God, but we can know God personally. Jesus makes it possible for each of us to personally know God as our Father. To see Jesus is to see what God is like. In Jesus we see the perfect love of God – a God who cares intensely and who yearns over men and women, loving them to the point of laying down his life for them upon the Cross. Do you pray to your Father in heaven with joy and confidence in his love and care for you?

Wednesday, November 30 ~ First Week in the Season of Advent Saint Andrew, Apostle

Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:18-22 As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.

Meditation: Jesus speaks the same message to us today as he did when he walked this earth – we will "catch people" for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine in and through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the truth contained in the gospel. Saint Paul the Apostles says, "But thanks be to God, who in Christ Jesus always leads us in triumph, and who through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing" (2 Corinthians 2:15). Do you show others around you the joy of the gospel and do you pray for your neighbors, co-workers, and relatives that they may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and grow in the knowledge of his love?

Prayer: We humbly implore your majesty, O Lord, that, just as the blessed Apostle Andrew was for your Church a preacher and pastor, so he may be for us a constant intercessor before you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: What is God calling you to do in your brief earthly life? As God calls you (as he calls each of us) how are you responding? Are you ready to respond? When Jesus began his ministry he went everywhere he could – the streets, towns, hills and lakeside of Galilee – to speak to people about the kingdom of God. He chose as his closest friends and coworkers those who were ready to follow as his disciples and he gave them an unusual mission – "to catch people for the kingdom of God." What kind of disciples did Jesus choose? Smelly fishermen! In the choice of the first apostles we see a characteristic feature of Jesus' work: he chose very ordinary people. They were non-professionals, had no wealth or position of power or fame in society. They were chosen from the common people who did ordinary things, had no

special marks of education, and no social advantages. Jesus wanted ordinary people who could take an assignment and do it extraordinarily well. He chose these individuals, not for what they were, but for what they would be capable of becoming under his direction and power. When the Lord calls us to be his disciples, we must not think we have nothing to offer him in exchange. The Lord takes what ordinary people, like us, can offer and uses it for greatness in his kingdom.

About Saint Andrew the Apostle: Andrew, Peter's brother, and John were the first disciples to follow the Lord. With tender delicacy the Gospel (John 1:35-42) describes their first meeting with Jesus. Andrew did not belong to the inner circle of the apostles, Peter, James and John, and the evangelists narrate nothing extraordinary about him (John 6:8); but tradition (resting on apocryphal Acts) extols his great love of the Cross and of the Savior; and the Church distinguishes him both in the Mass (his name occurs in the *Canon* and in the *Libera* since the time of Pope St. Gregory I who had a special devotion to him) and in the Breviary. 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 the reply, Aegeas commanded him to be thrown 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.

Thursday, December 1 ~ First Week in the Season of Advent

Holy Gospel: Matthew 7:21, 24-27 Jesus said to his disciples: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. "Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined."

Meditation: What can satisfy the deepest hunger and longing of the human heart? Isaiah prophesied that God would provide a heavenly banquet for all peoples and would destroy death once and for all (Isaiah 2:6-8). God sent his only son into the world to fulfill that promise. The miracles performed by Jesus are both a sign of God's kingdom and a demonstration of God's power. They also show the magnitude of God's love and mercy. When the disciples were confronted by Jesus with the task of feeding four thousand people many miles away from any source of food, they exclaimed: Where in this remote place can anyone get enough bread to feed them? The Israelites were confronted with the same dilemma when they fled Egypt and found themselves in a barren wilderness. Like the miraculous provision of manna in the wilderness, Jesus, himself provides bread in abundance for the hungry crowd who came out into the desert to seek him. The gospel records that all were satisfied and they took up what was leftover.

Prayer: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come to our help with mighty strength, that what our sins impede the grace of your mercy may hasten. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: In the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes we see a sign and a symbol of what God always does. God knows our needs and he truly cares about us. When God gives, he gives in abundance. The gospel account records that the leftovers from the miraculous meal was more than seven times the amount they began with. Seven is a symbol of completion and wholeness. When God gives, he gives until we are satisfied. When God works for his people he gives abundantly – more than we could deserve and more than we need. He nourishes us with his life-giving word and with the bread of heaven. In the kingdom of heaven God will feast us at his banquet table. Are you satisfied with God's provision for you? In this Season of Advent, do you long with expectant hope for the coming of his kingdom in all its fullness? If not, why not?

