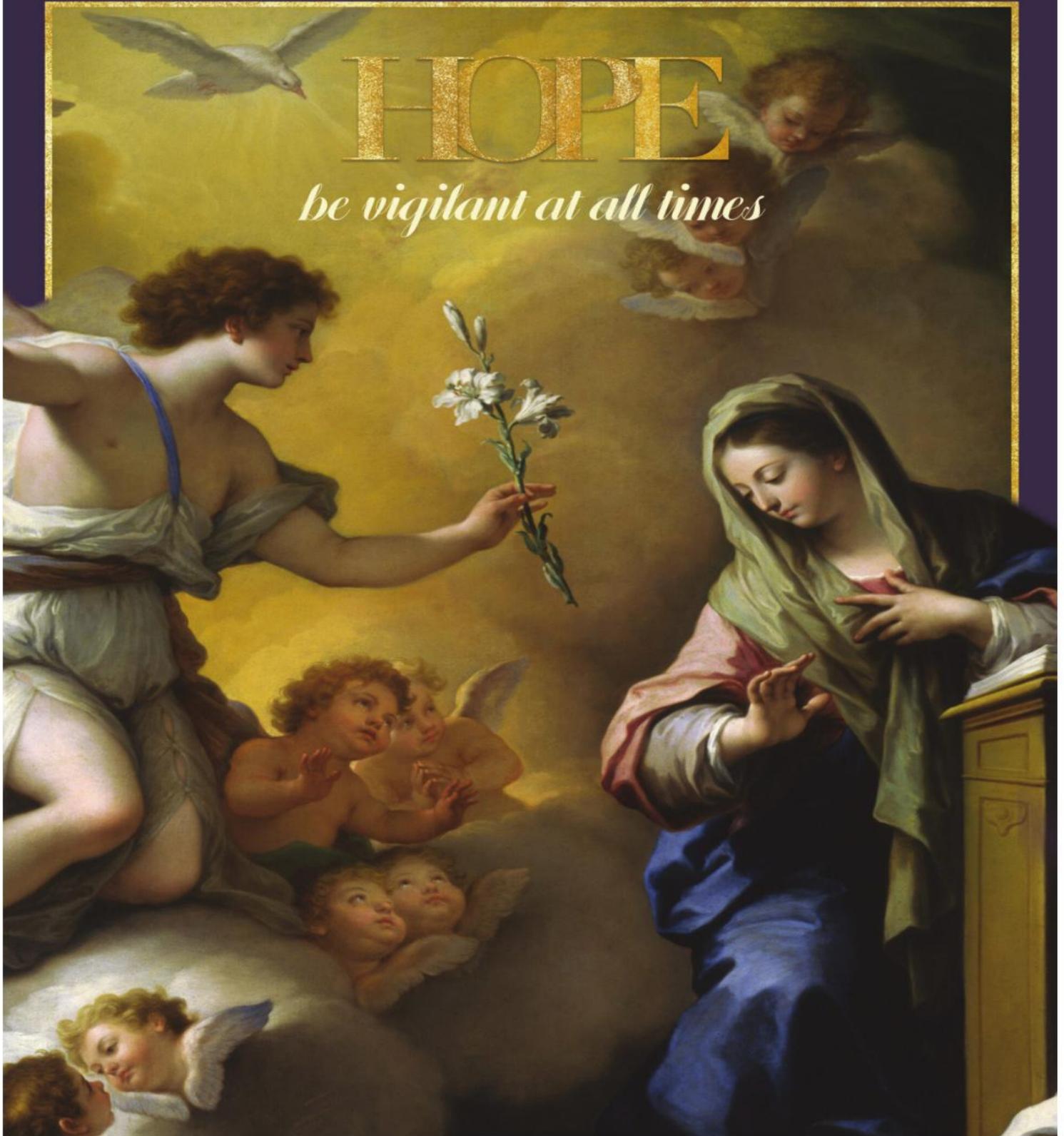


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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, November 27

- 8:00 AM † Michael Marek
 **10:00 AM † Ubaldo Monaco
 12:00 PM People of St. Paul the Apostle Parish
 5:00 PM † Nina Ricci McPherson

**Mass with incense

Monday, November 28

- 6:40 AM † Isidro Casimiro
 8:30 AM † Joan Mercer

Tuesday, November 29

- 8:30 AM † Louis Tenerove
 6:15 PM † Anna Marie Dougherty

Wednesday, November 30

- 6:40 AM † Joan Kefeli
 8:30 AM † Mildred Rogier

Thursday, December 1

- 8:00 AM † Ryan Sanner

There will not be a 6:15 PM Mass this Thursday.

