

The First Sunday of Advent Year A November 30, 2025

Reading I: Isaiah 2:1-5
Responsorial Psalm: 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Reading II: Romans 13:11-14
Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases: As it was in the days ... so it will be, did not know, stay awake, do not know

To the point: As it was in the days ... so it will be"—with these words Jesus points to patterns in human conduct. Humans have been both unfaithful and faithful to God's ways; have not paid attention, have paid attention to God's instructions; have not been awake, have stayed awake to God's comings. The people in the days of Noah did not know that the flood was coming; Jesus' hearers did not know when the Son of Man would come. We, however, do know that Jesus has come, has taught us the way of faithfulness, has brought us salvation. We need only to "stay awake." Advent is about our coming to God.

Connecting the Gospel ...

... to the First Reading: Isaiah describes the day when all nations will "climb the Lord's mountain." "Mountain" is a metaphor for God's Presence. Our Advent journey, as in the days of old, is to climb the mountain of the Lord, to come to God.

... to experience: Advent itself is a metaphor for Christian living. As Advent is a progression toward celebration of the Nativity, so is our daily life a journey toward the fullness of Life to come. We need only to "stay awake."

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A Festival of Lessons and Carols Our Lady of Mercy

Celebrated Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. This is an Advent service of Scripture and song. Each lesson is followed by a brief prayer and song that reflects the lesson's message. There will be a reception in the Parish Center following the service. Fr. Scott will present a program showing the art rendering of the painting of the inside of the Church at the reception.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

12:00 p.m. (Noon) Living and Deceased Members
of the Jankowski and Szczesny
Families

Monday, December 1 - Friday, December 5, 2025

MASS AT RESURRECTION PARISH
St. Joseph Site 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 7, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

12:00 p.m. (Noon) + Amanda Penepent
req by Terri King and Family

Votive Candles

Lit for the Week November 30, 2025

Blessed Mother

Special Intentions

req by Carm and Jim Ambrose

Pray for Peace



GRIEFSHARE

Offered at St. Brigid Church Parish Center on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. (either session). You may attend either session.

Session 13: (December 3, 2025, Final Class) What Do I Live For Now

- "Legacy Projects" that bless others and honor your loved one.
- Preserving memories and using lessons you've learned from your loved one.
- Pursuing interests or skills renews your sense of purpose.

ASCENSION

Roman Catholic Church

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Mass Time:

Sunday, November 30, 2025 ~ 12:00 Noon

Parish Office Hours:

Monday and Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Confessions:

Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at Resurrection Parish, St. Joseph Site

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**First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025**

Advent begins! “At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” When our Savior returns, we want Him to find us carrying out His will. What is Jesus asking of you? If it’s a call to ordained ministry, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

NEW FAMILY BULLETIN

Sunday, December 6, 2025 is the beginning of our new “Family Bulletin”. As with the start of anything new, there may be a few glitches that will need to be resolved. We ask for your patience and understanding. With a new bulletin comes new deadlines. If you would like anything printed in the upcoming issues, please be aware of the following cut off dates:

For the Dec. 13-14 bulletin – items are due no later than Dec. 1

For the Dec. 20-21 bulletin- items are due no later than Dec. 8

For the Dec. 27-28 bulletin - items are due no later than Dec. 15

For the Jan. 3-4 bulletin – items are due no later than Dec. 17

Thank you for your cooperation.

St Brigid Church History

St. Brigid Church has published a church history in a bound paperback book. Cost of the book is \$15.00. There are forms and envelopes at the doors of the church to place an order for the book. Books will be delivered to you in time for Christmas.

**November 23, 2025
Includes online deposits**

Weekly Offering	\$2,211.46
Miscellaneous	<u>145.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,356.46



Holiday Fun Night at Ascension

Thursday December 11, 2025

5:30 p.m.

Ascension Parish Hall



Please join us for a light supper, Christmas Caroling in the neighborhood, Tree Decorating, Cocoa and Cookies.

Please bring your family and friends, your holiday spirit, and an ornament for our Church Christmas tree.

All Are Welcome!!

Donations of cookies or desserts are graciously accepted!

Sponsored by “Cooks with Looks” or Soup Supper Ladies



**Immaculate Conception
Monday, December 8**

**NO VIGIL MASS
Holy Day of Obligation
Mass Schedule**

Ascension Parish: 10:00 a.m.

Resurrection: St. Joseph site ~ 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

Holy Name of Mary site ~ 8:30 a.m.

St. Cecilia Site ~ 12:00 p.m. (noon)

Our Lady of Mercy ~ 7:30 a.m., 12:00 (noon), and 7:00 p.m.

St. Brigid Church ~ 5:30 p.m.

*“ O Mary, conceived without sin,
Pray for us who have
recourse to thee.”*



**Please join us for the Rosary
at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays
in Ascension Church.**

All Babies Cherished

All Babies Cherished is in need of fleece pajamas in sizes newborn to size 3 toddler, diapers sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6, wipes, children's clothing sizes 5-14/16, bibs and pacifiers. Please bring them to church and we will deliver them to ABC. No wrapping needed.

***Pray for Pope Leo XIV.
May God grant him wisdom!***

*Altar and Rosary Society
Christmas Dinner
Tuesday, December 9, 2025
Cash Bar 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Dinner 6:00 p.m.*

Buffet Dinner Featuring:

- Appetizers*
- Carved Top Round with Mushroom Merlot Sauce*
- Mediterranean Chicken*
- Seafood Stuffed Flounder*
- Vegetable*
- Roasted Baby Red Potatoes*
- Eclair Cake*

*\$25.00 Cash
Reservations due by December 2, 2025*

Name _____

Phone _____

Payment CASH PLEASE _____