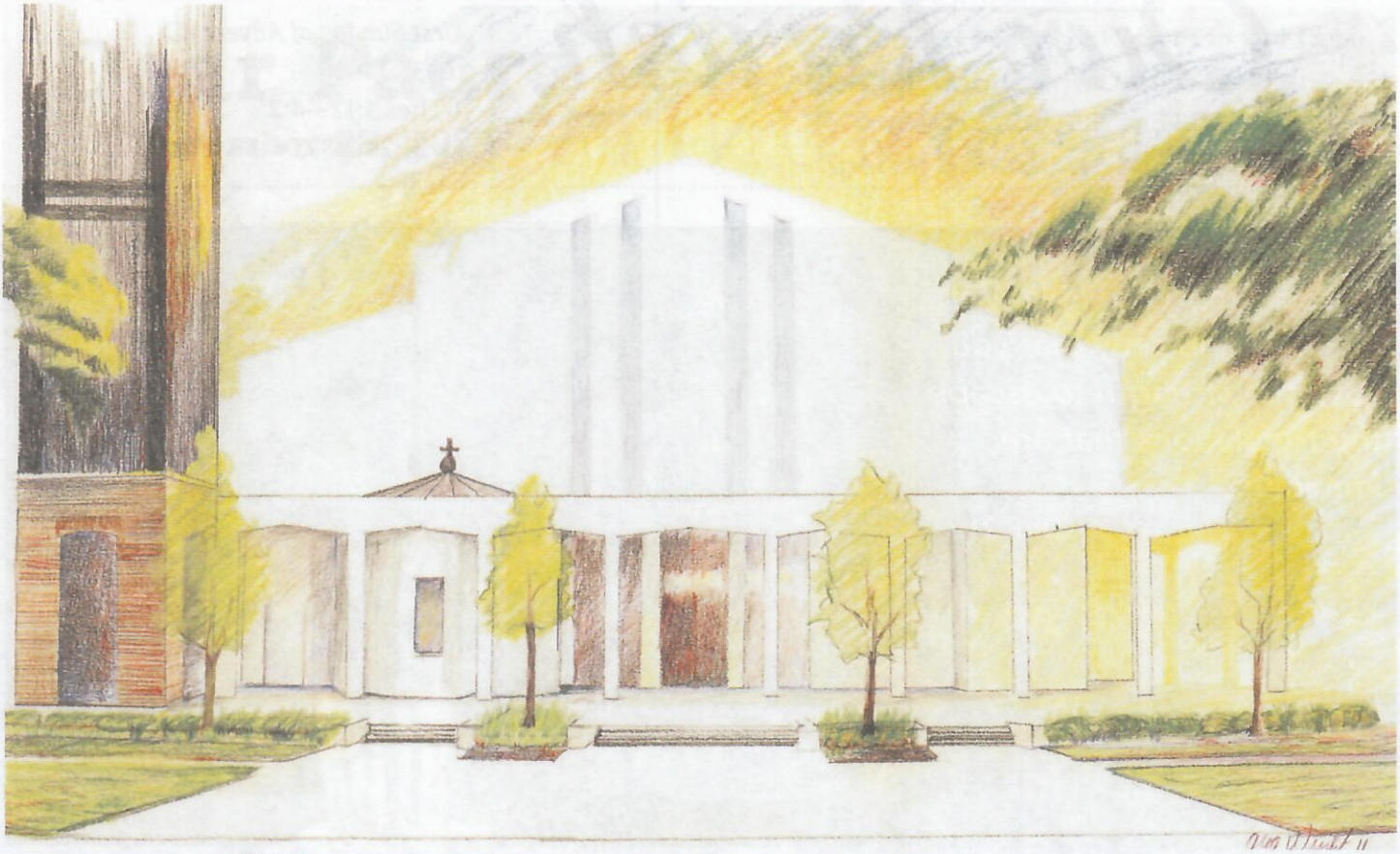

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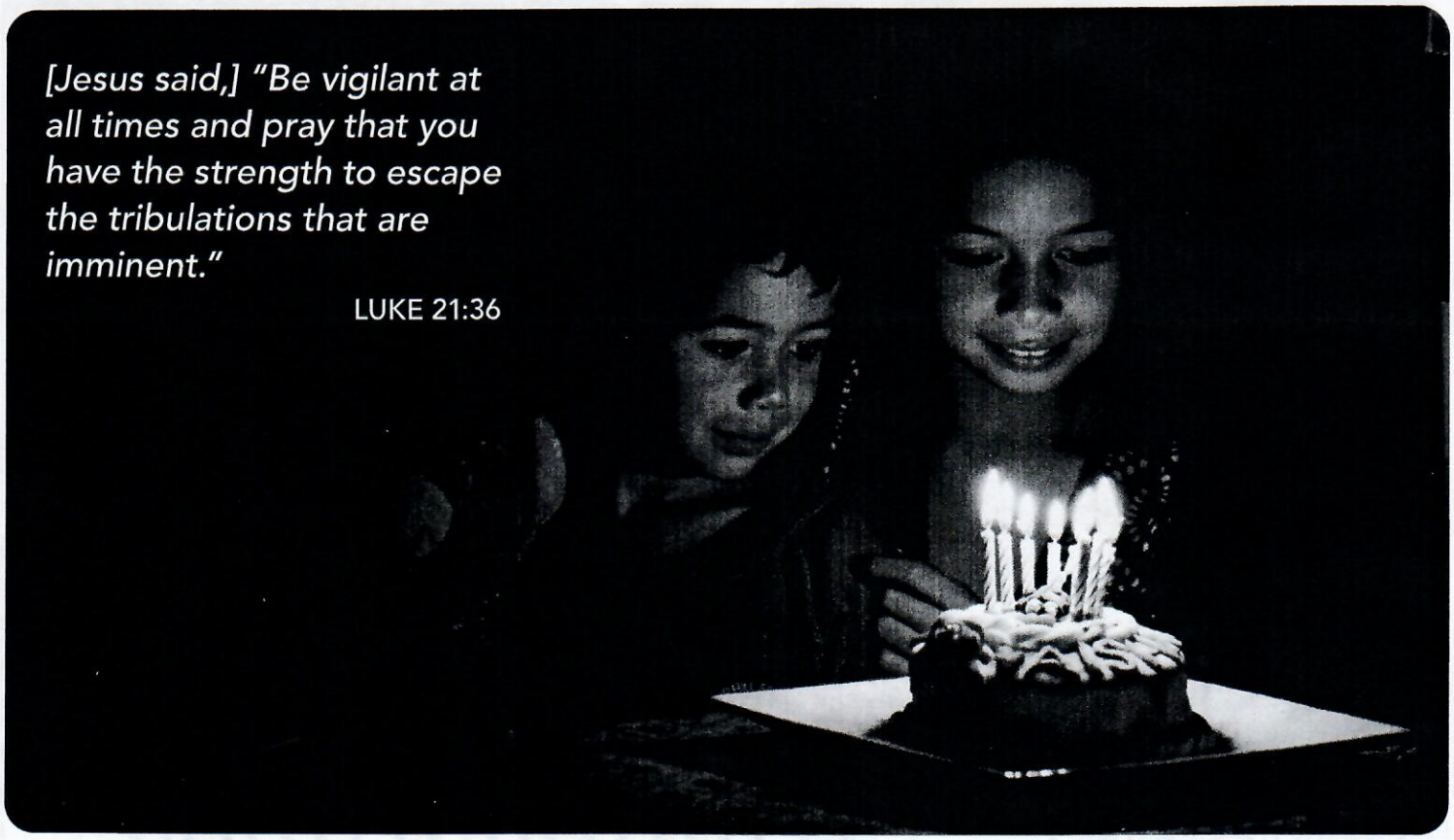
November 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent (C)
Jer 33:14–16
1 Thes 3:12—4:2
Lk 21:25–28, 34–36



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Birth Day

Our *birth day* is not the anniversary of our birth—that is our *birthday*. Our birth day is the actual day of our birth. However, we do have a second birth day and it is this day to which this Sunday's readings refer. We might call it our final birth day, the day when we are born into fulfillment. Jeremiah assures us that will be the day when God's promises will be fulfilled in us. We will finally have a righteous leader; the nation will be safe, and the place where God dwells amid the people will be secure.

