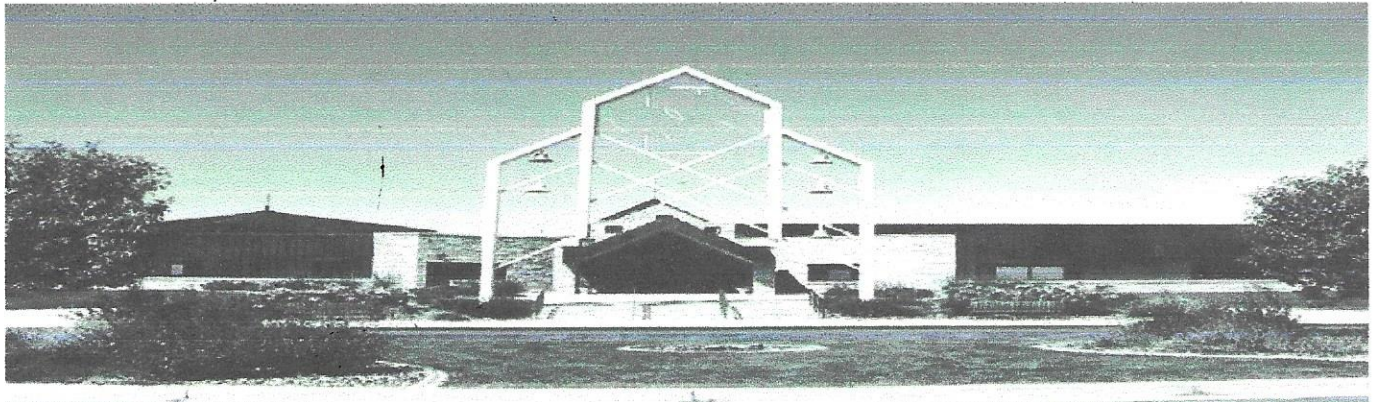


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Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. **Sunday Masses:** 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. **Monday-Saturday:** 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: Anticipated Mass, 6:00 p.m. | Holy Day Masses, 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday: 2:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m. or by appointment

Adoration: To be announced

Office Hours:

M-F, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

St. Ann, Palisade

Sunday Mass: 9:15 a.m.

Holy Days: 5:30 p.m.

10:30 a.m. Mass each Tuesday of each month



The Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches arranged with four candles (and often a fifth, called the Christ candle, in the center). The circular wreath reminds us that God has no

beginning and no end. The origin dates to pre-Christian Germany and Scandinavia where the people gathered to celebrate the return of the sun after the winter solstice. For us, lighting the Advent candles represents the promise of the coming of Jesus, the light of the world. The four candles are lit, one each week during Advent beginning on the first Sunday of Advent and an additional candle each week until Christmas. Three of the candles are purple or deep blue-royal colors to remind us that we are watching and preparing for our Lord and king. The fourth candle is rose or pink, expressing the joy that the coming of Christ is drawing near. A white fifth candle in the center represents Christ and is lit on Christmas Eve. To pray around the wreath, begin with: Invitation to Pray - usually by saying "Be still before the Lord; wait for God" (Ps 37:7) and responding with "I wait with longing for the Lord, my soul waits for his word" (Ps 130:5) Then read scripture from the days readings, have reflection & sharing on the readings then say this closing prayer: Turn to us, O hidden God, and show us your unending love. As we wait in hopeful expectation and prepare for you coming to be with us now, fill us with the joy of your presence, change our lives and transform us into images of your Son Jesus, so that through us everyone we meet can come to know your unending love and be invited into your presence. Amen

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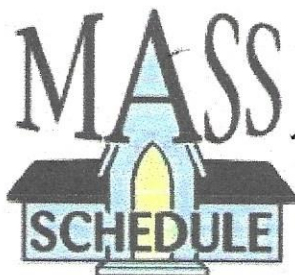
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Weekend Mass Schedule,

4:00 pm on Saturday, 7:30, & 10:00 am and 6:00 pm Sunday

Masses are now limited to 50, anyone coming later will be filtered
into the hall for a separate Mass.

