

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2020

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT HOME RESOURCE 

# *The Grace of Waiting*



## HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

### PRAYER IN THE CHURCH

M,W,F 9:00 am - 4:00 pm | T 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Th 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM

### SUNDAY MASS

Sat 4:00 pm

Sun 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 6:30 pm

### DAILY MASS

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 6:45 am & 8:30 am

Tues 6:45 am & 6:00 pm | Sat 7:00 am

### CONFESSION

Tues 5:00 - 5:45 pm & Sat 2:30 - 3:30 pm

## THE GRACE OF WAITING

We are not easily given to waiting. When we want something done, we want it done, like yesterday! We live in a fast-paced society and culture which has at times taught us that we shouldn't have to wait, that whatever we need, or even want, should always be close at hand and easy to acquire.

Perhaps that's the best reason why the season of Advent is good for us: it offers us the grace of growing in patience. And if we take full advantage of what this holy season can offer us, we'll learn not only the value of waiting for Christmas or of the importance of waiting and watching for the Lord's return in glory, but also simple, everyday kinds of waiting: waiting in line, waiting for a response, waiting for the appropriate time, etc. Waiting, and the spiritual fruit of patience which accompanies it, can teach us to remain calm, to slow down, and to savor the process itself rather than just the end result.

Certainly, there are times to hurry, especially when something needs to happen quickly. But Advent is not one of them, as we shall learn if we let the Lord teach us!



### WHAT THE CHURCH SAYS ABOUT ADVENT

"Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight."

—The Roman Missal





## ADVENT CALENDARS AND WREATHS

Advent calendars are a wonderful way to mark the days leading up to Christmas. Some are just for fun, while others may provide an opportunity to stop for a moment and focus on some aspect of our faith as well as enjoy a small treat, all in anticipation of the Christmas feast!

The Advent wreath has become an almost universal symbol for this season of waiting and watching. Traditionally made up of a wreath of greenery with four candles placed within, the styles of Advent wreaths have blossomed over the years, especially with the arrival of Pinterest and the rise of arts and crafts.

The candles themselves are signs of waiting (have you ever just sat and watched a candle burn for a few minutes?). Whether they are all one color or colored according to the Sunday Mass vestment scheme (purple for the first, second, and fourth weeks and pink or rose on the third), the additional candle added each week begins to brighten the place as we draw nearer to the feast where the Light of the World himself is born. In fact, some wreaths include a fifth “Christmas” candle of white or red which is lit throughout the days of the Christmas season. The candles are often each identified with certain virtues: hope, love, joy, and peace.



# KEEPING THE SEASON EVERY DAY: PAUSE, PRAY, AND PROCEED

Prayer is important for both individuals and families, for it is the way in which we enter into a true and meaningful conversation with the Lord. Here is a simple way to incorporate a few moments of prayer into each day.

After making the Sign of the Cross, the scripture verse may be said aloud, between leader and response, said aloud just by one person for all to hear, or be silently read by all. Take time to pause for a few moments and listen for what the Lord might be saying to you as an individual or family (some questions to help in this are provided). Sharing our thoughts with one another might be useful, but isn't necessary. Singing the familiar part of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" can bring everyone together in sung prayer, and then the Glory Be is prayed aloud by all.

We pause for a few moments, we pray in listening and in speaking and singing, and then we proceed to apply what we've learned as we continue our day.

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30 - ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

*St. Andrew was the brother of St. Peter. Both of them fishermen, and, in the Gospel of John, St. Andrew introduces Jesus to his brother Simon, whom Jesus renames Peter. Both will die a martyrs death out of love for the Lord.*

### **Sign of the Cross**

*✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*

### **Scripture**

V/. The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul;  
R/. The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. (Psalm 19:8)

### **Reflection**

Why does the Lord give us laws and commandments to follow? Which of the Lord's commandments or teachings can I work on myself to grow in grace?

### **Hymn**

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

### **Doxology**

V/. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
R/. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1**  
**WEEK I OF ADVENT**

**Sign of the Cross** ✠

**Scripture**

V/. The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a Spirit of counsel and of strength,

R/. A Spirit of knowledge and of reverence, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. (Isaiah 11:2-3)

**Reflection**

These are the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, right counsel, strength (sometimes called fortitude), knowledge, reverence (sometimes called piety), and fear of the Lord (sometimes called awe and wonder). How can one or more of the gifts help me today?