Friday, December 2

- 6:40 AM † Steve and Pat Lewis
 8:00 AM Intentions of Theresa Reash

Masses will be celebrated at

6:40 AM and 8:00 AM on Friday, December 2.

Saturday, December 3

- 8:00 AM † Sam Rizzo

Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent

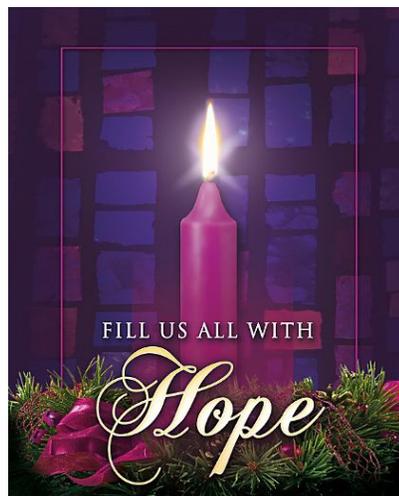
- 5:00 PM † Jenny Mackinaw

***Note the change in Mass Times for
Saturday, December 3.***

Sunday, December 4, The Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 AM People of St. Paul the Apostle Parish
 **10:00 AM † Mary and Al Mikos
 12:00 PM † John W. Mayhan, Sr.
 5:00 PM † Robert Yinger

**Mass with incense



Scripture Readings for the Week of November 27



Sunday, November 27, The First Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, November 28

*Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Mt 8:5-11*

Tuesday, November 29

*Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24*

Wednesday, November 30, The Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday, December 1

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

Friday, December 2

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

Saturday, December 3, The Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

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

Sunday, December 4, The Second Sunday of Advent

*Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12*

The Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Staying informed: I send a weekly email about upcoming events and parish news to those parishioners who have acquired Flocknote. Flocknote is an easy way to stay connected with our parish family. If you do not have Flocknote, I ask that you please consider obtaining it. It's really easy to sign-up for Flocknote; just go to stpacc.org/flocknote.

Advent: We have begun the Holy Season of Advent. While December is generally filled with Christmas decorations and Christmas music, the Holy Season of Advent is a great season you don't want to miss! I encourage you to ponder this beautiful description of Advent found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "The coming of God's Son to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over centuries. He makes everything converge on Christ: all the rituals and sacrifices, figures and symbols of the "First Covenant". He announces him through the mouths of the prophets who succeeded one another in Israel. Moreover, he awakens in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming. St. John the Baptist is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way. "Prophet of the Most High", John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother's womb, welcomes the coming of Christ and rejoices in being "the friend of the bridegroom", whom he points out as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". Going before Jesus "in the spirit and power of Elijah", John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom. When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease." (CCC 522-524)

THE NAME OF THE HOLIDAY IS CHRISTMAS: Have you noticed that the word "holiday" has largely replaced the word "Christmas"? People say, "Have a great 'holiday'" when they are clearly speaking about Christmas. I encourage you to use the name Christmas during the coming weeks. Wish strangers a "Merry Christmas" or "Blessed Christmas" when shopping or when the opportunity presents itself. To wish someone a Merry Christmas does not require that they are celebrating Christmas. To say "Merry Christmas" is to bless them with everything good that Christmas represents: peace, love, joy, friendship, family, light. When done with that spirit, how could anyone be offended?

"I WAS HUNGRY, AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD." (Mt. 25:35): What an amazing sight it was last weekend to see a pile of frozen turkeys being loaded up into a caravan of trucks and vans to help feed the hungry! What an incredible expression of faith in action and concern for the poor! Thank you to all who contributed a turkey, food items, made a monetary gift and/or helped transport the donations. I am continually amazed at the generosity of our parish and your obvious concern for those who are in need.

Reminder Temporary Changes in Upcoming Mass Times: This **Thursday, December 1**, there will not be a 6:15 PM Mass. On **Saturday, December 3**, our morning Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 AM (not 8:30 AM) and the Vigil Mass will be moved from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Additionally, there will be **no confessions on Saturday, December 3. These changes only pertain to the weekend of the Healing the Whole Person conference.** While the **Healing the Whole Person Conference** is at full capacity, you can join others via livestream. Learn more at jpjhealingcenter.org/events/.

