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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 3, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

Masses are currently being held
in the St. Dominic Savio Center
to the right of the school.

MASS TIMES

Saturday..... (Vigil) 4:00pm
Sunday..... 8:30am, 10:30am, 7:00pm
..... (Spanish) 3:00pm

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday..... 8:30am

CONFESSIONS

One half hour before each Mass daily
and Sundays.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

CHAPEL - Currently open every day
9:00am - 9:00pm.

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1st Sunday OF ADVENT



Advent is a time for waiting, for hoping, for praying.
It is a time for reflecting on the special work to which
God calls us all. Stay alert. Show Him you are listening.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 4 • St. John Damascene

8:30 am Special Intention

Tuesday, December 5

8:30 am David Snyder

Wednesday, December 6 • St. Nicholas

8:30 am Special Intention

Thursday, December 7 • St. Ambrose

8:30 am Aubrey Coniglio

Friday, December 8 • The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

8:30 am Norman & Verna Millet, Rosalind M. Hutson, Deborah Acosta, Jessica Fournet, Deacon Paul & Philip Dupuy, Edith Layton, Souls in Purgatory

6:00 pm Kim Blanchard, Our Parishioners

Saturday, December 9 • St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

4:00 pm Melancon & Fisher Families, Christopher Nguyen, Special Intention, Grady Duff, Jr., Scott Duff, Marilyn Torres, Ellis Torres, Melvin & Nellie Powell, Dan Guidry, Gregory Hymel, EJ & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Rory & Jourdan Grawl, Dolly Omond, Lynn Hymel, Jr., John Snyder, Sr., Nelson Madere, Brent Waguespack, Kerry Joseph Ford

Sunday, December 10 • Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Karen Angelo, John Williams, Babies' Souls, Peter Pham Dinh Quang, Special Intention, Special Intention, Souls in Purgatory, Doris Beadle, Roques & St. Pierre Families

10:30 am Eula McMurry

3:00 pm (en espanol) Our Parishioners, John Ebanks, Sr., John Ebanks, Jr., Maria Teresa Sosa

7:00 pm Norma & Elodie Pierre, Enola Pierre LaCroix, Felicie Pierre Favorite

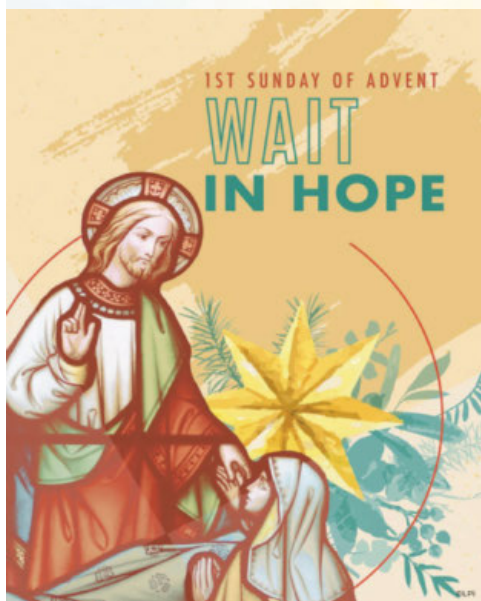


VIGIL LIGHT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

In memory of Norman & Verna Millet, Rosalind M. Hutson, Deborah Acosta, & Jessica Fournet

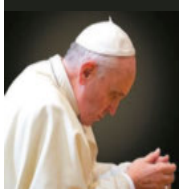
CHAPEL CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK FOR

Birthday Blessings for Austin Friedrichs



**Mass Schedule for the
Feast of the Immaculate
Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
(Holy Day of Obligation)**

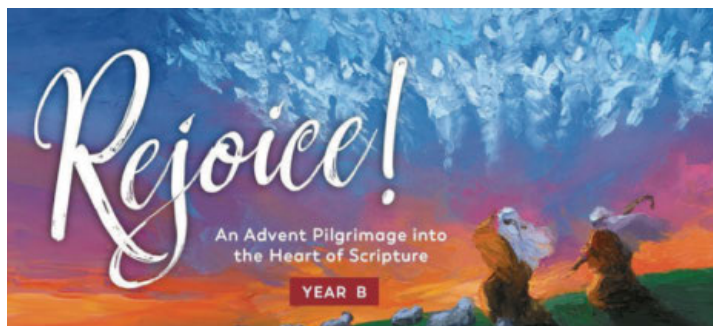
**Friday, December 8th
8:30 am & 6:00 pm**



Pope Francis' December Prayer Intention For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

AROUND OUR CHURCH & OUR COMMUNITY



Visit aolparish.org and click on the *Rejoice* link to access the Advent Week 1 video.

First Week of Advent (December 3–9)

- ♦ How does your heart react to the verse “We are the clay, and you are our potter”? Is it comforting or troubling to recognize that God is in control? What are some ways you can surrender to his will?
- ♦ How do you best hear the voice of God? Can you recall a time you heard his voice speaking to your heart?
- ♦ Video Reflection: What is the experience of silence like for you? Do you ever encounter silence? If you do, how does it make you feel?
- ♦ **How has your prayer changed this week?**



Please visit our website, aolparish.org, for links to various Advent Prayers and Resources, including the 2023 Advent Calendar and Blessing of the Advent Wreath.

Sign up for Dynamic Catholic's *Best Advent Ever* or view the *Rejoice! Advent Meditations* videos for this year and previous years.

The Advent Edition of *The Word Among Us* is available for purchase at the Parish Office as well as the 2024 St. Joseph Sunday Missal.