In the Gospel, Jesus is probably speaking figuratively about the end of the world—at least the end of the world as it is known to humans. However, it is not the end of everything, for after cosmic destruction takes place, "then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:27). After suffering the so-called birth pangs of the Messiah (see Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time), something new will appear; we will see that our redemption is at hand. We will be born into a new life in a new world.

Advent is the time to look forward to this new birth day of fulfillment. We do not simply await the anniversary of Jesus' human birth day, for that day announced the coming of the final birth day of each of us. *His* birth announces *our* new birth.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- *How are you preparing for your final birth day?*
- *What do you find most striking in today's readings? Why?*

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Dear Padre

November 28, 2021

What do Advent-wreath candles signify?

Most Advent wreaths have three purple candles and one rose candle to echo the liturgical colors of the Church's Advent celebrations.

Whether the wreath is being used at home or in a church, the lighting of the candles should follow the liturgical colors of the Sundays of Advent. The vestments at Mass are purple during the first two weeks of Advent, so we light a purple candle on the first and second Sundays of Advent.

On the third Sunday, the Church celebrates Gaudete Sunday or Rejoice Sunday, named after the first word of the day's traditional entrance verse (Philippians 4:4–5). The priest wears rose vestments at Mass as a sign of our brightening hope and joy, and on the Advent wreath we light the rose candle to reflect the theme of the liturgy. The fourth Sunday of Advent sees the lighting of the last purple candle.

Some churches and families add a fifth candle to their Advent practices by placing a white candle in the center of the wreath. They light this at Christmas, again echoing the Church's liturgical color for the season and rejoicing in Christ our Lord, whose birth brings light and life to our world.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR

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Due to staff vacations for the week of November 29th - December 3rd, 2021, our office hours will be:

Monday - Thursday

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

We will resume normal business hours on Monday, December 6, 2021.

The topic for December 5th, 2021, is:

Chapter 12

Mary: The Church's First and Most Perfect Mother

Join us at 10 am on Sunday mornings for Adult Catechesis class to learn what the Church teaches today on a variety of issues! Meet in the gathering place in the back of church, or come to the office door on Prentiss Avenue and ring the bell.

Each week's chapter can be read ahead of time online at www.usccb.org: United States Catholic Catechism for Adults.

Mass Intentions for December 4th/5th, 2021

4: 00 PM

+Robert Collins
+Leonard & +Joan Fine
+Mark Samuel Harry
+Ameldia Rochon Lion
+Shirley T. & +Joseph L. Relf, Sr.
+Mark Lion, Jr.
+Melinda Lion
+Robert Munch, Sr.
Special Intention

9:00 AM

+Judy Barattini
+James & Audrey Petivan
+Alida "Lee" Zollinger
+Kirby Jackson
+Josephine Rosefeldt
+Claudette Sonnier

11:00 AM Parish

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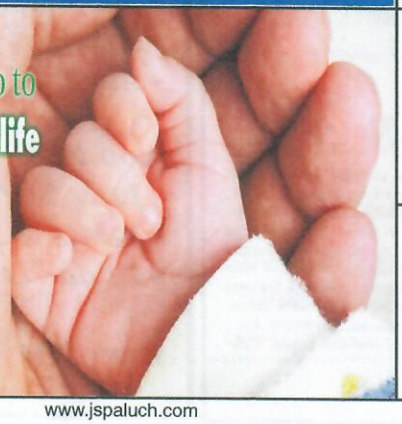
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