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Nationwide Mass Times

Call 1-734-794-2100 or www.masstimes.org

Opportunities for Life Hotline

Call (800) 822-5824 for help for those experiencing an untimely pregnancy.

Does Your Marriage Need Help?

Call 800-470-2230 or www.retrouvaille.org

Membership in the Parish

We give a hearty welcome to all new families moving into our Parish. Please register in the Parish Office as soon as possible. Families who plan to move from our parish community are requested to inform us.

Bulletin Articles

Deadline for submission of bulletin articles is on Monday.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

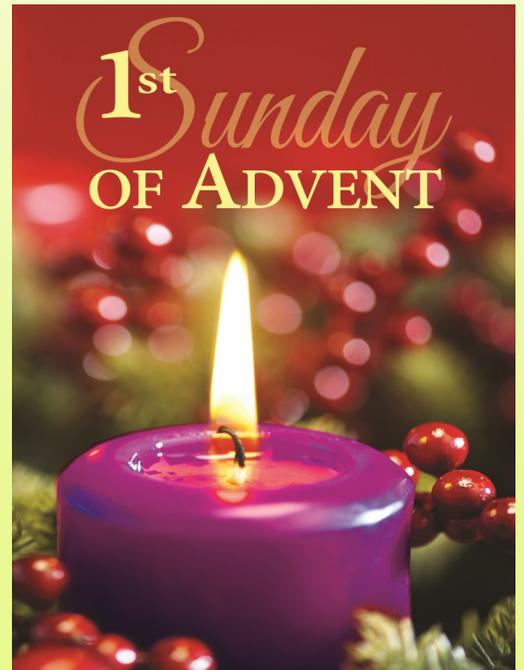
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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.





Advent: How will we prepare?

Every year at about this time we begin to develop a list of names in regards to gift-giving and lists of other things as well. As things begin to pick up in our world of commercialism, so the Church asks us to look into our spiritual lives and make some serious preparations as well. Speaking of a shopping list, what about making a spiritual list, in which we can discern our needs in our relationship with the Lord and others. Maybe we are in need of a

few spiritual blue-light specials, which include patience, charity, humility, forgiveness, hope and better and healthier attitudes. As Santa asks small children what they want this coming Christmas, so our Lord is asking the same question: What would you like this coming Christmas? Let us spend this Advent Season pondering this all-important question and may our season of waiting and preparation be spiritually fruitful in our lives.

Fr. Terry



Faith Sharing Question

Gospel:

In Jesus teaching the disciples about the coming end times and judgement day, he warns them not to be too distracted by the stresses and anxieties of daily life. How do you keep focused on your spiritual life amongst the many daily challenges we face?



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What sacrament is symbolized by a dove?

Last week's answer—Jesus is condemned to death

Support our Blessing Box by bringing easy to carry and eat foods! For example instant soup, Vienna sausages, spam, canned ham, tuna, pop tarts, granola bars, etc. Also with winter coming new gloves, hats, scarfs and socks would be great.



Why Do We Do That?

Question: What's the story behind the Advent wreath?

Answer: Each season of the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreathes adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a time lighting the candles.



The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It remains always fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love.

Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas.



Tuesday, November 30

8:00 am † Joseph Nally SC
By Betty Nally

Wednesday, December 1

5:30 pm L&D Vic & Lois Johnson IC
Fam
By Noel Quinn

Thursday, December 2

8:00 am † Owen Pate HV
By Judy Pate

Friday, December 3

8:00 am † Special Intention IC
By Wally and Rosemary Harris

Saturday, December 4

5:00 pm † Damon Gregory SC
By Denny and Denise Long

Sunday, December 5

8:30 am People of the Parish SC
10:30 am † Dr. Glen Richards IC
By John and Marlene Wheatley

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date November 28, 2021

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/
Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28,
34-36

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-
5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10,
11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-
4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9,
19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
[1a]/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-
2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35-10:1,
5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3,
4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



A listing of online Mass locations and times are on our website: icsscchurch.org

You may also join St Columba Live on our Facebook page on Sundays at 8:30am.

TV Channels for other Masses

DirecTV CH 370
Dish CH 261
Antenna CH 45 at 6:00am

Immaculate Conception Mission Statement

As people chosen by God through our baptism, the parish of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church is called to make Christ visible in our family, community and the world. We proclaim God's word in worship, through the sacraments, in hospitality, teaching, repentance, forgiveness and service.

Our goal is that all people may come to know and share in the salvation of Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Sunday, November 28

First Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, November 30

7am -7pm Adoration IC

Wednesday, December 1

6:00pm Religious Ed K-12 IC

Thursday, December 2

7am -4pm Adoration SC

Sunday, December 5

9:30am Donut Sunday SC

9:30am Adult Study Class SC

In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families of Denis and Martha Wheatley for the recent passing of their precious great grand daughter. May the Lord give the family comfort and peace knowing she is embraced in His eternal Love.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Please Help!

Mass ministers are needed. We are in need of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Cross Bearers and Gift Bearers, Altar Servers and Greeters. Contact Denise and she will be glad to walk you thru the steps. Ministry forms are in the back of church and can be easily completed and dropped in the Sunday collection. You may also call the church office, contact Denise or Fr. Terry.