With rules of **social distancing** & 50 person capacity, we are also following
GOVERNOR MANDATED regulations for Face Coverings.

So Please wear your face Masks over the nose and mouth.

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We are also asking everyone to please take a Sanitation Wipe from the baptismal font when entering the
Sanctuary and take the personal responsibility to wipe your space off before leaving.

The 4:00 pm & 10:00 am Masses are being Live Streamed for your convenience.

Go to ihmgjt.org under Masses for the link.



1st Sunday of Advent, Yr. B – 11/29/2020. Ref. 1st=Is.63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7. 2nd=1Cor.1:3-9. 3rd=Mk.13:33-37. Theme: Come Lord! Do not delay

Today, the 1st Sunday of Advent, the Church begins a new Liturgical year. This season is one of **expectation & preparation** for the coming of the Messiah. The Church uses this season to prepare and purify us to be worthy to welcome or receive so great a savior – Our Lord Jesus Christ, into our lives & into our world. This serves as a constant reminder of the personality & mission of the Messiah. Hence, this season could be seen as a four weeks retreat to clear ourselves of all obstructions of sin & to overcome any form of spiritual laziness in our lives.

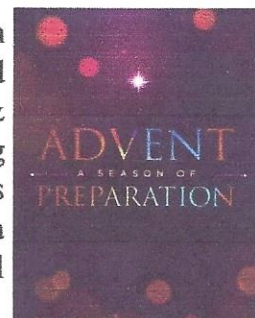
Why we need Him in our lives & world: The reality in our world today shows a growing departure from God, religion and less emphasis on the beauty of good/holy lives. This is captured in the first reading of today. Isaiah addresses God as the Redeemer we have and pleads with Him to intervene and bring us back to His ways. He said, 'Lord, you are our Father and the one who has always redeemed us. Why do you let us stray from your ways and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribe of your heritage' (Is.63:16b-17). This should be the cry and prayer of each of us this advent for the forgiveness of our sins, the security of our lives, the healing of our world and for peace in our souls, families & societies. This is a strong & committed way of telling God how much we need Him and how helpless we are without Him. Every one of us has to be involved in this because as Isaiah puts it in the 1st reading, 'All of us have become unclean (either by our actions or silence), our prayer lives & trust in God have become too weak and our guilt carries us away like the wind' (Is.64:6-7). May God help us!

More Grace to help: The Advent season is a time when the grace of God is much more available to help us purify and prepare ourselves spiritually for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Ordinarily, we know how to prepare our homes to host a valued human guest – keeping our homes clean & preparing delicious meals. In the same way, we should put our lives in the state that will make Jesus happy with us (when He comes this Christmas). Emphasizing this, St. Paul tells us in the 2nd reading of today to ensure that the message of Christ is firmly established in us so that 'we would not lack any spiritual gift as we wait for the revelation/coming of our Lord Jesus Christ' (1Cor.1:6-7).

We must be Focused & Alert: Since the devil & deceiver of humanity is actively at work in the world to take us away from these noble goals of advent, Jesus strongly advises us in the gospel of today to 'be watchful & alert' (Mk.13:33). He wants us to begin our preparations immediately, to think beyond this Christmas in our preparations and to be equally prepared for His final coming on the last day (which dawns with our departure from this world). This means that the positive outcomes & fruits of this advent season (in repentance & holy lives) should be permanent in our lives. Hence, Jesus tells us, 'Watch, therefore, for you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether at evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning' (Mk.13:35). He further tells us that He does not want to find us sleeping when He comes (Mk.13:36). This shows how much He wants us to be saved. That is why He makes His grace of repentance and forgiveness very much available for us during the advent season. Let us then rise and take advantage of this 'grace-filled' season.

Dear friends in Christ, although the season of advent comes about this time every year, each season is unique and different. This is because it meets different people at different times and in different situations. But the good thing is that it carries the same message of repentance & expectation. We must not allow these four weeks to pass by (this year) without bringing something new in us or strengthening us in the good we do. As we thank God for keeping us alive to part of this season of advent this year, let us pray that His grace will help us make a holy and fulfilled preparation that will be permanent in our lives. We must not allow the civil lock-down to also lock us out from God.