Our Sunday Offering: Many have found that **WeShare Online** is an easy, secure, and most convenient platform. Text stpaulohio to the number 800-950-9952 or give online at stpacc.org/donate. For those who prefer to use their offertory envelopes and may be unable to attend Mass, donations can be mailed to St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville,

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Wilson

1st Sunday of Advent – Year A

Worship Hymnal Readings – #1001

Hymns

Entrance - Awake Awake and Greet #406

Offertory - The King Shall Come #403

Communion Antiphon - *see next column*

Hymns for the 10:00 am Mass with the Choir

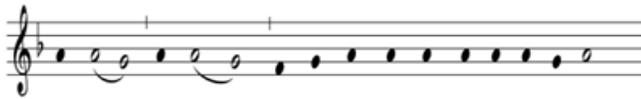
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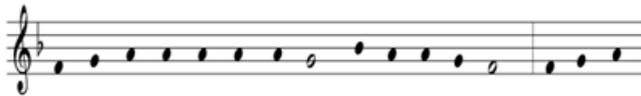
Communion - O Come O Come Emmanuel #386

Eucharistic Acclamations

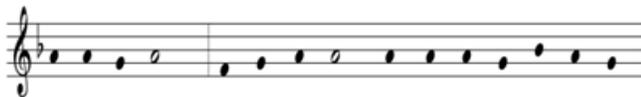
Sanctus



San-ctus, San-ctus, San-ctus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sá-ba-oth.



Ple-ni sunt cae-li et ter-ra gló-ri-a tu-a. Ho-sán-na

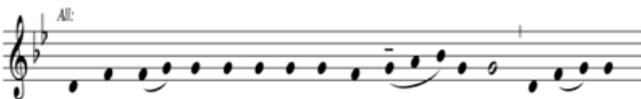


in ex-cél-sis. Be-ne-dí-ctus qui ve-nit in nó-mi-ne

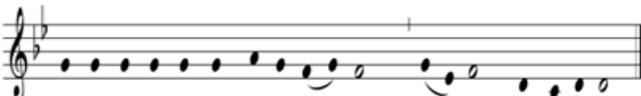


Dó-mi-ni. Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis.

Mysterium Fidei

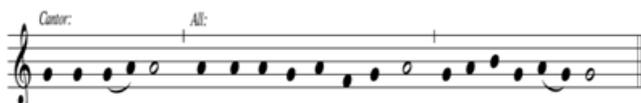


Mor-tem tu-am an-nun-ti-á-mus, Dó-mi-ne, et tu-am



re-sur-re-cti-ó-nem con-fi-té-mur, do-nec vé-ni-as.

Agnus Dei



A-gnus De-i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no-bis.

repeat above line



A-gnus De-i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

Communion Antiphon



The Lord will be-stow his boun-ty,



and our earth shall yield its in-crease.

Choir Anthem Lyrics

Offertory Anthem – The Morning Trumpet

O, when shall I see Jesus and reign with Him above, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning, and from the flowing fountain drink everlasting love, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning?

O, shout, shout, "glory!" I'll mount above the skies, when I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

So put on the gospel armor of faith and hope and love, and you'll hear the trumpet sound in that morning. And when the combat's ended He will carry you above, and you'll hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

Our ears shall hear with gladness the hosts of heaven sing, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning. Our tongues shall speak the glories of our immortal King, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

Post Communion Anthem – The Yearning

There is a yearning in hearts weighed down by ancient grief and centuries of sorrow. There is a yearning in hearts that in the darkness hide and in the shades of death abide, a yearning for tomorrow.

There is a yearning, a yearning for the promised One, the Firstborn of creation. There is a yearning for the Lord who visited His own, and by His death for sin atoned, to bring to us salvation.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts,
the yearning.

There is a yearning that fills the hearts of those who wait the day of His appearing. There is a yearning when all our sorrows are erased and we shall see the One who placed within our hearts the yearning. Emmanuel, . . .

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ADVENT by Director of Evangelization, Bill Gavin

This week we are going to diverge slightly from our regular walk through the Mass by focusing upon Advent and a number of the traditions associated with this season. The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin root *adventus* meaning "coming or arrival". This word, in turn, is a translation of the original Greek word *Parousia*. In many of the places where *Parousia* is used in the New Testament, it is a reference to the general coming of Christ – but, in particular, a reference to Christ's coming in glory. Thus, though we often see Advent as a time of preparation for Christmas, it is also a preparation for Christ's coming in glory through the second coming. Said differently, Advent is a time for us to prepare our hearts to receive Christ ; both now, and in the age to come.

The Church of the Nativity in modern day Bethlehem is one of the oldest churches in the world. It was built in the early 4th Century on the traditional site where Christ was born – not in a stable, per se, but in a cave. There is one main door to enter the church and it is unique in all the world! In order to enter the church, one must bow down in order to enter this ancient sanctuary. The symbolism is obvious – only the humble may enter. Jesus says in Matthew's Gospel, *"Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."* A child can easily pass through the door, but 'wise' adults have to bow down. Bowing is, of course, a sign of humility. Like the kings who bowed down before the manger, we, too, are to use this time of Advent to humble ourselves before the King of the universe.



