

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2020**

OPENING HYMN: 1) O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. 2) O come, O Wisdom from on high, Who orders all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.*

SECOND READING: *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

GOSPEL: *Mark 13:33-37*

PREPARATION OF GIFTS: 1) Creator of the stars of night, Your people's everlasting light, O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray You hear us when we call. 2) In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe, You came, O Savior, to set free Your own in glorious liberty. 3) When this old world drew on toward night, You came; but not in splendor bright, not as a monarch, but the Child of Mary, blameless mother mild. 4) At Your great Name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow: All things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call You Lord.

COMMUNION HYMN: 1) Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free. From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart. 2) Born Thy people to deliver, born a Child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone; by Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

CONCLUDING HYMN: 1) On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for He brings glad tidings of the King of kings. 2) Then cleansed be every heart from sin; make straight the way of God within, and let each heart prepare a home where such a mighty guest may come. 3) For You are our salvation, Lord, our refuge, and our great reward; without Your grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: Thank you for your generous support for last week's collection! As a parish, we raised \$413.00 to support those on the margins who are living in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! You can visit the website www.usccb.org/nationalcollections to see how you can support this great cause.

WAY OF LIGHTS: Wintertime sparkles at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows as the Annual Way of Lights Christmas display illuminates the grounds. Since 1970, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate have invited one and all to make the Way of Lights a part of their family tradition. This breathtaking display focuses on the birth of Christ, the one true light of the world. Donations are accepted to help us continue bringing this family tradition to our community each year. Outdoor Light Display 5-9 pm nightly beginning Friday, November 20, 2020 through Thursday, December 31, 2020.

MASS INTENTIONS & CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 6, 2020

Monday, November 30	PRIVATE MASS – For the People; St. Andrew
Tuesday, December 1	PRIVATE MASS – For the People
Wednesday, December 2	9AM MASS (Grades 5-8) – Lawrence Jany by Lucille & Delbert
Thursday, December 3	NO MASS – Fr. Gene's Day Off; St. Francis Xavier
Friday, December 4	PRIVATE MASS – For the People; St. John Damascene
Saturday, December 5	5PM MASS – John Hanger by Lenard & Barb
Sunday, December 6	9AM MASS – For the Parish; Second Sunday in Advent

TITHE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Fiscal Week: 21

Mary Help of Christians: \$3821.00; Cemetery \$160.00; Improvement \$418.00; Sister Anne \$38.00; Ret. Priests \$50.00	
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7000.00	YTD Budget Need: \$147,000.00
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$5868.34	YTD Budget Difference: (\$23,764.80)
YTD Actual Giving: \$123,235.20	YTD Weekly: (\$1131.66)

LEARN, ACT, CONNECT AND PRAY: Let's pray together to experience this season and what it is all about. "Father, help us to experience your blessings as we wait and watch this Advent season. Help us to prepare by spending time with you in prayer and thanking you for your faithfulness to us. Amen."

RADA CUTLERY FUNDRAISER: Please take a few minutes to go online to view the vast selection of cutlery, seasonings, soup mixes, dips, cookbooks, and much, much more! These make great gifts! And even better, you can have them shipped directly to your door! This is a great fundraiser for our school. If you have any questions, please feel free to call 826-3120. And as always, thank you for your continued support! <https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=4881677.c6d1184>

THE GIVING TREE: There will be ornaments on the Giving Tree for residents at Three Springs and Craig Manor. Suggested gifts are on the ornaments. Please bring gifts to the church by December 20th in order for us to get them delivered. We are also asking for *monetary donations* for diapers for the Food Pantry. Please place your donation in an envelope marked Food Pantry and drop in collections. Thank you for your generosity during this holiday season.

ANGEL TREE: To purchase a crocheted angel for \$10 or to renew your angel from past years for \$5, place your money, the memorial name, and your name in an envelope marked "ANGEL" and drop it in the collection. You may also give your money to Donna Ritter. All proceeds are donated to the church. Last year we raised \$565.00

IT'S TIME to place your offering for a Poinsettia in Memory of Family Members:

POINSETTIA OFFERING: \$25.00

NAME: _____

BY: _____