Friday, December 2 ~ First Week in the Season of Advent

Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:27-31 As Jesus passed by, two blind men followed him, crying out, "Son of David, have pity on us!" When he entered the house, the blind men approached him and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I can do this?" "Yes, Lord," they said to him. Then he touched their eyes and said, "Let it be done for you according to your faith." And their eyes were opened. Jesus warned them sternly, "See that no one knows about this." But they went out and spread word of him through all that land.

Meditation: The kind of foundation that each of us builds our lives upon will determine whether we can survive the storms that are sure to come, and come again, and again, as simply part of life. Builders usually lay their foundations when the weather and soil conditions are at their best. It takes foresight to know how a foundation will stand up against adverse conditions. Building a house on a flood plain, such as a dry river-bed, is a sure bet for disaster! Jesus prefaced his story with a warning: We may fool humans with our speech, but God cannot be deceived. He sees the heart as it truly is – with its motives, intentions, desires, and choices (ref. Psalm 139:2). There is only one way in which a person's sincerity can be proved, and that is by one's practice. Fine words can never replace good deeds. Our character is revealed in the choices we make, especially when we are tested. Do you cheat on an exam or on your income taxes, especially when it will cost you? Do you lie, or cover-up, when disclosing the truth will cause you injury or embarrassment? A true person is honest and reliable before God, one's neighbor and oneself. His or her word can be counted on. If you heed God's word and live according to it then you need not fear when storms assail you. God will be your rock and your refuge. Is your life built upon the sure "rock" of Jesus Christ and do you listen to his word as if your life depended on it?

Prayer: Stir up your power, we pray, O Lord, and come, that with you to protect us, we may find rescue from the pressing dangers of our sins, and with you to set us free, we may be found worthy of salvation. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: So what is our best security against disaster and destruction? In the ancient world a strong city, an impregnable fortress, and a secure house were built on solid rock because they could withstand the forces of nature and foe alike. Isaiah speaks of God as an "everlasting rock" (ref. Is. 26:4). He is the rock of refuge and deliverance (ref. Psalm 18:2) and the rock in whom there is no wrong (ref. Psalm 92:15). Scripture warns that destruction will surely come to those who place their security in something other than God and his kingdom. Jesus' parables invite us to stake our lives on the coming of his kingdom or face the consequences of being unprepared when the day of testing and destruction will surely come. In this Advent season, we are reminded to place all of our trust in Jesus Christ, the promised Savior, the Son of God who was sent to this world for our redemption.

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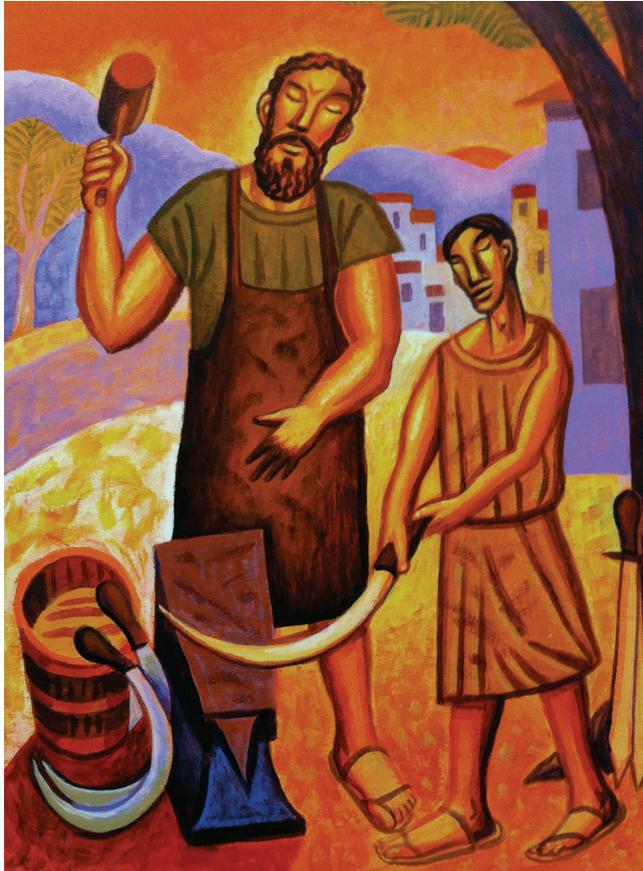


A PRAYER FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus! Come!"