The season of Advent is four weeks long. A helpful and traditional way of marking the passage of time during the season and leading up to Christmas is the Advent wreath. Indeed, unlike the secular world, the true 'Christmas season' begins on Christmas Day and then goes till the feast of the Baptism of Jesus (this coming year on January 8). The '12 Days of Christmas' are a reference to the twelve days following Christmas Day through the feast of the Nativity (the birth of Jesus). These twelve feast days were declared by the Council of Tours in the year 567. The Church has always seen Advent as a time of preparation for the feast days of Christmas. Thus, it is proper to say 'Merry Christmas' from Christmas Day through the Feast of the Nativity.

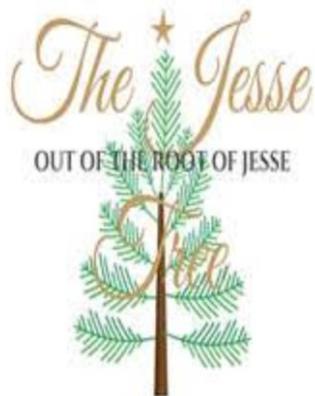
The vestments worn by the priest during Advent are primarily violet, symbolizing penance, preparation, and sacrifice. The one exception is Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday on the third Sunday of Advent when the priest wears a rose vestment. Years ago, I heard a priest say the rose is like the color of the sky right before the sun rises. In the same way, as we anticipate the coming of the Lord on Christmas, we get a glimpse of the rays of the sun before it arises. Since Advent is primarily a penitential season and a time for preparation, it is proper for many Catholics to receive the sacrament of reconciliation during this time. Though we are not meant to be gloomy or dour, there is a heartfelt anticipation that culminates on Christmas Day itself.

Christmas happens near the darkest days of the year. The winter solstice this year is on December 21. We are reminded during this time of the light of Christ that shines in the darkness. *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!"* (Isaiah 9:2). *"In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace"* (Luke 1: 67-69). The song 'It Came Upon a Midnight Clear' has this verse:

*Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains,
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.*

The world still needs Christ in the same ways as when this song was written in the mid 19th Century. There is still darkness, brokenness, and sin. There world still needs a savior, and Christmas comes every year to remind us that God has humbled Himself to become our salvation. Saint Athanasius wrote, *"He became what we are so that he might make us what he is."* Elsewhere Athanasius writes, *"You know how it is when some great king enters a large city and dwells in one of its houses; because of his dwelling in that single house, the whole city is honored, and enemies and robbers cease to attack it. Even so is it with the King of all; He has come into our country and dwelt in one body amidst the many, and in consequence the designs of the enemy against mankind have been foiled and the corruption of death, which formerly held them in its power, has simply ceased to be. For the human race would have perished utterly had not the Lord and Savior of all the Son of God, come among us to put an end to death."*

As we prepare this Advent for the great feast of Christmas let us not lose sight of the 'reason for the season' – namely, Christ Himself. Christ may be hidden in the word 'Christmas, but He is very much the foundation of our celebrations. Let us never lose sight of this! May we use this time to not only prepare, but also to share the joy of salvation by caring for those in need, giving to the poor, making *our* lives an offering for others, and becoming like Christ to world. Amen.



The Jesse Tree Project

The Jesse Tree Project is an important part of how we celebrate the Advent season at St. Paul. During the season of Advent, we prepare for the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. We reflect upon his first joyful coming as a baby at Christmas, his coming into our lives each and every day, and his final coming at the end of time.

The Jesse Tree tradition is rooted in the words of the prophet Isaiah, *“There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots”* (Isaiah 11:1). Jesse is the father of King David, a key figure in the lineage of Jesus. Our Jesse Trees will resemble stumps, with the branches containing gift tags depicting symbols from the Old and New Testaments, that remind us of events that led to the birth of Christ.

The Jesse Tree also facilitates gift giving to the very many who are in need and served by **Holy Rosary and St. John**, and the **Community Kitchen**. The gifts will be distributed during the Christmas party hosted by our parish. We ask that you please consider selecting a gift tag to support this ministry. **The trees will be in the narthex this weekend; all gifts should be returned to the narthex by Sunday, December 18.** And monetary donations are also greatly needed to support the HRSJ and CK operations in areas that are not able to be funded by grants. Donations can be made by scanning the QR code or via WeShare (www.stpacc.org/donate).

DONATE



VOLUNTEER



Volunteers are also needed to assist after weekend masses to collect and organize gifts at the church. Please refer to the volunteer sign-up QR code for more details.

