

SAINT MARY of the Assumption



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WEEKEND MASSES:

Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:00 pm

First Sunday of Advent - November 27, 2022

“Have you found Christ today?” Fr. Bosco Padamattummal

The Church’s season of Advent is all about the coming of our Lord. So, the question is, ‘which coming are we talking about?’ His coming in the womb of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem, OR His coming in the clouds from heaven, OR His coming in the water of Holy Baptism and coming in the form of the bread and wine of Holy Communion? Which of these ‘comings’ of our Lord is Advent about? And the answer to the question is of course, ‘all of the above.’

When John writes in his 1st Epistle that, “the Father has sent His Son to be the savior of the world,” he has all of these sendings in mind – the incarnational time, the sacramental time and the apocalyptic, at the end of time.

Today is New Year’s Day on the Church’s calendar. Today we begin a brand new, year-long journey, following our Lord Jesus Christ. On this New Year’s Day of the Church, we begin another rotation around the life of our Lord. And this is the 1st Sunday in Advent. What we are really doing today is welcoming the One who comes to Jerusalem to lay down His life for the world, we are welcoming Him when He comes in the clouds with glory on the Last Day. Advent reminds us of where the journey is headed. Knowing where you are headed makes all the difference in how you travel. The old saying is true, ‘if you don’t know where you are headed than any path will do.’ But if we know where we’re headed, and we are headed to judgment, then every stop along the way is for the purpose of preparing us so that when we arrive at the destination, we are not taken by surprise. We are perfectly prepared for it.

So why is He coming again? Just to be sure we avoid any confusion, there are three reasons for His coming again that we can definitely rule out. First, He is not coming again to offer Himself as the atoning sacrifice for our sins again. He’s already done that. He was crucified for our salvation. Second, He is not coming again to give us His

Word so that we may hear it again and believe. We already have all of His Word that we need to believe. We don’t need more Bibles. The Word that is in the scriptures that we have is perfectly sufficient for faith and life. Third, our Lord is not coming again to institute one more sacrament. We have 7 sacraments. We don’t need another sacrament. What we have is perfectly sufficient.

If we let our Lord speak for Himself about why He is coming, this is what we will hear, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on his glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.” (Mt 25:31-33) The Last word of today’s Gospel passage is that you must be prepared for at an hour you do not expect the Son of Man will come. This is the same message we heard in the first reading from the prophet Isaiah, he foretells in our Old Testament reading, “he will come to judge the nations...” (Is 2:4).

In the Creed during Sunday Mass, we confess the one true faith we all declare and remind us together that, “He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead.” The inescapable day is coming when every human being will have to give an account of his or her life to the One who created them and came to redeem by His own blood. This is a statement that the whole Church has always agreed has accurately been reflected in what the Scriptures say. Those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.”

Memories of things we would like to forget and have tried to keep hidden suddenly bubble up to the surface, some from the depths and some from shallow waters. And if we can see them, then surely our Lord can see them too, for nothing is hidden from Him. So Advent is

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to seek God's mercy through the sacrament of reconciliation to begin this new year of the Church with God's sacramental grace. "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Rom 3:22).

Dear brothers and sisters, as we set out on this new year journey, this 52-week journey together with Jesus, the sole purpose of every stop that we make is to point out what it is that my Lord has done for my salvation and it is to be reminded where it leads. Every stop that we make is for the purpose of calling us to walk in His way, and when we drift and wander, to repent and return to it. In this journey to the destination, we join an ancient journey to "the mountain of the house of the Lord..." We travel with all the nations to meet the Lord who will judge the living and the dead. And as we travel, we join our voices to theirs saying, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord... O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord." (Is 2:3,5). How to be alert and watchful is the spirit of today's Gospel. Every morning when we get up, let us pray, "Lord, show me someone today with whom I may share your love, mercy and forgiveness." St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa), once said, "Whatever you do in your family, for your children, for your husband, for your wife, you do for Jesus." Every night when we go to bed, let us ask ourselves, "Where have I found Christ today?" ❖

Advent Penance Services

Monday, December 12th - St. Andrew, Saline
 Tuesday, December 13th - St. Joseph, Dexter
 Wednesday, December 14th - St. Mary, Chelsea
 Thursday, December 15th - St. Mary, Manchester
 Services begin at 7pm each evening

Please Pray for:

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| Charles Gaylord | Lee Ann Vitali |
| Seth Goodell | Bobbie Muldoon |
| Tony Ignacio | Scott Sangster |
| Jamie Powers | Colonel Gary Dettling |
| Cindy Kelly | Alba Pinzani |
| Cindy and Paul Wills | Delores Oakley |
| Arlette Tieno | Cindy Marie Remski |
| Bonnie Greenwald | Janet Shurtliff |
| Jean Rose | David Gaylord |
| Melody Elder | Danielle Lopez |
| Gregory Damian | Joe Schim and his family |
| Claudia Damian | Amber and Colby |
| Walter Faubion | The Repose of the Soul: |
| Charles and Mary Gaylord | ‡ Helen Mastie Shurtliff |
| Michael Cummings | ‡ Ray Kemner |
| Rose Pratt | ‡ Gabriel Tieno |
| Mike Gibbons | ‡ Suzanne Bandé |



Prayer Tree Note: Please let us know of any status updates regarding people who are being prayed for.

PARISH CALENDAR

Mass Intentions, [Requested By], Parish Activities

SAT., NOVEMBER 26	Weekday/BVM
Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36	3:30-4:30 pm Confession 5:00 pm Vigil Mass: †Duane Beuerle <i>[Elizabeth Beuerle]</i>
SUN., NOVEMBER 27	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44	Confessions 8:00-8:15am and 10:00-10:15am 8:30 am Mass: For the people 10:30 am Mass: †David Roncoli <i>[Martin & Kathy Brogley]</i> 12:00 pm Advent Prayer Service & Potluck - FFH
MON., NOVEMBER 28	Advent Weekday
Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11	12:10 pm Mass: For the departed souls of the Kondombo, Ramdé and Strong families <i>[John & Beth Ball]</i> 3:30-4:45 pm Religious Education K-8 - PC 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir Loft
TUES., NOVEMBER 29	Advent Weekday
Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24	8:30 am Mass: In loving memory of †Victoria Curley <i>[John Curley Family]</i> 7:00 pm ENDOW Young Women's Group - FFH
WED., NOVEMBER 30	St. Andrew, Apostle
Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22	8:30 am Mass: †Joyce Stein <i>[Bill & Astrida Panches]</i>
THURS., DECEMBER 1	Advent Weekday
Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27	8:30 am Mass: †Eddie Walz <i>[Elizabeth Beuerle]</i>
FRI., DECEMBER 2	Advent Weekday
Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31	8:30 am Mass: †Duane Beuerle <i>[Elizabeth Beuerle]</i> Exposition & Adoration following 8:30 am Mass 8:00-9:00 pm Confessions on First Friday 10:00 pm Benediction & Close of Adoration
SAT., DECEMBER 3	St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8	8:30 am First Saturday Mass: †David Roncoli <i>[Carol Westfall]</i> 3:30-4:30 pm Confession 5:00 pm Vigil Mass: For the people
SUN., DECEMBER 4	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12 (4)	Confessions 8:00-8:15am and 10:00-10:15am 8:30 am Mass: For the departed souls of the Kondombo, Ramdé and Strong families <i>[John & Beth Ball]</i> 10:30 am Mass: †Martin, Sr. & †Anna Brogley <i>[Martin & Kathy Brogley]</i>

Need Help?

Alternatives to Abortion: Call (734)994-8863 or the 24-hour hotline 800-712-HELP or visit arbor woman.com/abortion/	"AA" group meets Tuesdays at 7:00 pm - United Methodist Church, 501 Ann Arbor St.
"Courage" is a Catholic (endorsed by Diocese) spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction.	"Encourage" is a separate support group for the families and friends of 'Courage' clients. Call 810-231-9199 ext. 202
"Project Rachel" (post-abortive reconciliation and healing) Call the confidential phone line: 517-993-0291 or email nlc@resurrectionlansing.org	For more news and events in the area, please visit our website: stmarymanchester.org

Parish and Area News

Seeking Altar Servers

Fr. Bosco would like to invite the men and boys of the parish who have already received First Holy Communion to consider serving the parish as altar servers. The training will be provided. Please contact Fr. Bosco if you have any questions.

Going to Chicago?

Consider transporting our parish chimes. The 21 Deagan chimes that used to hang near the pipe organ in the choir loft are currently being stored in my office. They need to be transported to Century Mallet Instrument Services in downtown Chicago where they will be re-tuned to the pipe organ. If anyone is traveling to Chicago via car and has room to transport these chimes (the longest is approximately 4 feet long), it would be greatly appreciated and save the parish a large amount of money on shipping costs. Please contact Benjamin Dahl at stmarymanchesterchoir@gmail.com or call the parish office if you can help.

