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"...whoever claims to abide in Him ought to walk just as He walked."

1 John 2:6

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Fr. Richard A. Narciso

Pastor Emeritus

Fr. John LaPointe

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Joseph Tumminelli



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5:00PM

Sunday Morning

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 11:30 AM

Weekdays and Holy Days

As announced in bulletin

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

9:00 AM to Noon

12:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Family Faith Formation, Outreach and Evangelization

Dina Veiga, Director

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Sacraments

Baptism Please call Parish Office for registration

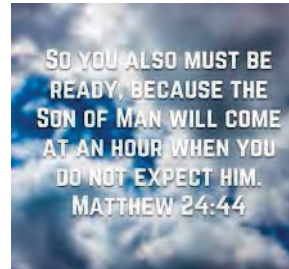
Marriage Please call the Parish Office one year prior to setting any dates for Ceremony or Reception.

Confession Please contact the parish priest to arrange a time and place

Ministry to the Sick Parishioners who are confined to home due to illness or age, may call the Parish Office for home visits.

MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY, November 26****5:00 PM Alexander Gonsalves Veiga (Rem.),***By family***Blanche LaBelle (18th Ann.),***By daughter and family***SUNDAY, November 27****8:00 AM Fr. Jude P. McGeough (Rem.),***By a friend***10:00 AM Fr. Bennet Kelley (Ann.),***By family***For the Intentions of Emmy and Nicholas***By Nonnie***11:30 AM Robert LeBrun (1st Ann.),***By the Beccues***Billy Vigeant (Birth.)***By family***MONDAY, November 28****8:00 AM Angie Lanzi (Rem.),***By Richard and Darlene Walsh***TUESDAY, November 29****8:00 AM Evelyn Paolino (Rem.),***By Jennifer Cipalone***WEDNESDAY, November 30****8:00 AM Margaret Pezza (Ann.),***By family***THURSDAY, December 1****8:00 AM NO MASS TODAY****FRIDAY, December 2****8:00 AM Andrew and Catherine Toolan (Rem.),***By family***SATURDAY, December 3****5:00 PM Richard LaPointe (25th Ann.),***By Pat***John Hickey & Robert D'Amico (Rem.),***By family***SUNDAY, December 4****8:00 AM Patricia St. Pierre (4th Ann.),***By family***10:00 AM Fr. Michael Menna (Rem.),***By a friend***11:30 AM Carol Audette & Barbara Barton (Rem.),***By friends***Family Faith Formation,
Outreach and Evangelization**

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Many of us feel the pressure early in the holiday season to be ready for Christmas. But today's Gospel challenges us to be ready for something other than the gift-giving of Christmas.

Read together today's Gospel reading. As a family, talk about what it means to be ready for the day of the Lord. One of the roles of the family, the domestic church, is to be a school of faith leading one another to salvation. Reflect together as a family on how your family helps one another to be better Christians. Commit to one thing that your family will do this Advent season to help one another be better Christians. You might choose to write this commitment down and post it in a prominent place in your home, perhaps near your family's Advent wreath.

Pray together that God will help you in this Advent commitment. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm.



Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead. – USCCB

Peace, Dina

Grateful for God's Providence

The work on our restroom and lift projects is underway.



Our parish's goal was \$423,714.00. Per the latest update report, 229 families made one time gifts or pledges that totaled \$385,512.00.

With one time gifts and the amount fulfilled on pledges, a combined total of \$309,896.00 has been paid. Forty percent of that amount (\$123,958.40) comes back to the parish.

With a team consisting of Thomas Lonardo + Associates, Odeh Engineers, Garaventa Lift and Bentley Builders, work on the updates to our church building has begun.

Throughout the time of construction, for sure we will likely experience some inconveniences, yet once the updates are complete, we will have a restroom with handicap accessibility on the main level of the church as well as a lift system that will make the lower level of the church accessible to all.

Temporary Inconveniences



During construction, the women's rest room located on the lower level of the church will be out of service. Female parishioners and friends should feel free to use the restroom that is located in the sacristy on the main level of the church.



Also, the stairway that leads to the lower level of the building, as accessed from the main entrance, may at times be closed to routine "traffic." In such instances, parishioners and friends who may need to go to the lower level of the building, for whatever the reason may be, are directed to do so using one of the other two stairways that can be accessed from either side of the sanctuary.



At times, the church may not be available for quiet personal prayer due to the noise and activity associated with the demolition/construction that may be taking place on any given day.

Daily Readings

First Sunday of Advent Sunday

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

Monday

Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

First Friday

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

First Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Advent Wreath and Candles

This year's Advent Candles, which are renewed each year and lit during every Mass throughout the Advent season, have been offered by Bart & Marje Catanzaro in memory of the deceased members of the Catanzaro and Pezza families. As a community of faith,

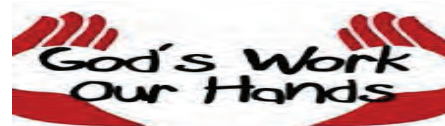


let us thank them for their generosity. Perhaps someone might want to offer next year's candles in memory of their loved ones. If so, please contact me at the rectory so that we can discuss the details.