Dear God,

Help us to be good stewards during this holiday season.

Help us to seek you more intentionally and more often.

Teach us to look for you in the faces of the needy we will be invited to help and the lonely ones we may be called to accompany in new and unexpected ways.

Help us to be still now and then, even in the midst of our busyness, and see you in the beauty of your creation – in the shimmer of sunlight on snow or the crystal blue of the desert sky. Each morning, may we wake, knowing that you love us, and rejoice that you have given us another day in which to share our lives and our blessings. And each night, before we close our eyes, may we remember to thank you for the gifts and graces of the day. Make us mindful of your presence, Lord, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of your Son.

In his Holy Name, we pray, Amen.

Caring for The Hungry

Looking for a family service project?



We will be accepting donations of single serve snacks (i.e. fruit cups, pudding, etc.), water bottles, fresh fruit, flip-top cans of meats/soups/veggies, and ready-made bologna and cheese sandwiches* **on Wednesday, November 30**, in front of the Church from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM. (Monetary gifts are also most appreciated.) All the donations will be taken directly to the St. Lawrence Haven and the Holy Rosary/St. John Community Kitchen to share with those in need.

While this monthly project is regularly held on the last Wednesday of the month, please note that we will NOT have the drive in December. Thank you!

**Assembling the sandwiches is quite simple! For each sandwich, use two slices of white bread. On top of the bread, place a slice of American cheese (kept in the plastic wrap) then place a slice of bologna on top of the cheese to ensure that the sandwich does not become soggy. Each sandwich then should be placed in a zip-locked baggie.*

Please pray for those who'll receive the food!



This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, November 27

Olive Wood Carvings, Parlors 1-2, before and after all Masses
Youth Choir Rehearsal, Music Room, 2:30 - 3:30 PM
No Youth Ministry this evening
Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 2 (Parish Office), 6:00 PM

Monday, November 28

Girl's Bible Study (Grades 6-8), Room 710, 2:45 PM
Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church, 3:00 PM
Rosary, Church, 6:30 PM
Walking with Purpose, Lower Level Room 3 (Church), 6:30 PM
Nar-Anon, Room 1 (Parish Office), 7:00 PM

Tuesday, November 29

Walking with Purpose, Lower Level Room 3 (Church), 9:15 AM
Youth Choir Rehearsal, Music Room, 2:30 PM
Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church, 3:00 PM
Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, November 30

Bologna and cheese sandwiches and food donations accepted in front of the Church, 9:00—11:00 AM
Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church, 3:00 PM
PSR Elementary Classes, School, 4:45—6:00 PM, 6:45—8:45 PM
That Man Is You, St. Peter's Room, (Rosary at 6:30), 7:00 PM
Overeaters Anonymous, Room 2 (Parish Office), 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 1

That Man Is You, St. Peter's Room, (Rosary at 6:30), 7:00 AM
Confessions, Church, 9:15 AM
Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9:15 AM—Noon
No Divine Mercy Chaplet this afternoon
Healing the Whole Person, Church, 6:30—9:30 PM (registration required)
AI Anon, Rooms 1-2 (Parish Office), 7:30 PM

Friday, December 2

Day of Equipping, Church, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM (registration required)
No Divine Mercy Chaplet this afternoon
Healing the Whole Person, Church, 6:30—9:30 PM (registration required)
Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 2 (Parish Office), 7:30 PM

Saturday, December 3

Note: No Confessions today.
Healing the Whole Person, Church, 9:00—4:30 PM (registration required)
Mass celebrated at 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 4

RCIA, Lower Level Rm. 3 (Church), following the 10:00 AM Mass
Stay and Play, Klinger Center, after the 10:00 AM Mass
Pre-Baptism Workshop, Lower Level Room 3 (Church), 1:30 PM
Youth Choir Rehearsal, Music Room, 2:30 PM
Middle School PSR (with dinner), Klinger Ctr., 6:00—8:00 PM
High School Youth Ministry (with dinner), Gym 6:00—8:00 PM
Confirmation Meeting for Parents, Miller Hall, 7:00 PM
Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 2 (Parish Office), 6:00 PM

This may not be a complete list of parish meetings planned for this week. To learn more about upcoming events and ways to grow in your faith, please refer to our parish website at www.stpacc.org or call our Parish Office at 614-882-2109.

Hand Carved Olive Wood Figures

The tradition of olive wood carvings in the Holy Land has been handed down from father to son since the twelfth century. Originally introduced by the Crusaders, the craft has been perfected by centuries of master carvers. The carving wood comes from olive trees that are over 700 years old. We are grateful that the Rishmawi Family is here this weekend, **November 26-27**, and have brought an array of beautiful and unique wood carvings for you to see and purchase. Be sure to stop in the Parlors before or after Mass!