**Hymn**

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

**Doxology**

V/. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
R/. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2**  
**WEEK I OF ADVENT**

**Sign of the Cross** ✠

**Scripture**

V/. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!"

R/. This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" (Isaiah 25:9)

**Reflection**

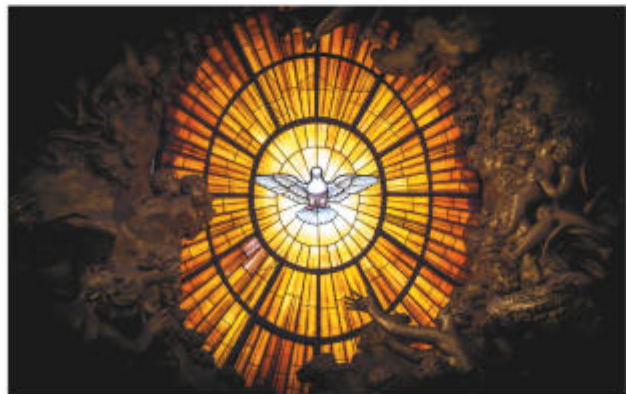
Do I really look to God to save me, or am I too willing to let other things save me? Things like material goods, position or reputation, or even my own will?

**Hymn**

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

**Doxology**

V/. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
R/. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3**  
**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST**

*St. Francis Xavier was a missionary priest and co-founder of the Jesuits (Society of Jesus) along with St. Ignatius Loyola, both of whom lived in the 16th century. He preached the gospel and built churches in Africa, India, Japan, and China.*

**Sign of the Cross ☩**

**Scripture**

V/. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of heaven,

R/. But only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven."

**Reflection**

Jesus suggests here that it's one thing to be "religious" but another thing to have a true and personal relationship with the Lord. How can I grow deeper in my relationship with Jesus beyond simply bring "religious"?

**Hymn**

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

**Doxology**

V/. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
R/. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4**  
**ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS, PRIEST  
AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

*St. John of Damascus (c. 676-749) was a priest and monk who lived most of his life in a monastery near Jerusalem. He is remembered and venerated for defending the use of religious images (statues and icons), for his writings on the Christian faith, and for his beautiful poetry and hymns. "Doctor of the Church" is a title given to those saints whose contributions to the faith have had an extraordinary impact. There are only 36 saints who have been given this title in the history of the Church.*

**Sign of the Cross ☩**

**Scripture**

V/. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?

R/. The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)

**Reflection**

What am I afraid of? How does the Lord protect me from my fears? How can my observance of Advent give me greater hope and confidence in the Lord's saving power?

**Hymn**

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

**Doxology**

V/. Glory be... Amen.



## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 - WEEK I OF ADVENT

### Sign of the Cross ✠

#### Scripture

V/. "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few;

R/. So ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38)

#### Reflection

Some are called to the priesthood or religious life, and others to marriage and family life. God calls each one of us to serve his kingdom in a particular way. Have I ever considered how the Lord might want me to help in his work? What might the Lord be calling me to do?

#### Hymn

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

#### Doxology

V/. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

R/. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



## PRAYER FOR THE ADVENT WREATH

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ! For He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us. He is the Savior of us all. O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light the first (purple) candle of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

### ANTIPHONS OF HOPE

See! The ruler of the earth shall come, the Lord who will take from us the heavy burden of our exile.

The Lord will come soon, will not delay.

The Lord will make the darkest places bright.

We must capture that urgency today in the small flame of our candle. We light the candle because we know that the coming of Christ is tied to our building of the kingdom. Lighting the flame, feeding the hungry, comforting the sick, reconciling the divided, praying for the repentant, greeting the lonely and forgotten – doing all these works hastens His coming.

