

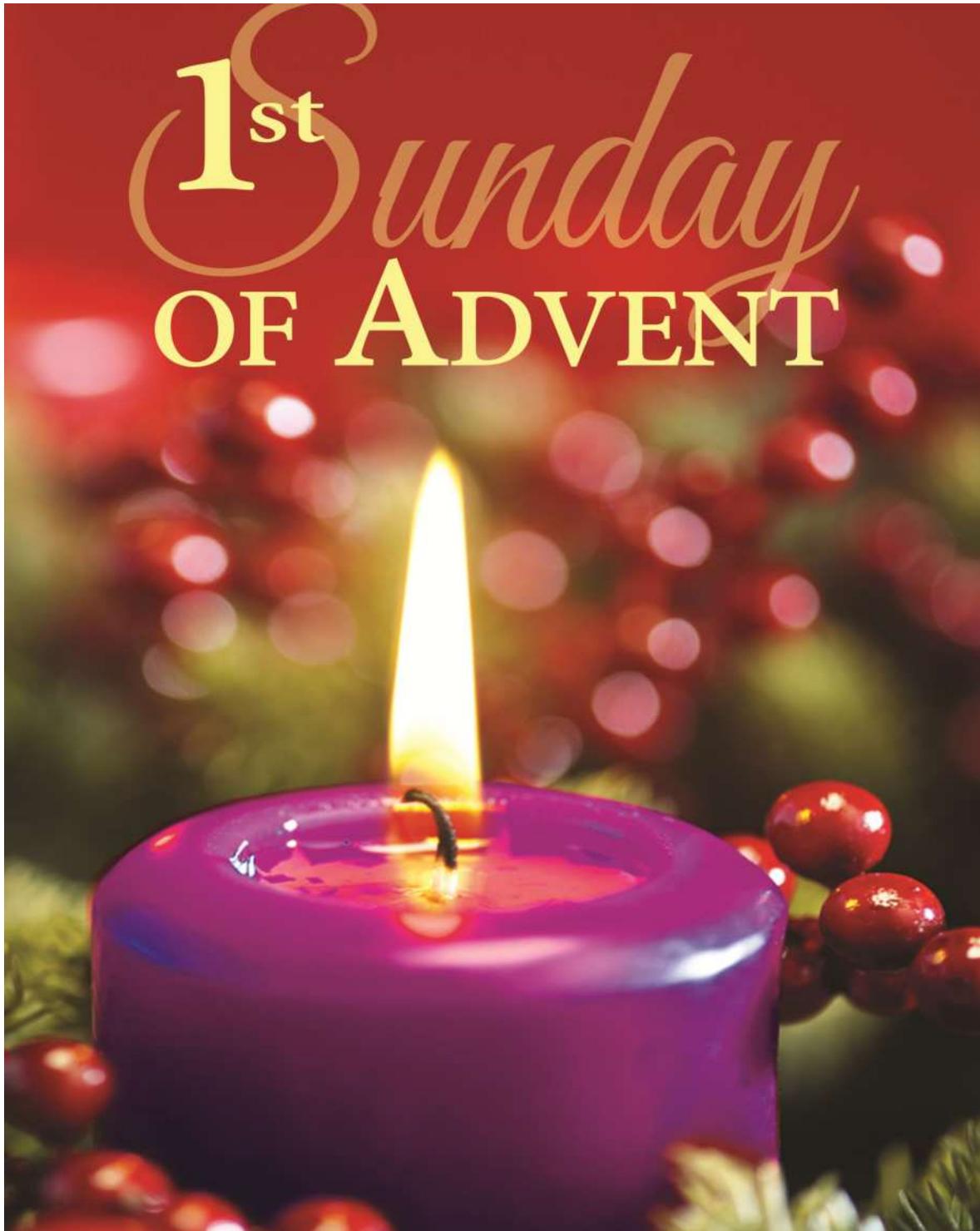


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NOVEMBER 30, 2025



THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 / FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Chosen People must have wondered how “chosen” they really were, considering how much they had suffered in the generations since God promised Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars. Centuries of enslavement in Egypt, a perilous trek through the desert, multiple wars and battles defending their promised land, the fall to Babylon, and then fifty years in exile must have broken the faith of many. Not Isaiah’s. He proclaims that “in days to come,” God will reclaim the highest mountain in Judah, all peoples will lay down their arms and follow God’s commands, and the Chosen People will once more “walk in the light of the LORD” (Isaiah 2:2, 5). This jubilee year we are reminded that we are pilgrims of hope. May we emulate Isaiah, whose hope in God’s eventual triumph over evil and strife never dimmed.

Question of the Week: How can I prepare my heart this Advent to receive Jesus whenever he comes?