STAY & PLAY

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 4
AFTER THE
10 A.M. MASS**

**COFFEE AND DONUTS,
FUN WITH OTHER FAMILIES!
ALL ARE WELCOME!
IN THE KLINGER CENTER**



Healing the Whole Person

Thursday, December 1, 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM
Friday, December 2, 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM
Saturday, December 3, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM (lunch included)

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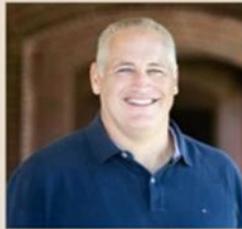
Facing our Brokenness

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Dr. Bob Schuchts



Bart Schuchts



Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

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The conference will be accessible for two weeks after the event.

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- The Fullness of Confirmation
- Hearing God's Voice
- Praying for Physical Healing
- Living in the Mission of Christ

Teaching will be augmented by interactive exercises throughout the day.

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Young Professionals Ministry

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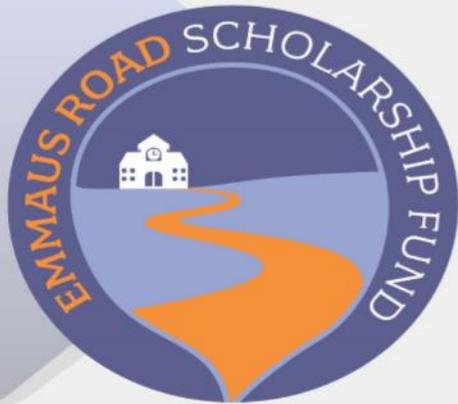
ST.PAULMINISTRY



Join us in praying for the Healing the Whole Person event in our parish on December 1-3.

Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father, formed by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary, graciously draw us into your Heart so the flames of divine love will cauterize our wounds, heal our memories, and restore every part of our heart. In you we are healed. Keep us close to you and the life of wholeness and holiness that you bring. Enkindle our faith, hope and love so that we may be set free to burn with zeal for you and souls. Glory to you, O most Sacred Heart, glory and praise and thanksgiving. Amen.

Sign up for St. Paul's Flocknote and join the **Healing the Whole Person Prayer Ministry** to receive weekly prayer intentions.
(<https://StPaultheApostleChurch2.flocknote.com/HealingtheWholeP>)



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Events In and Around Town

Relics of St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia and Blessed Carlo Acutis

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, the Relics of St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia and Blessed Carlo Acutis will be on display for the public December 2-5.

Plan now to see them on **Friday, December 2** at the St. Joseph Cathedral. Masses will be celebrated at 7:30 AM and 12:05 PM; confessions will be at 10:45 PM. An evening with Bishop Fernandes will begin at 5:00 PM with a talk, vespers, and Holy Hour.

On **Saturday, December 3**, the relics will be at Buckeye Catholic, displayed during the 5:00 PM Mass, with Bishop Fernandes and a talk by Patrick McNulty at 8:00 PM.

On **Sunday, December 4**, the relics will be on display at St. John XXIII, during the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses.

Also on **Sunday, December 4**, the relics will be on display during the 2:00 PM Mass at **St. Mary Delaware**, with public veneration. The display will continue with an evening youth event, "Made for Greatness", from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM. There will also be **Theology of the Body** talks featuring Father Patrick Shultz, Graeson Dahl, and Damascus Worship. This event is open to all middle and high school youth and their parents. Please register at <https://forms.gle/ebVL3WKfBxMxxBQs7>.

On **Monday, December 5**, the relics will be at **Christ the King** from noon until 8:00 PM with public veneration and a Bilingual Mass at 7:00 PM.

Helping Catholic Families Find Peace After Divorce

The Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption in Lancaster is offering *Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family*. The 12-week program by Ascension Press is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and is for the newly separated and divorced as well as those still struggling with issues many years later. The program will take place every **Tuesday evening, January 10 – March 28**, from 6:30-8:00 PM in the St. Mary Spirit Center. To learn more and to register, contact Kristin Garrabrant at kcgarrabrant@gmail.com by January 3, 2023.

St. Charles Holding Women's Auditions for Winter Production of "The Outsiders"

The St. Charles Preparatory School's Drama Department will be holding women's auditions for its winter production of **The Outsiders**, adapted by Christopher Sergel, from the book by S.E. Hinton. Auditions for **The Outsiders** will be held on **Tuesday, November 29 and Wednesday, November 30** at 4:00 PM at the St. Charles Campus Theater, 2010 E. Broad St. Auditions are open to all high school area women. Please note that the production dates are February 23-26. For more information, please contact Doug Montgomery at dmontgomery@scprep.org.