Upcoming Choir Rehearsals

The Church Choir will now have rehearsals in the choir loft at 7 pm. Christmas rehearsals will be Mondays: **Nov. 28th** at 7 pm, **Dec. 5th** at 7:15 pm, **Dec. 12th and 19th** at 7 pm, and **Sat. Dec. 24th** at 10:45 pm for Mass at Midnight on **Dec. 25th**. Please let Benjamin know if you have any scheduling conflicts.

Endow Small Group

Endow, a small groups study for women in their 20s and 30s, is studying and discussing Humane Vitae, Pope JP II's encyclical on human life. The final meetings in 2022 will be **Dec 13th and 27th** at 7:00pm in the Fr. Fisher Hall. For any questions, contact Katie Gouwens at katierem@gmail.com.

Faith and Fellowship

Amazing Greys will be hosting an Advent luncheon on **Sunday, November 27th**, the First Sunday of Advent, in the Fr. Fisher Hall following 10:30am Mass. There will be plenty of time to socialize and learn a little about the season of Advent. This will be a potluck. Contact Connie Schaffer with questions 734-428-7271.

Poinsettias for Christmas

We will be ordering poinsettias for the Christmas Masses from the Flower Garden. The cost is \$20 each, please place your order no later than December 19th. Order forms will be in the vestibule starting **December 3rd**. Please contact Sue Fielder at 734-972-5652 or sfielder@umich.edu if you have any questions.

Calling all St. Mary's Bakers/Crafters!!

It is time once again for Manchester's very own Christmas in the Village. Michelle Dettling is chairperson again this year and will be manning our tables at Manchester United Methodist Church on **December 3rd**. Please prayerfully consider donating your baked goods/crafts for this event. Contact Michelle at 734-255-8939 or michelledettling@gmail.com for more info. Baked goods can be dropped off Friday the 2nd or by 9am Saturday. Please remember we are unable to accept refrigerated baked goods. Wrap all donations ready to sell and marked with name of food and price, please. God Bless you! And thank you in advance.

Young Adult Retreat: Wonderfully Made

Fr. John Whitlock and Dawn Hausman are offering a young adult retreat for men and women, ages 18-39 called: Wonderfully Made: God's Design for Men and Women on **December 2nd-4th** at St. Francis retreat center. We will be exploring St, John Paul II's work the Theology of the Body. For more information or to register. Use the following link: <https://www.eventbee.com/v/yadewitt#/tickets>

St. Andrew Catholic School

Enrollment for St. Andrew Catholic School is now open. Please visit the school website for more information: standrewsaline.org/school If you click the GIVE icon, you will arrive at the school's donation page. There are four ways in which to donate. Dan and Pat Simonelli have graciously pledged a matching fund for the school. There is another matching fund from FaithFirst Foundation. For general donations, please consider choosing a match fund option. The scholarship fund is set up to help families who will need financial assistance. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

Find more area news and events on the parish website: stmarymanchester.org



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Stewardship

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, November 6, 2022

Sunday Envelopes(62)	\$3,822.00
Loose Cash & Checks.....	\$239.00
Welcome Envelopes(1).....	\$100.00
E-Giving(5).....	\$780.92
All Saints Day(2)	\$35.00
All Souls Day (8)	\$270.00
E-Giving All Saints(1)	\$150.00
Christmas Décor(2).....	\$70.00

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Weekly toward budget.....	\$5,316.92
Weekly goal.....	\$5,300.00
Amt. ABOVE goal.....	\$16.92

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OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Buildings & Maintenance(4)	\$135.00
E-Giving Build & Main(1)	\$656.00
Hurricane Ian (1)	\$50.00
Triennial Military (1).....	\$50.00
Poor Box.....	\$14.75
Votive Candles	\$106.00

Sanctuary Lamps

are burning this week for:

1. Thank you, Sue Tervo for all your help. We greatly appreciate you!!
(Jim & Marja Warner)
2. For the repose of the soul of † Michael Warner
(Jim & Marja Warner)

Parish Family Birthdays

Nov 26	Dee Dee Sahakian
.....	Nancy Walkowe
Nov 28	Richard Fahey
.....	Rory McGoff
Dec 2	Christian Long
Dec 4	Ryder Brothers



BONFIRE PRESENTS

Gratitude

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30th / 6:30-8:30 PM
AT HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH, 9565 Musch Rd, Brighton, MI 48116
(Dinner: Polish Sausage & Kraut)

Where Men, Prayer & Fellowship Come Together.

For additional information, contact:
David Strupco at 734-578-7260
Visit Bonfire Catholic Men's Group at bonfirecatholic.com