CHRISTMAS MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Wednesday, December 13th
at 6:30pm

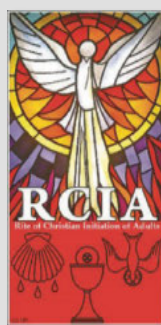


If you would like to have your deceased loved ones remembered at this special Mass, please complete the online form or return the paper form to the Parish Office by **December 6th**.



Christmas Altar Flowers and Decorations

Special envelopes for altar flowers and Christmas decorations are enclosed in this bulletin. Please return these by **December 17th**. You may place them in the collection baskets or bring them to the Parish Office.



RCIA Class

Tuesday, December 5th at 7pm
in Piovan Parish Hall

TOPIC: The Blessed Virgin Mary and the Communion of Saints

Anyone interested in learning more about their faith or curious about a particular topic is invited to attend.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday, December 4

6:00pm Parish School of Religion (Family Night) - School
6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet - Adoration Chapel

Tuesday, December 5

6:00pm AOL School Christmas Pageant (PreK-2nd grade) - Don Bosco Hall
7:00pm RCIA - Piovan Parish Hall
7:00pm Baptismal Seminar - Parish Office

Wednesday, December 6

6:00pm AOL School Christmas Pageant (Grades 3-7) - Don Bosco Hall
7:00pm KC Planning & Director's Meeting - KC Home

Thursday, December 7

12:00noon Altar Society Christmas Potluck - Piovan Parish Hall

Friday, December 8

Parish Office Closed
8:30am School Mass
9:00am Soldiers for Christ Prayer Group - Savio Center

Saturday, December 9 • Team 2

Sunday, December 10 • Team 2

2:00-6:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration - Savio Center/Breezeway
7:00pm Youth Mass - Savio Center



PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



ADORERS ARE NEEDED!!

**The Adoration Chapel is
open every day from
9:00am to 9:00pm.**

**“He remains among
us until the end
of the world.”**

**Go to your Adoration
as one would to
heaven, to the
divine banquet.**

Kids Corner

Prayer

Jesus, help me to stay
ready for you.

Mission for the Week

Play a quick game of
baseball. Cheer for one
another. End the game with
a prayer that you will keep
your eyes on Jesus.

Sharing the Gospel

When you play on a
baseball team, you learn
how to pay attention.
Your coach reminds you
and your teammates to
stay ready. You learn to
watch the ball. Those are
good lessons to learn,
because Jesus wants
you to pay attention, too.
Keep your eyes and your
mind on Jesus, so you're
ready when he comes.

**Now color
the picture!**



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

WATCH
READY
TIME

COME
MASTER
EVENING

MIDNIGHT
DAWN
MORNING

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M	O	R	N	I	N	G	T	I	E	L
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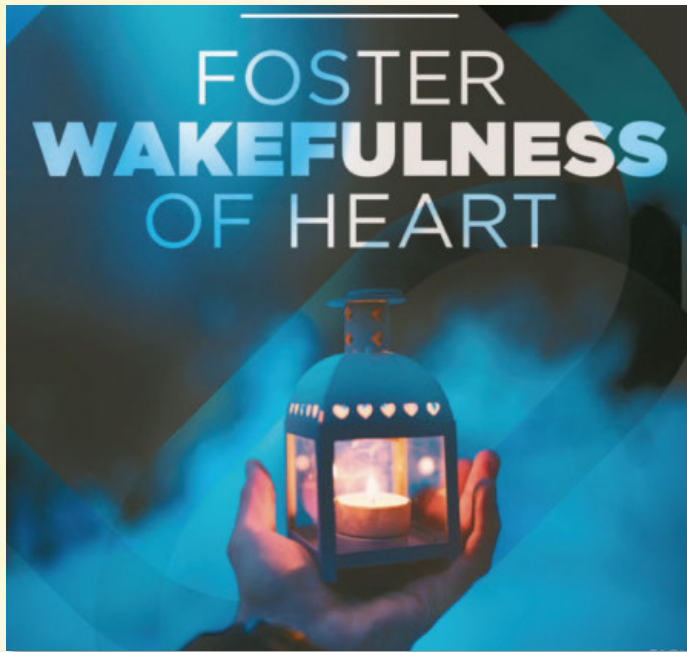
BAPTISMS: Baptismal seminars
are held on the first Tuesday of
each month in the Parish Office
at 7:00pm. Please call the
Parish Office to pre-register.

WEDDINGS: Couples must
contact the priest at least six
months prior to the preferred
date of the wedding.

ANointing OF THE SICK:
Please call the Parish Office at
985-652-2615.

**HOLY COMMUNION TO THE
HOMEBOUND:** To be added to
the list, please call the Parish
Office.

FUNERALS: Family must make
arrangements with the priest
prior to making final arrange-
ments with the funeral home.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE - *Father John Muir*

Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? **"Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep."** Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too. ©LPi

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Memento Mori

Just this week, my husband and I signed our wills, and the lawyer was careful to couch our transaction in gentle, abstract language: "When we lose you" she kept saying, instead of "When you die."

It's very uncomfortable to dwell on our death. But the Christian life does not just encourage us to do so: it demands that we do.

I once came upon a prayer consecrating the last two hours of life to the Blessed Mother. I have since found variations of the prayer online with different phrasing, but the sentiment of them all is the same: let me not be caught sleeping. Let me be ready.

"You can't do all your homework at the end," a deacon who ministers to the dying once told me. "Good Friday is waiting in the wings for all of us."

I think of that a lot when I don't particularly feel like praying, when I think I'm too busy to go to confession or when feelings of resentment fester inside me on Sunday mornings as I pack my family off to church. *All our good deeds are like polluted rags*, says the prophet. *We have all withered like leaves*.

You can't do all your homework at the end. God is faithful. Are we?

"May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" — Mark 13:36



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday:	Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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