Gospel Meditation

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it’s a great day for burglars. If the TV isn’t on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins’. I’ll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing – someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I’m extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

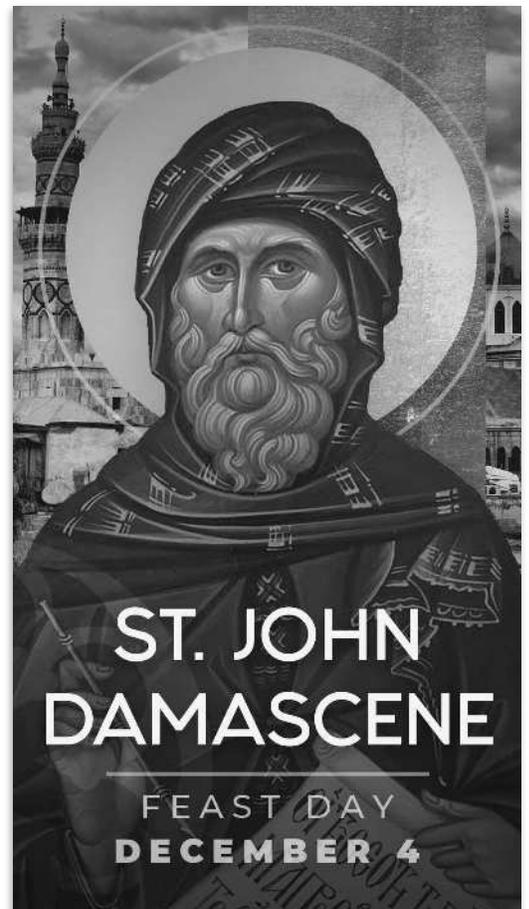
That’s much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn’t start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos will come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief – not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don’t just stay vaguely “awake.” Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

– *Father John Muir*
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Prayer for Advent–Arise

Bless God’s Holy Name!
Prepare our hearts for Your coming,
Lord. Awaken them from any places
that have become sleepy or despond-
ent. Inspire us with new visions. Be
with us as we climb closer to You.
Amen.

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MASS INTENTIONS

NOV 29	4:00 PM	HARRY SCHOFIELD
DEC 20	4:00 PM	WAYNE DUFOUR
DEC 20	4:00 PM	ANGELINA ARRUDA
DEC 27	4:00 PM	DON FEATHERSTONE
DEC 28	8:00 AM	PETER JANCAITIS
DEC 28	10:00 AM	DICK GRIGAS
DEC 28	10:00 AM	MARION RUSSO
JAN 10	4:00 PM	THOMAS DAVIS
JAN 11	8:00 AM	THOMAS COTTER
JAN 25	8:00 AM	WESLEY LAFORD

Prayer of the Rosary

Every Saturday at 3:30 pm in the church, led by members of the Saint Boniface Knights of Columbus.

Food Donations for the months of November and December will go to Catholic Charities. Food pantries are having a difficult time due to the high cost of groceries and low donations. If everyone in our parish could help by bringing 2-3 items each month during the Holiday season it will help a lot of people to have food on their tables for the Holidays. Donations can be placed in the rear of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Grief Share Ministry

The new Grief Share Ministry here at St. Boniface, now has an e-mail. Any interested participants should submit their contact information. The team will reach out with information about the upcoming classes in January. stbonifacegriefgroup@gmail.com

North Star Family Shelter

Many thanks to all the parishioners who contributed to the food and supplies needed for our parish commitment to the North Star Family Shelter. There were three homeless families in the shelter. A special thanks to Nancy Murray, Sue Whittier, Monica Robles, Buffy Penzola and Claire Neas for making dinner for the families.

Holiday Tradition

For over 50 years St. Boniface parishioners have opened their hearts to provide Christmas gifts for two local Rest Homes. These are smaller facilities, Penny Lane in Fitchburg and The Village in Leominster and for many residents this is the highlight of their holidays! Our tradition continues with your generosity! On the weekend of Nov. 29/30th there will be a list of names and gift requests on the posters at the back of the church. Please choose one and return your wrapped gift no later than Dec 14.

We would love to include some Christmas treats for the residents and staff to enjoy during the holidays so anyone willing to provide some know your contribution would be much appreciated. These could be left in the hall kitchen sometime between Dec 11-14. Any questions please contact Mary Bourque 978-855-2309 or Mary Powers 978-582-6532 yabourque@comcast.net or rpmp74@gmail.com

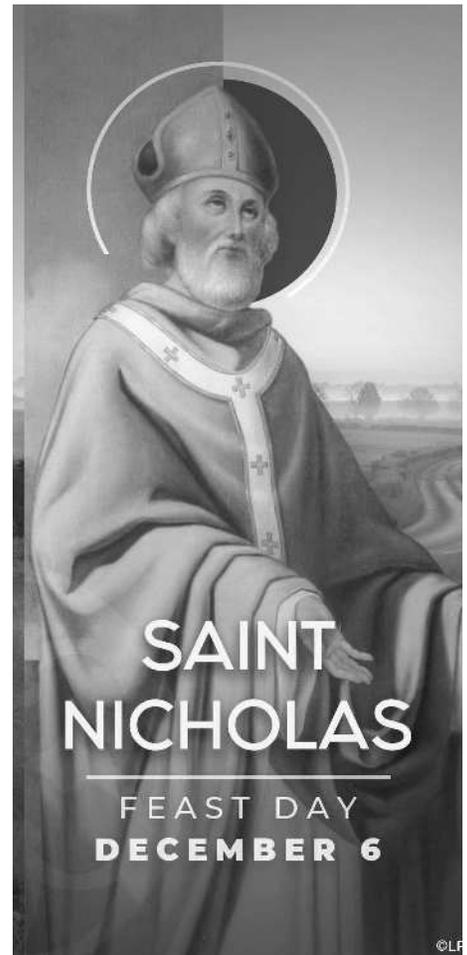
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Parish Office Hours