~ Fr. Henri Nouwen

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Peace and Tranquility

God our Father and giver of peace,
you turn the forces of death
into healing,
as you fulfill your promises
throughout time.

Encourage us to be alert for
your presence
and to hope when we are discouraged.
Turn our swords, our wrongdoing,
into instruments of peace
so that one day we will rejoice
as we walk to the house of the Lord.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, November 27, 2022
A Pilgrimage toward God



Today's readings: Isaiah 2:1–5; Psalm 122:1–9; Romans 13:11–14; Matthew 24:37–44. In the time of Isaiah's prophecy, the mountaintops were considered the gods' dwelling. Is it any wonder that peace, well-being, and complete joy were to be found, according to Isaiah in the first reading, on the "mountaintop" of the new Jerusalem? As Christians, we are called to new life, to new ways of being. We are to discard enmity and act peacefully as we walk in the light to the house of the Lord.

St. Paul discerns between the darkness of the current time and the light that awaits us on "the day at hand." He calls the Romans to be ready for the Lord, to reform their lives "to put on the Lord Jesus Christ." The call is for

us also so that we will "awake from sleep" and "put on the armor of light."

Advent begins with a vivid reminder to be ready at all times to meet God. "Therefore, stay awake," Jesus tells the disciples in Matthew's Gospel account. Each day we must listen carefully to the message of Scripture. Our destination is the heavenly mountaintop, and our hope is for peace and justice for all.

As the Advent wreath is blessed and lighted on this Sunday that begins the liturgical year, keep within you the image of the burning flame. Allow the candle to reflect God's presence within each pilgrim that you encounter on your Advent journey.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, November 28

Judgment and Glory

Take to heart the words of the prophecy of Isaiah that “the LORD’s glory will be shelter and protection: / shade from the parching heat of day / refuge and cover from storm and rain.” This week, seek out the Lord when facing struggles; know that refuge awaits. Allow the consolation you receive to fill your heart with rejoicing, as the psalmist sings. *Today’s readings: Isaiah 4:2–6; Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4b, 4cd–5, 6–7, 8–9; Matthew 8:5–11.*

Tuesday, November 29

Welcome the Lamb

Isaiah invites us to come together on God’s holy mountain, where “he shall judge the poor with justice, / and decide aright for the land’s afflicted.” With justice prevailing, “there shall be no harm or ruin” on this holy mountain. Consider how you can strive to be just within your thoughts and your heart as well as your acts. Be assured that peace comes through justice. *Today’s readings: Isaiah 11:1–10; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17; Luke 10:21–24.*

Wednesday, November 30

St. Andrew, Apostle

St. Andrew the apostle was the brother of St. Peter, according to Luke 6:14. It was Andrew who told Jesus about the boy who had the loaves and fish (John 6:8–9) during the feeding of the multitudes. Ask St. Andrew today to help you find an opportunity to feed the hungry. Remember that hunger is in mind as well as in body: those who hunger for friendship, acceptance, or love need to be served as much as those who hunger for their daily food. *Today’s readings: Romans 10:9–18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Matthew 4:18–22.*

Thursday, December 1

Hope and Trust

In the Gospel reading from Matthew today, Jesus is direct when he tells the disciples that “only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven” will enter the kingdom. God does not desire lip service but obedience to his will. Use this Advent morning to quietly spend time with God so that you can listen to him and discern his will. Make a simple Advent wreath, light a candle each night, and pray in its light. *Today’s readings: Isaiah 26:1–6; Psalm 118:1, 8–9, 19–21, 25–27a; Matthew 7:21, 24–27.*