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club

All men are invited to the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club on **Friday, December 2** at **St. Patrick Church** for lunch and Bishop Fernandes' talk. The December luncheon is sponsored by Bottoms Up Diaper Bank. 1 in 3 single mothers struggle to buy diapers for their children. The average baby needs 6-10 diapers per day. More information about Bottoms Up Diaper Bank is available at <https://www.bottomsup.life/>. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 AM and will be followed by lunch at 12:10 PM and Bishop Fernandes' talk. Overflow parking is available in the Columbus State Grant Avenue parking lot (25-S) across the street from St. Patrick. **No reservations are needed!** \$12 covers the lunch and meeting. While there will be no luncheon in January, please mark your calendar for **Friday, February 3** when Bishop Fernandes will return to honor the 2023 Catholic Man of the Year! As always, do invite a friend to join us!



Connecting the Word of God to Our Lives

Adapted from *Faith Sharing for Small Church Communities*; (ed. Rev. Art Baranowski)

Reflecting on Today's Gospel...

The First Sunday of Advent, November 27

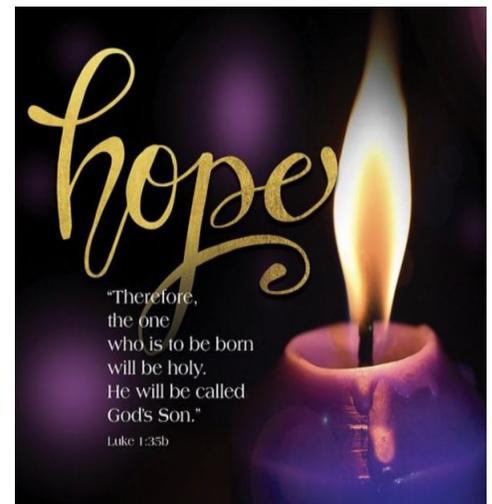
First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5 Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14 Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the First Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel we hear Jesus speak about the need of wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

What are some of the difficulties in staying alert to God in your everyday life?

How can you radiate the joy of knowing Jesus?

What will you do this Advent season to draw closer to the Lord?



Preparing for Next Sunday...

The Second Sunday of Advent, December 4 (Cycle A)

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9 Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

In our first reading today Isaiah presents a clear picture of an ideal king and an ideal kingdom. The people's lives would send a message to the world that God's kingdom is here to stay. John tells his followers the time has come for them to reform their lives.

Who has been a John the Baptist in your life? How did you respond to the message of repentance?

Think of a time when your life was a desert place. During those times, what did you hear?

How can you better prepare for His coming?



Sunday, Nov 27, 2022

The most wonderful time, indeed

"It's the most wonderful time of the year" as some popular lyrics go, and a lot of us agree. Andy Williams made the tune famous, but composers Eddie Pola and George Wyle wrote it. Ironically, Pola and Wyle were Jewish. Yet they assisted Williams in earning the title "Mr. Christmas" with their composition. The song celebrates holiday parties, caroling, mistletoe, good cheer, and loved ones near. But for believers, the season beginning today is really about anticipation and Incarnation, light illuminating the darkness, and God coming near. We know what time it is. Make this Advent a genuine celebration of hope.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44 (1). *"You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep."*

Monday, Nov 28, 2022

Time to get ready!

With the Thanksgiving holiday weekend wrapped up, Catholics yesterday began the Advent journey to Christmas. The word *advent* comes from Latin for "to come." All the days from now until the celebration of the birth of Jesus are preparation for his coming. Preparation in this case means remembering to be ready with a spirit of both penance and joy. Did you set out an Advent wreath on your dinner table yesterday? For many, it's the first of many Christmas decorations to come out—with festooned trees not far behind. The wreath is more than just a pretty adornment but also a daily reminder to pray as you count down each week with a new candle. Start the season out right by blessing your wreath with a prayer.

ADVENT WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11 (175). *"Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith."*

Tuesday, Nov 29, 2022

Listen with the ear of a child

"Advent is not a time to declare, but to listen, to listen to whatever God may want to tell us through the singing of the stars, the quickening of a baby, the gallantry of a dying man," wrote Christian writer Madeleine L'Engle, born this day in 1918. L'Engle is especially known for her children's books, including *A Wrinkle in Time*, which won the 1963 Newberry Medal. This Advent, consider what it might be like to imitate the Christ Child instead of the adult Jesus. As *A Wrinkle in Time* tells us: "To love is to be vulnerable; and it is only in vulnerability and risk—not safety and security—that we overcome darkness."