Monday / Wednesday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Memorial Day through Labor Day — Sunday: 9:00 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Holy Hour of Adoration: last Wednesday of the month 5:30-6:30 pm
Weekday Masses: 6:30 pm Wednesday | 8:00 am Thursday & Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession) Saturday 5:00-5:30 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Adults are baptized at the Easter Vigil as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Infant and child Baptisms are by arrangement.

FIRST EUCHARIST Preparation begins in grade one and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Eucharist in grade two.

CONFIRMATION Our Confirmation program begins in the 9th grade; students are confirmed in the spring of the 10th grade. For young adults who have been baptized but not yet confirmed, contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY It is the policy of the Diocese of Worcester that a couple should contact the parish at least one year prior to the anticipated date of their wedding to allow sufficient time to carry out the various steps of the marriage preparation process. It is important that arrangements be made with the church before plans are made with reception halls, caterers, etc.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK Please call the parish office 978-582-4008, or email Fr. Omolo at stbonifaceparish@verizon.net or Louise Nadeau at dinalou1@comcast.net to arrange these visits.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY If you or someone you know needs prayers or if you would like to be a part of this ministry of those who pray for the needs of neighbors, please contact the parish office at 978-582-4008, email stbonifaceparish@verizon.net or contact Louise Nadeau at dinalou1@comcast.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #16480 In Service to One. In Service to all. Members meet in the Parish Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. Any Catholic men over 18 who are interested in joining the Knights should contact Deputy Grand Knight, Thomas Bodkin at tbodkin@bodkinmason.com or (508-363-3422), or email kofc16480@gmail.com.

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Newcomers to St. Boniface are invited and encouraged to formally register as members of the parish so that we may stay in touch with you with faith formation news, notices of special events, volunteer opportunities, and more.

Registration forms are available at the doors of the church, the parish office, or on our website.

Please note that you must be registered for at least six months before we can issue any verification of your status as a parishioner for godparent or sponsor letters.

Being Surprised by Christ

Some people hate surprise parties. There are those who are uncomfortable with a last-minute vacation or even an unexpected travel upgrade. If it wasn't part of the plan, it's a cause for consternation.

There is a temptation to view these folks as curmudgeonly — sticks in the mud, obsessed with predictability. But I think if we're being honest, there's a little bit of the surprise-averse in all of us.

Deep within the very heart of the element of surprise is a kernel of shock. And shock, in the moment, can feel similar to trauma. If we reflect on the most traumatic occurrences of our lives — a loss, an accident, a calamity — it is likely that we will say this: "It was the shock more than anything that got to me." Grief or fear, those feelings were overwhelming as well, but they came later. In the first moment, all we knew was we were going about our lives on one path until we were thrust on a different one and then the whole future changed.

This is the natural rhythm of our life here on earth. We never know what is coming — which is to say, in a beautiful way, we always know what is coming. More importantly, we know Who is coming.

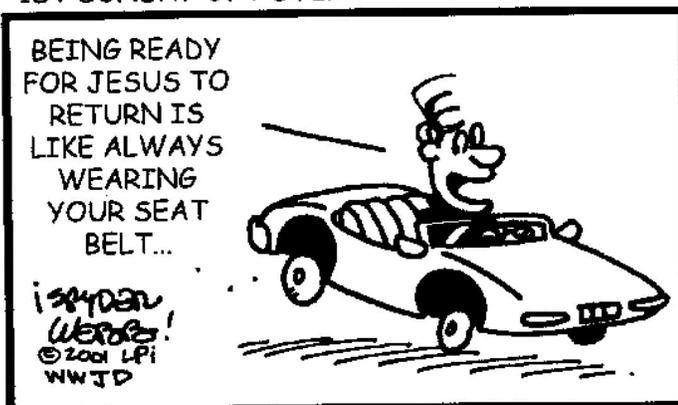
Like the early riser who sets the "pre-alarm" (the one on which he knows he's going to hit snooze just to take the edge off the disappointment of waking up), we are always being given a heads-up in Scripture. From the earliest prophecies of the Messiah to Jesus' reminders in the Gospel to the very last words of Revelations, God has communicated to His stewards: You know the time. The time is now. We are called to constant vigilance, perpetual renewal, steadfast accountability.

In the end, the coming of Christ may be the only event in history that was a surprise, but not a shock — and so it will only be beautiful, even for those who hate surprise parties.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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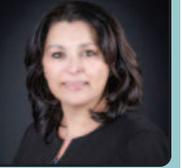
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