

Universal Prayer
Second Sunday of Advent
December 6

We pray in communion with the Church for the monthly intention of Pope Francis: that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer. **We pray to the Lord.**

We pray for Christians during this Advent season: that we turn from the wastelands of violence, deceit, and greed and dedicate ourselves to promoting faithful, honest, and loving relationships. **We pray to the Lord.**

We pray for leaders of nations: that the Lord may rouse His power, giving them new light and strength to make decisions of life, morality, and justice. **We pray to the Lord.**

We pray for all who are in special need of prayer: the sick, those in financial crisis, the imprisoned and homebound, the refugees and the homeless: that our compassionate intercession may comfort them, and that many Christian hearts reach out to help them. **We pray to the Lord.**

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We pray for healing and forgiveness: that the fervent and humble reception of the sacrament of reconciliation may clear a straight path for the Lord's coming during this Advent. **We pray to the Lord.**

We pray for all who are alone or in isolation: that God will sustain them, help them be aware of the blessings in their lives, and helps us to reach out and accompany them.

We pray to the Lord.

We pray for the faithful departed: that they may be found without spot or blemish, at peace before the Lord in heavenly glory...and for

5:00	Shirley Gunn – and Leora Fujarski
8:30	Annie Compton
10:30	Barbara Utnage – and Brennan & Finley Bereda

...who **is/are** remembered in this Mass. **We pray to the Lord.**

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Intercessions for Baptism

Give this child new birth in Baptism through the radiant divine mystery of your Death and Resurrection, and join **him/her** to your holy Church. **We pray to the Lord.**

Make **him/her** a faithful disciple and witness to your Gospel through Baptism and Confirmation. **We pray to the Lord.**

Lead **him/her** through holiness of life to the joys of the heavenly kingdom. **We pray to the Lord.**

Make **his/her** parents and godparents a shining example of the faith to this child, and keep their family always in your love. **We pray to the Lord.**

Renew the grace of baptism in each of us. **We pray to the Lord.**

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We pray that our country's leaders will govern this nation so that every person is valued and given equal opportunity to live a dignified life. We pray to the Lord.

Synod - through a process of discernment, they discover their plan for life and realize it with joy, opening up to the encounter with God and with human beings, and actively participating in the edification of the Church and of society.

1. Rotating - Church

1. Intention of the Holy Father - <http://popesprayerusa.net/popes-intentions/>

2. Vocations to the Priesthood

1. We pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially in our diocese: that young people will be open to the Holy Spirit's call for discernment, and that parents and mentors will encourage them to consider these options.

3. Holy Father & Church Leaders

4. Vocations to the Diaconate

1. We pray for the Holy Spirit's presence upon the men of our diocese discerning the vocation of deacon, especially parishioners Dan Kimutis and Len Ratajczyk. May God's blessing and grace be with their families to enliven and

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encourage their prayer, and may these men draw us all into the justice of God's Kingdom.

2. We pray for your servants who seek to discern your will in their lives through the vocation of deacon. Help them respond with generous hearts to serve the needs of the Body of Christ. Give all of your people a sure and joyful sense of their vocations.

5. RCIA

2. Rotating - Universal/Secular

1. Military

1. We pray for the men and women serving our military in active duty; in thanksgiving for the service of our nation's veterans; and for an end to war and violence throughout the world.

2. Those who do not know Christ

3. Unity of all Christians - <http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/pope-francis-baptism-unifies-christians/>

4. Elected OfficialsOT

3. Current Events

4. Connect to Readings

5. Parish Life: liturgical ministries, social justice ministries, youth, staff, baptism (godparents),

1. Guatemala - We pray for our relationship with our sister parish, Our Lord of Esquipulas, in Guatemala: that both parishes may continue to spread the joy of the gospel and be

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strengthened by each other's faith, prayers, perseverance,
and generosity.

6. Poor, unemployed

1. We pray that justice and dignity may flourish in the workplace, and that the poor, underemployed, and unemployed may be given fair treatment to provide for their families.

7. Deceased & Mass Intentions

1. Respect Life

1. **We pray for greater reverence of the lives of those in advanced in years, and of those dealing with disabilities and infirmities.** May God's Spirit of comfort be with them through their trials, and may that same Spirit guide those who provide care, assistance, and affirmation to these individuals.
2. **We pray for our parish's Respect Life ministry:** that their witness in our region will stir the minds of those who do not recognize the existence of life in the womb, and inspire conversion of heart regarding all life issues.
3. We pray that a culture centered on the respect of every human life will replace the bipartisan politics that surround issues such as abortion, gun violence, worker's rights, health care, foreign affairs, human trafficking, and euthanasia.

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- 4.** In this Respect Life Month, we pray that the Church's post-abortion healing ministry will reach out to those suffering after abortion, helping them find peace in God's limitless mercy.
- 5.** We pray for parents placing their children for adoption. May they be uplifted and affirmed by their family and friends as they commit to this difficult pro-life decision.
- 6.** In this Respect Life Month, we pray for expectant mothers considering bringing an end to their pregnancy. May they receive the support and guidance they need to cherish the life in their womb.