## PARISH GIVING

**Weekly income needed is \$ 41,941**

**Collections, 4 week moving average \$ 33,225**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
November 21st & 22nd	Not available at publication
November 14th & 15th	\$ 18,958
November 7th & 8th	\$ 22,042
Oct 31st & Nov 1st	\$ 26,257
November 10 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> EFTs	\$ 39,068
November 20 <sup>th</sup> -66 EFTs	\$ 12,533
EFTs Quarterly-1 EFTs	\$ 300

### Endowment Balances as of 9/30/20:

Church Endowment:	\$ 114,020
Educational Endowment:	\$ 94,010

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

*St. Andrew, Apostle*

6:45 am †Robert Rosenthal

8:30 am †Joe Huber

### Tuesday, December 1st

6:45 am †David Grant, and Liz & Zach Phillips, Sp. Int.

6:00 pm †R.E. Yeager & Anna Marie Samulis, Sp. Int.

### Wednesday, December 2nd

6:45 am †Anna Mabry

8:30 am †Sarah & †Nelson Snowden

### Thursday, December 3rd

*St. Francis Xavier, Priest*

6:45 am †Evelyn & †Joe Teaff

8:30 am Trudell & Chronister Family, Sp. Int.

### Friday, December 4th

*St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church*

6:45 am †Janet Zuccarino

8:30 am †Jerrie Lipke

### Saturday, December 5th

7:00 am †Fr. Jerry Spencer

#### 4:00 pm Vigil Mass

†Herman Uhlenhake & †Von Cain

### Sunday, December 6th

*Second Sunday of Advent*

7:00 am †Liz Colaneri

9:00 am †Jim Maher & †Carole Bickimer

11:00 am †Henry Specht & †Ana Albina Cruz de Lopez

6:30 pm People of the Parish

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Commitment: 20 minutes before Mass

What: Check-in people for Mass and help them find their pew.

Who: YOU!

Contact Ariel in the Parish Office if interested  
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# STAYING CONNECTED IN

## Christ

### INITIATIVE

Help to keep our Holy Spirit family connected during this time of social distancing and isolation. We are looking for volunteers to reach out with a friendly "Hello!" to members of our Holy Spirit Family. Call five people, or call fifty. YOU have the opportunity to be Christ to someone else!



- Volunteer from the comfort of your home
- Flexible. Can work with your schedule
- Help as much or as little as you are able
- Your phone call has the potential to make someone's day, especially during this time of isolation

## NEWLY BAPTIZED

**Everleigh Mae O'Donnell**, daughter of William & Angel O'Donnell.

## PEANUT BRITTLE

The WORLD'S BEST PEANUT BRITTLE is on sale online through December 13<sup>th</sup> or until sold out! Proceeds and donations from the annual sale go to the Holy Spirit Music Ministry. Orders can be picked up after Masses the first two weekends of December. Sweeten up your holidays and thank you for your support. For details go to [www.hscatholic.org/music](http://www.hscatholic.org/music)

## HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARIANS

### Support our Holy Spirit Seminarians!

The Knights of Columbus need your help in supporting our parish Seminarians, **Geoffery Calvert**, **Deacon Thomas Maddock**, and **Dan Mauro**. We usually sell Christmas cards in their support, but this year we are unable to offer them and are asking for your help in another way!

Here is how to help:

- Drop a cash or check donation into the orange bucket in the Narthex.
- Mail a check to Greg Miller, 19408 W. 100th St, Lenexa, KS 66220-8305.

**\*Make checks payable to the Knights of Columbus!**

## GIVING TREE

The annual Giving Tree is a blessing to so many people in our community. This year, six agencies are represented. The people these agencies serve are extremely grateful for Holy Spirit's generosity.

In addition to the tree in the Narthex, we have created an online signup for the items requested by our agencies.

All gifts should be returned, labeled with the agency's name and unwrapped, either the week-end of December 5/6th or December 12/13.

**Volunteers will be taking gifts to the respective agencies immediately following the 11:00AM Mass on both Sundays.**

**Catholic Charities (Pink Angel)** - Specific baby items for families in need.

**Green Trees (Operation Breakthrough)** - Teen gifts, because teenagers are often overlooked

**Red Stockings (Rose Brooks)** - Shelter for battered women and their children

**Shalom House (White Snowmen)** - Serves and provides shelter for homeless men in KCK

**St. Mary's Food Kitchen (White Snowflake)** - Feeds the hungry in our community

**Uplift (Yellow Light Bulb)** - Serves the homeless in Kansas City



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