In Christ, Fr. Richard

Mission Outreach

The various charities we assist through this outreach mission are in need of the



following for a local **Home for Women Veterans: Womens toiletries, socks and underwear.** Additionally we are asking for **sweatshirts** in sizes large and extra large. In this season of giving, please help us meet some of the community's needs.

Carolyn and Marge

For Whom Are You Praying? Prayer Chain



Add their names to the Prayer Chain.
Call: Charon Souza (401) 231-3962

First Friday Holy Hour at SRB Parish

December 2, 2022 from 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM



There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayerful recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy,

time for quiet personal prayer and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Homebound

Those parishioners who are not able to come to church but would like a visit at home are encouraged to contact Fr.



Richard at the parish office so that a day and time can be scheduled.

While fellow parishioners should feel free to let others know that visits at home can be arranged, the person in need or the person who assists them in making and scheduling appointments should be the one who calls the rectory at (401) 232-5600.

Confession/Reconciliation

The Advent season is a time when we are called to prepare ourselves spiritually for the coming of the Lord not only at Christmas but also at the end of time when He comes again in glory. To that end, the season of Advent is a particularly appropriate time for us to avail ourselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please contact Fr.

Richard at the rectory to schedule a day and time convenient for you.

Parish Support

November 19 & 20, 2022

To be published next weekend!

Traditional Giving / ParishSoft

Weekly Offering: \$0 - \$0

Loose Cash: \$0

Monthly Maintenance: \$0 - \$0

Annual Collection: \$0 - \$0

A word of gratitude to those who continue to contribute to the ongoing financial support of the parish. Offerings may be made during Mass, dropped off at the rectory, sent in by mail or forwarded by way of your bank's electronic bill pay service.

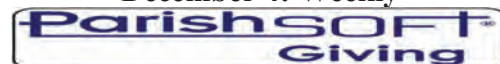
Online giving continues to be an option here at the parish. To begin taking advantage of this option, click on the link for "ParishSoft Online Giving" found on the homepage of the parish's website - www.strobertsparish.org

Collections for November/December

November 20: Weekly and Human Development

November 27: Weekly

December 4: Weekly



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As always, donations of \$10.00, \$15.00,
\$20.00 or \$25.00



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are appreciated.

Christmas 2022

As we have done in past years, we will once again



be sponsoring a *Giving Tree Program*. Gift tags with particular requests will be available this weekend. We thank you in advance for your

anticipated generosity and support.

The following food items are needed for Christmas Food Baskets: Stuffing mix, Turkey

Gravy, Fruit Cocktail, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Yams, Canned Corn, Green Beans, Canned Peas



The Three Advents of Christ

Advent is a penitential season. As Lent cultivates the heart for Easter, Advent cultivates it for



Christmas. *Advent* means “to come” or “to arrive,” and the season of Advent prepares us for the arrival of Jesus Christ. Drawing from St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Holy Mother Church offers her children a threefold aspect of Advent. These “three advents of Christ” serve as guideposts on our penitential pilgrimage toward Christ and help preserve in us the authentic mystery that is Christmas.

The first of the three advents of Jesus Christ is his Incarnation. The Word, the *Logos*, was made flesh and dwelt among us. The first advent is the advent most familiar to us. It is the anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas, or “Christ’s Mass.” It recalls the humility of God: that the Creator would come and dwell among his creation. God, being itself, is wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger.

The Incarnation is a central mystery to our Catholic faith alongside the Trinity. We recall these two mysteries every time we cross ourselves, for our words invoke the Trinity and our action of making the sign of the cross invokes the Incarnation—God died for us. The first advent of Christ is the anniversary of his Incarnation, and it is one that invites us into a deeper understanding of humility.

The second advent of Jesus Christ is his advent into our daily lives. In the Most Holy Eucharist, Christ comes to us—body, blood, soul, and divinity. In the Holy Eucharist, we are made one flesh with Christ. He is the groom, and we are the bride. He is the head, and we are the body. Like his Incarnation, the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist reminds us of his humility. The Word, in whom all things were created and remain in being, comes to us under the appearances of bread and wine—as food.

It is fitting that Jesus Christ in his first advent was laid in a manger, a place for food. He is the bread from heaven, the bread of eternal life. Like the first advent, the second advent of Jesus Christ invites us to reflect upon the humility of God in the Holy Eucharist, and how we respond to that humility in our disposition and actions toward the Blessed Sacrament.

The third advent of Jesus Christ is his final advent—the end of the age, the apocalypse. Over the course of the season of Advent, the Church will offer us readings regarding the end of time and our final judgment before our Lord.

To understand the end of all things, the final advent, the Church offers us the devotion of contemplating the four last things: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. In contemplating these last things, these final things, we can come to understand what is truly important in life and what is not. As we discern our priorities in life, we ask ourselves: Would I be ready to die today? Does this aid in my pilgrimage toward heaven? Does this endanger my soul to hell?

In his final advent, our Lord comes in glory. Jesus, the Word, comes with robes dipped in blood and a sword to judge all nations. The final advent is an invitation for us to be humbled before Christ, our judge, and for it to be laid bare whether we configured our souls to the humility he demonstrated for us.

Source: <https://www.catholic.com/magazine/online-edition/the-three-advents-of-christ>



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