ADVENT WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24 (176). *"Although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike."*

Wednesday, Nov 30, 2022

Be first to follow the Lord

It's no coincidence that Saint Andrew the Apostle is linked to Advent (which traditionally begins on the Sunday closest to his feast day). In Eastern Christianity he is known as *protokletos*, "first called," because it was Andrew, who had been a disciple of John the Baptist, who persuaded his brother Simon (whom we know as Peter) to follow Jesus with his words, "We have found the

Messiah!" Andrew also has a devotion linked to Advent, known as the Saint Andrew Novena. Try it out and see if it supports and deepens your living out your own call.

FEAST OF ANDREW, APOSTLE

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22 (684). *"At once they left their nets and followed him."*

Thursday, Dec 01, 2022

Build on higher ground

Anyone who has followed the news over the past year has seen more images than ever of people coping with floods. Families waiting on rooftops, people stuffed in boats, neighbors wading through murky water. Jesus constantly used images to make his point, including the image of discipleship as a solid house that stands firm during storms and floods. "Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies," Saint Teresa of Calcutta once said. Are you building a strong, flood-proof house in the small things you do each day?

ADVENT WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27 (178).

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock."

Friday, Dec 02, 2022

Walk with each other

Today, the church remembers martyrs Jean Donovan, Maura Clarke, Dorothy Kazel, and Ita Ford, brutally murdered for standing with the poor in war-torn El Salvador in 1980. Their witness still speaks profoundly to us today as we encounter our own wars, violence, and suffering, especially among the most vulnerable. And still, we struggle to know what to do. Let us take courage as we ponder the questions posed by Ita Ford in 1977: "Am I willing to suffer with the people here, the suffering of the powerless? Can I say to my neighbors, 'I have no solution to this situation. I don't know the answers, but I will walk with you, search with you, be with you?'"

ADVENT WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31 (179). *"Let it be done for you according to your faith."*

Saturday, Dec 03, 2022

Missionizing begins at home

Many of the practices of the great "missionizing projects" of centuries past are seen as problematic in our age, with its greater sensibility of the rights of indigenous peoples to worship freely as they wish. So, while the legacy of one of the patrons of foreign missions, Saint Francis Xavier, is a mixed one, it is significant to note that he always provided for ongoing pastoral care of the communities he missionized and also advocated for an educated native clergy (rather than foreign-born leadership). None of us acts with perfect justice, but each of us finds ourself living in a unique historical moment, called upon to help church and society live up to the best and most noble qualities of our tradition.

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS XAVIER, JESUIT PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180). *"At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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Mon., Wed., Fri..... 6:40 AM
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 Tues. & Thurs.....6:15 PM
 Saturday Vigil Mass4:00 PM
 Sunday..... ..8:00 AM
 10:00 AM (with incense)
12 noon (ASL interpreter)
5:00 PM

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Vigil Mass at 7:00 PM
 Masses celebrated at 6:40 AM, 8:30 AM,
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We livestream our Sunday 10:00 AM, Saturday 4:00 PM, and 8:30 AM weekday Masses, as well as weddings, funerals, and special events upon request at stpacc.org/livestream. Our livestream is also accessible via Facebook (stpacc.org/fb) and YouTube (stpacc.org/youtube).

The North Transept of the Church is designated for *social distancing and mandatory mask wearing* at our daily 8:30 AM Masses and our 5:00 PM Sunday Mass.

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Thursdays at 9:15 AM (after the 8:30 AM Mass) until 5:55 PM.

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Rosary:

Pray with others after the 8:30 AM weekday Masses and on Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Church. Pray on the first Saturday of each month at 7:00 PM via livestream at www.facebook.com/



Parish Office Hours

Our Parish Office is open Monday – Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Parish Registration

Welcome to St. Paul the Apostle Parish! If you will regularly be worshipping with us, we encourage you to register at stpacc.org/register.

Baptisms

Families wishing to have their child baptized should please contact Annette Ramos in the Parish Office at aramos@stpacc.org.

Confessions

9:15 AM on Thursdays; at 2:30 PM on Saturdays. The confessionals are in the Church.

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Articles for the bulletin must be submitted two weeks in advance to our Bulletin Editor, Dee Shomo, at dshomo@stpacc.org. Thank you!

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Our Stewardship Reports reflecting the offertory for the weekends of November 20 and November 27 will be reported in the December 4 bulletin. Sincere thanks to the very many who regularly give to our parish. Your giving is essential to our overall operations. If you have any questions about your offertory or WeShare Online Giving, please contact Parish Accountant, Deb Hawking, at 614-882-2109 ext. 229 or dhawking@stpacc.org.



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