Sunday December 5, 2021

St. Columba 8:30am

Mass Coord Judy Pate
 Lector Steve Basham
 Eucharistic Min Rosemary Emmick
 Altar Servers Aubrey/Hazel Poole
 Cross Bearer John Neff
 Greeter/Usher: Shelby Basham
 Dan Allard
 Gift Bearers Kevin Ward Family

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Mass Coord Mary Woodward
 Lector: Falyn Stokes
 Eucharistic Min Mary Woodward
 Altar Servers Gary Elder
 Cross Bearer Carter Severs
 Greeter/Usher: Wade Gaynor Family
 Gift Bearers Wade Gaynor Family



Why Do We Do That?

Question:

How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

Answer:

The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana. The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers. Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C. These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these "epiphany" moments in your life



Flower Donations

Give a donation for Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one. Use your Christmas flower envelope and write the name of your loved one on the envelope. All of the names will be listed in a special bulletin insert at Christmas.

Santa's Sacks

Help us prepare Santa Sacks for those in need in the community by donating green beans, mac & cheese, corn and stuffing. You may bring your donations to Mass beginning next Sunday November 21st thru December 6th. Baskets will be available as you enter church. The give-away is scheduled for Thursday December 9th. Please contact Noel Quinn if you are interested in helping with the give-away.



Coats Due Today

Please remember the coats from the coat tree is due today. If you have a coat still to turn in you may bring it to the office on Monday. Thank you all for your generosity!

Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	St. Columba
Weekly Goal\$3,231.00	Weekly Goal.....\$2,550.00
Collection 11-14-21\$2,964.00	Collection 11-14-21.....\$1,719.00
Difference under\$267.00	Difference under \$831.00
Mass Attendance 120	Mass Attendance 51/76
Week # 20 of 52	Week # 20 of 52
Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$64,620	Fiscal YTD Goal \$51,000
Fiscal YTD Actual\$83,397	Fiscal YTD Actual..... \$49,001

St. Columba Mission Statement

We, St. Columba Parish, are a living family of God committed to deepening and sharing our faith. We immerse ourselves deeper in our baptism to reach out to those in need, call people to recognize their talents and pray for guidance to lead all people to experience the light of Christ.



Advent is a time when we can step back from the hectic routine, slow down and contemplate the Mystery of the Incarnation. It marks the beginning of a new liturgical year in the Church that slowly builds momentum towards Christmas as the weeks go by. Today November 28 launches us

into a whole new year of Catholic feasts, fasts and celebrations that ask us to pray more and hope harder, to draw closer and deeper into our relationship with Jesus Christ. For the next several weeks I will have resources available in church and on our website to help you pray and reflect in anticipation of drawing closer to our Lord as we await his coming. Please use these resources and share them with your family and friends.



Advent and Lent are the two penitential seasons of the church year. However, Advent is a season

in anticipation of the birth of Christ in time. Now, what is meant by "the birth of Christ in time"? Our four Sundays of Advent are not just Sundays in preparation for the birth of a child destined to become the Savior of the nations, but the birth of a child every day in the hearts of every Christian and the future return of the second coming in time where everything will be taken back by our God.

In today's Gospel, for some this reading might strike fear into their hearts: "...perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright." Even today, we hear about doomsday sayers professing the end of the world on a particular date. To be sure, the end of the world will come! However, we truly do not know the time. Only God knows when God will call everything to return to him.

In the final lines of today's Gospel we are told to "be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent."

This first Sunday in the season of Advent is a time for us to joyfully await the coming of Christ for the first time, at birth; for the second time, into our everyday lives; and looking forward to the last time when he will come to take all of creation back to his Father.

Advent Prayer for Families

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your Son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

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Nicole Ballard Accepts Position as Director of Youth Ministry

As most of you know, my name is Nicole Ballard and I am so excited to be the new Director of Youth Ministry at

Immaculate Conception and St. Columba Parishes. I have always had a passion for working with the youth having graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Intervention with a Minor in Child Development. I can't wait to continue and enhance the Faith Formation program we have at our parishes for our youth. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions you may have. I look forward to continuing on with a great Religious Education school year!

Religious Education Classes Resume

Religious ed classes will resume December 1st. Please note this is a change from the original calendar. The catechist meeting for December 1st is canceled and youth will be returning to class on December 1st.



Neena Gaynor New Director of Adult Ministry

Dear Immaculate Conception and St. Columba Parish Family,

I'm overwhelmed with gratitude and excitement to be your new Adult Ministry Leader. This was an unforeseen (to me!) happening, though I am sure God has been carefully weaving us together in His perfect sort of way.

Adult Ministry encompasses many aspects of parish life, and life, as we all know it, is often complex, messy, and full of the unexpected. Knowing also that we were created by God out of love, for love, and to love, my desire will always be to serve with the love of Christ. My role as Adult Ministry Leader is to help facilitate encounters with Jesus in this everyday messy, complex, beautiful life. What a great journey it will be!

Thank you to Fr. Terry, Denise, Jill, and Nicole for this opportunity. Thank you all for welcoming me, Wade, and our two sons, Josey and Wiley. I'll see you soon!

Let us keep one other in prayer!
Neena

Denise Long Office Manager

Wow! Lots of changes! We ask for your patience, help and support as we all transition into our new roles. I am so blessed to have ministered both as Director of Youth and Adult Ministry and I am excited about the new challenges ahead. I am thrilled to be working with Nicole and Neena and can't wait to see what the future holds.