Remain blessed! Fr. Timothy.



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ADVENT PROJECT:CHILDREN'S ITEMS FOR OUTREACH

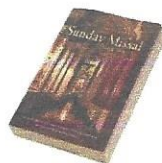
This year we are collecting children's socks, underwear and pajamas for boys and girls sizes newborn to 10 years. All items must be new and if they are packaged please leave them in their packages. No gift wrapping please! These are much needed items that Catholic Outreach doesn't get much of. We can help the kiddos this year by bringing these things to the church. Please put your socks, pj's and underwear in the baskets in the narthex.



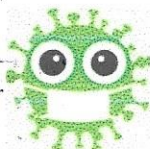
And a big thank you to those who have already brought donations for this project!

2021 Missals

We have received the new 2021 Missals! They are \$4.00 each and can be purchased in the Parish office or after all Masses in the Narthex. If you are watching Masses from home this is a good opportunity to be able to follow along with mass.

Updated Information of Coronavirus at IHM

As of November 17, 2020 IHM will be following the latest COVID-19 restrictions. We are allowed 50 person capacity at mass while maintaining 6 feet Social Distancing. We will be filtering people into the Hall or School Gym for separate masses if over 50 show up. We are requiring the Governor Mandated wearing of Face Coverings over the nose and mouth upon entering and moving throughout the building. They can only be removed while sitting and 6 feet of social distancing is maintained between individuals or family groups. Masks must be worn while singing. Any groups at IHM are still limited to 10 or fewer people and must be at least 6 feet apart from each other. Please practice personal hygiene and be respectful of your fellow parishioners.

Tour Guide of the Mass

Your Guide for Remembering What in the World Happens During Mass After Being Unable to Attend Because of a Global Pandemic!



HOLY COW! Everyone look straight ahead! The Ordained is about to say something very interesting. We just had the glorious opportunity to listen to God speak directly to us, and now The Ordained is going to say some very important words: "The Gospel of the Lord." See?! I told you, the *Lord's Gospel*—He, in all His awesome majesty, has blessed us with some words meant just for us (yep! He wrote those words just for you before you were even born!).

And, once again, we get to participate in the excitement and joy of the Mass: "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ." Ah! There it is again; the opportunity to sing out our praises to our Lord Jesus Christ. *Alleluia!*

Something else happens right here, The Ordained whispers a prayer, praying for all of us as his congregation.

**Through the words of the Gospel
May our sins be wiped away.**

Whoa...the words of the Gospel can be that powerful; powerful enough to wipe away our sins and bring us closer to our Lord? That's incredible!

For more on the Gospel ceremony, check out *Ceremonies of the Modern Roman Rite* (now THAT'S a name!) by Peter J. Elliott 261-263. I'll make sure my microphone is on before next week so I don't have to yell anymore!
See you then! SM

Advent Penance Service

Immaculate Heart of Mary's
Advent Penance Service
will be held Wednesday
December 9th
at 6:00 pm
Please join us!

Minister Schedule for Dec. 5/6, 2020

Due to COVID-19 we are not asking anyone to volunteer that is not comfortable coming in to Mass. All who are on this schedule have chosen to be serving.

8:00 am Dec. 5 (†) Greg Stephen by Dean Berland

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

4:00pm, Dec. 5 (†) Lisa Pond by Pond Family

Presider: Fr. Kenneth Obasi

Servers:

Lectors: K. Church & J. Shettler

Eucharistic: B. Kline

Hospitality: A. Davis & S. Mills

7:30am, Dec. 6, (†) Edwin Schmitz by Leo & Sylvia Seiler

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Servers:

Lectors: J. Bennett & G. Bennett

Eucharistic:

Hospitality: B. Bianchi

9:15 am Dec.6, St. Ann's Palisade

Presider: Fr. Kenneth Obasi

10:00am, Dec. 6, (I) Rita Han by Family

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Servers:

Lectors: N. McDanel & B. Murphy

Eucharistic:

Hospitality: J. Nasalroad

6:00pm, Dec. 6, (†) David Gomez by Lourdes Giner

Presider: Fr. Kenneth Obasi

Servers:

Lector: N. Hall & P. Hall

Eucharistic: J. Peugh

Hospitality: C. Morelli

Readings for the Week of November 29, 2020

Sunday: IS 63:16B-17,19B;64:2-7 1COR 1:3-9 MK 13:33-37

Monday: ROM 10:9-18 MT 4:18-22

Tuesday: IS 11:1-10 LK 10:21-24

Wednesday: IS 25:6-10A MT 15:29-37

Thursday: IS 26:1-6 MT 7:21, 24-27

Friday: IS 29:17-24 MT 9:27-31

Saturday: IS 30:19-21,23-26 MT 9:35-10:1,5A, 6-8

Calendar of Events November 29, 2020

Sunday, Nov. 29

7:30am Mass
9:15am St. Ann's
10:00am Mass
6:00pm Mass

Monday, Nov. 30

8am Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 1

8am Mass

Wednesday, Dec. 2

8am Mass

Thursday, Dec. 3

10:00 am Mass

Friday, Dec. 4

8am Mass

Saturday, Dec. 5

8:00 am Mass
2:30-3:30 pm Confessions
4 pm Mass

Mass Intentions - All Souls Novena**Sunday Nov. 29 2020**

7:30 am - (†) Greg Stephen by Knights of Columbus

10:00 am - (I) Johnny, Isaiah & Elijah by Mom

6:00 pm - (†) James Shults by Deb Shults

Monday Nov. 30, 2020

8:00 am - (†) Fr. James Plough by Elizabeth & Joshua

Tuesday Dec. 1, 2020

8:00 am - (†) Amos Gordon by Kathleen Hollingsworth

Wednesday Dec. 2, 2020

8:00 am - (I) Isaiah by Mom

Thursday Dec. 3, 2020

8:00 am - (I) Jan Rau & Family by Friends

Friday Dec. 4, 2020

8:00 am (†) Eva Robertson by Family

Saturday Dec.5, 2020

8:00 am - (†) Greg Stephen by Dean Berland

4:00 pm - (†) Lisa Pond by Pond Family

Prayer Opportunities:

Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 7:30am in the Chapel
Morning Mass: Monday-Saturday 8:00am in the Chapel
Until further notice.

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PARISH ADVENT RETREAT

**Due to the current County Restrictions we have
had to postpone our Retreat**



Immaculate Heart of Mary is
having our Parish Retreat on
Saturday December 5th from
10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

We will be limited on seating so
if you would like to attend please
call the office to register at
242-6121

IHM Charitable Giving

Catholic Outreach Donations

July: \$946
August: \$733
September: \$1,202
October: \$1,102

Emergency Aid - Assistance to the Poor Donations

July: \$300
August: \$300
September: \$300
October: \$300

Holy Family School Subsidy

July: \$4,833
August: \$4,833
September: \$4,833
October: \$4,833

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Pledged: 105,497.25 (65%)

P · A · R · I · S · H NEWS

To stay better connected to our
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during the Pandemic and with the
reduction of Mass attendance

due to the recent Covid-19 restrictions,
our parish is offering you the opportunity to receive the
bulletin weekly in the mail.

This will allow you to see what is happening
within our own church, you will get the latest
updates on Mass information, homilies, live streaming,
other happenings and inspiration!

SCAM ALERT



Dear People of God, we have
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before. If anybody solicits you for money
through gift card or other medium, saying they
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into their text tactics. NO Priest or Bishop or
any of the Staff will ask you for money
through gift cards or through texts. Please
don't fall victim.

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To get in the spirit of Advent we have decided to add a fun page for the children
or even Adults young at heart!
The front of the bulletin has a history of the Advent Wreath so make sure to read
it too! We hope you have fun with this!



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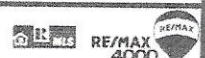
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