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1st Sunday of Advent

Nov 30, 2025

*Is 2:1-5;
Rm 13:11-14;
Mt 24:37-44*

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday at 5:05 pm

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9 am, 11:15 am, 5:30 pm, and 9 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday and Thursday - 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
or by appointment

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

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your planned wedding date.

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Please contact Fr. Rich at
(865) 523-7931 or rmwhitney3@gmail.com

Food for Finals

Dec 3rd - Dec 9th

Finals are almost here! We like to support our students by having what we call a Groaning Table or Food for Finals. All kinds of food are appreciated: fruits & veggies, chips & dip, sandwich fixings, soups & chili, casseroles, cookies, desserts, chocolate... Please sign up on the poster in the lobby to help make our students' lives a little easier and to show them how much we care for and support them!



Winter Woolies!!

Winter Clothing Drive
Baskets will be in the Lobby from
November 23rd. to

December 7th.

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Please Donate any Coats, Scarves,
gloves, socks and other winter
clothing.



1st Sunday of Advent
The Candle of Hope

Heavenly Father, as we light the first candle of Advent, we welcome the hope of Your promise. May this light remind us of Your presence in our lives and ignite a steadfast trust in Your love. Guide us in this season of waiting, filling our hearts with anticipation and peace, as we look toward the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Christmas Events and Holiday Mass Schedule

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Monday, December 8th
Mass - 5:05 pm and 7 pm

Starting Sunday, December 14
**No Sunday 5:30 pm, 9 pm Mass or
Sunday Supper until January 18th**

Decorate St. John XXIII for Christmas
Sunday, December 21
after the 11:15 am Mass (lunch will be
provided)

Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 24th
4:45 pm - Christmas Pageant and
Christmas Eve Mass
9:00 pm - Evening Mass

Christmas Day
Thursday, December 25th
Mass - 10:00 am

Church and offices closed
December 26-Jan 2
No Daily 5:05 pm Mass

New Year's Day
Mass - Monday 10:00 am

fulfilled? We can look to the second reading and the Gospel for some hints.

Both readings talk about being awake and ready for our salvation (Romans 13:12) or the coming of the Son of Man (Matthew 24:39). Being awake doesn't mean consuming lots of coffee or turning the music volume all the way up. Paul calls it "putting on the Lord Jesus Christ" as a soldier would put on armor before a battle. He even mentions rivalry and jealousy as attitudes to avoid. Both of those vices have been the cause of many wars in our history. What if we not only avoided them, but also taught our children to avoid them? What if everyone eventually learned not to be jealous and hateful?

We are a long way from ending all wars. There are still people who teach hate to the poor instead of helping to feed them. There are still people who get rich selling the weapons of war. This brings us back to the first reading, in which Isaiah speaks of beating swords into plowshares. Do we have enough faith in God's love to stop building weapons and use those resources to feed the hungry or cure diseases in underprivileged countries? Until we convert everyone to following Jesus, that's not likely. The Gospel calls us to be ready. Maybe we need to be ready to share our faith. Maybe we have to be awake to any opportunity to show God's love to those around us. Are we afraid to offer to pray for someone in need? Maybe we need to put on the "armor of light," as St. Paul calls it. Instead of trying to stop all wars, could we at least show forgiveness to someone who has hurt us?

Jesus never said to do the impossible. If we can be ready to see Jesus in those around us, to show his love to those who need it, or just be patient with other people's faults and weaknesses, we may not stop all wars, but we will be prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace.

SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE (c. 5-65) November 30



As one of the disciples blessed to be called an Apostle, according to the Gospel of John, St. Andrew was the first of the Twelve to be led to Christ. One day, John the Baptist was with two of his disciples "and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God.' The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus... Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. (John 1:36-37, 40). Andrew began following Jesus after a simple indication from John the Baptist, without ever hearing a word come out of Jesus' mouth. What incredible faith! In the same light, we could also consider him the very first evangelist, since after meeting Jesus and finding out where he was staying, he immediately went to find his brother Peter and bring him to the Lord as well. All he had to say was, "We have found the Messiah" (John 1:41). And that is how his mission began, following the Messiah and learning all he could from Him so as to continue leading others to Him. After Christ's death and resurrection, Tradition holds that Andrew preached in modern day Greece and Turkey. He was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross because he did not feel worthy to die in the same manner as Our Lord. St. Andrew, intercede for us, that we too may become disciples and evangelists for Christ.

—Tami Urcia

First Sunday of Advent Do What You Can

The reading from the prophet Isaiah this Sunday contains a remarkable prediction—the end of war between nations (Isaiah 2:4). While most of the good predictions of the prophets were fulfilled in Jesus, we still await the end of all wars. So why hasn't that one been

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Scripture Readings:

Sunday

First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122, 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Monday

Is 4:2-6; 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

Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

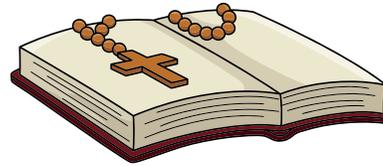
Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8



NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Dec 1 - Dec 7

Monday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass
4:00 pm - Confessions

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Thursday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass
4:00 pm - Confessions

Friday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

Saturday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

Sunday: 9:00 am - Mass
10:00 am - Resident Community Bible Study
11:15 am - Mass
5:30 pm - Mass
6:30 pm - Sunday Supper
9:00 pm - Mass



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PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Other prayers are needed for Allen McGinley, August Hunter Newell, Bernice Flowers, Bruce Whitcomb, Cheryl & John Newell, Diego Puigserver, Eleanore Hartrick and Family, Ellen Wavrek, Erin Evans, Fiorina Buckner, Fr. John Mulligan, Fred Boucher, Grace and Jack Newell, Gwen Sweden, Jim Romain, John R Sweat, Jordan Family, Julia Biagiarelli, Karen Pearson Rich, Kathy Buckingham, Kevin and Melissa Brott, Mary Ann Haggerty, Mary Pat Hable, Michelle & Scott O'Connell, Pamela Roane, Pauline Lemieux, Peg Hart, Pete, Newell, Raegan Burcham-Hall, Shelly McDonald, Sonny, Stephen Tracy, Susan Herndon, Tom Mulligan, Tom O'Brien, Troy Tagget, Vance Hutchings, Vic and Barbara Kaminsky, and those serving in the military, residents of NHC North, and for any too reserved to let us know.

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