Friday, December 2

The Blind See

Isaiah vividly portrays the day when justice comes, saying, “On that day the deaf shall hear / the words of a book; / And out of gloom and darkness, / the eyes of the blind shall see.” This will be a time when people keep holy the name of God, and those who err will find understanding. But already in the Gospel, Jesus opens the eyes of two blind men because of their faith. During Advent, may we seek to realize that the Lord is our light and salvation, as the psalm’s refrain states. *Today’s readings: Isaiah 29:17–24; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14; Matthew 9:27–31.*

Saturday, December 3

St. Francis Xavier

St. Francis Xavier, a cofounder of the Jesuit order, shared his faith as a missionary. He was possibly the most instrumental missionary priest of his time because he initiated a practice of adapting to the language and customs of the people whom he wanted to baptize. This approach of adaptation has been modeled over the past five hundred years. Consider how you might adapt to the language and custom of someone who needs to be understood, accepted, and treated as a brother or sister in Christ. *Today’s readings: Isaiah 30:19–21, 23–26; Psalm 147:1–2, 3–4, 5–6; Matthew 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6–8.*



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WINTER DONATIONS



St. Edward's youth group will be going to Newark each month to provide food and clothing to the homeless. The Youth Group is asking the parish to please help us with donations for our Street Homeless Outreach. Thank you.

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Please drop off donations in the box in the Gathering Space. Thank you. In Christ,
Steven Arias, youth@saintedwards.org, Youth Minister

YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR GRADES 8-12



November 27 – No Youth Group

December 4 – 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
HOMELESS OUTREACH

Meet at the square in downtown Newark. We will distribute food, water and clothing. We will have a Rosary Walk led by prayer team.

December 11 – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Parish Hall
ADORATION/THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Dinner
Friendship and Loneliness
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John 3:5*

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PSR

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PSR CLASSES

PSR Wednesday, November 30 and Sunday, December 4

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Wednesday, November 30

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~ Rebecca Bucknam, PSR Director,
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Know Your Saints

Saint Francis Xavier, Feast Day December 3 ~ born in 1506 in Navarre, he lived in a castle that still partially stands today. He studied at the University of Paris and became a teacher. His good friend, Ignatius of Loyola, worked tirelessly to win him to Christ, and Francis then joined him at the infant Society of Jesus. Together, they vowed poverty, chastity and apostolic service according to the directions of the pope. He was ordained a priest and went to the East Indies. For the next 10 years, he labored to bring the faith to Hindus, Malayans, and the Japanese. Wherever he went, Xavier lived with the poorest people, sharing their food and rough accommodations. He ministered to the sick and the poor, particularly to lepers. Very often, he had no time to sleep but, as we know from his letters, he was filled always with joy. Xavier went through the islands of Malaysia, then up to Japan. He learned enough Japanese to preach, instruct, and baptize. He established missions for those who were to follow him. Before reaching the mainland, he died. His remains are enshrined in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa. He and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux were declared co-patrons of the missions in 1925.



**NOVEMBER 27 –
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

IS 2:1-5; PS 122:1-9; ROM 13: 11-14; MT 24:37-44

Today we begin the beautiful season of Advent – a season of preparation.

For what are we preparing? The celebration of the Birth of Our Savior, and the anticipation of His Second Coming. These are weighty tasks with eternal consequences.

So, let us as Christian stewards make the words of the Prophet Isaiah our motto for the season: “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.” In the weeks leading up to Christmas, it seems everywhere we turn we are pushed to spend more, do more, entertain more, and generally rush around at a frantic pace – all to create a “perfect” Christmas day. In contrast to this worldly pressure, the Church’s guidance to use these weeks as a time to focus on our spiritual lives can indeed seem like a mountain climb.

But the intentional and wise use of the gift of time is exactly what the Christian steward is called to do, and with even greater intensity during Advent. How can we use our time to prepare for a holy celebration of Jesus’ Birth on December 25 and for His Second Coming at a date we do not know?

We can push back against the world’s pressure to have the “perfect Christmas.”

Scale back on the material kind of gift-giving, the complicated menus, the unessential trappings of the season so that we have more time for the *spiritual preparations*: Confession, weekday Mass, Adoration, family prayer time, lighting the Advent wreath, and acts of kindness. In the end, we will be prepared to celebrate a truly meaningful Christmas, we will have become more like our Savior, and we will be ready for Him to come again.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

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