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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5 p.m. Sunday, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Or Upon request

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, 8:30 a.m.

Friday 7:00 p.m.

Religious Education

Sunday Mornings 9:45-10:45 a.m.

When school is in session

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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Bulletin Deadline

We welcome your contributions to the bulletin.

Deadline is Wednesday, by
12:00 noon

They shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
one nation shall not raise the sword against another.

ISAIAH 2:4

FIRST
SUNDAY OF
Advent
November 27, 2022

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“You also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”

MATTHEW 24:44

PREPARE

Have you ever been caught off guard? The first Sundays of Advent often have an ominous quality to them. Jesus reminds his listeners today about how many people who lived at the same time as Noah were caught off guard when the deluge came. Of course, we can end up being complete nervous wrecks if we spend each day in paranoia, looking for signs of impending doom. A healthy readiness is called for, one that keeps us alert so we can find signs of God’s reign—soon to be made manifest in Jesus—around us. In the coming days of holiday sensate bombardment and hours that fill up with busyness, this readiness can also serve to keep us focused on the coming gift of the Messiah, God’s Anointed. Now is the time to take stock, to evaluate life, to make changes where necessary, preparing for God’s holy reign to come.

ON EDGE

There are numerous photographs of people who sleep on mountainside ledges, who carelessly dangle their feet into the space of geological chasms, and of course there’s the iconic photograph of workers eating their lunch on a beam of the under-construction Chrysler building in New York. Some people seem attracted to these precarious, stomach-churning locations; many of us are not. More of us have had the experience of beginning a new stage in life, with the excitement and occasional stomach-churning newness of a moment that can put us a bit on edge. Advent—its first couple of Sundays in particular—has a similar role in the passage of time that we call the liturgical year. It’s unlikely that the First Sunday of Advent makes many stomachs churn, but perhaps more would if we truly took it seriously that we are to make ourselves ready for the coming of the reign of God at any moment.

WALK IN THE LIGHT

When we encounter the daily news, it can seem as though Isaiah’s prophecy of swords turned into plowshares is running in reverse, making despair seem wiser than hopefulness. This is where Advent as the brink of God’s reign comes into play. Advent can be a time for each of us to de-weaponize, even in the smallest of ways, the world around us. Advent’s days offer a chance to look for opportunities to make the world a bit more hopeful for others. As we head through Advent, the elevated focus we have when we are standing at those new moments, those new stages of life, can help us tune out the despair, so we might open our ears and hearts to Jesus. This way, we can turn our backs on gloom, and accept Isaiah’s invitation to walk in the light of the Lord: Jesus Christ, the Word-made-Flesh!

TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 2:1–5
Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9
Romans 13:11–14
Matthew 24:37–44



November 27, 2022-1st Sunday of Advent

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God’s active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

27 de noviembre de 2022-1er. Domingo de Adviento

“ ¡Por lo tanto permanezcan despiertos! Ya que no saben que Día vendrá nuestro Señor.” Mateo 24: 42

Las personas que tiene problemas de salud o experiencias cercanas a la muerte generalmente aprecian mejor el hecho de que cada día es un don de Dios.El resto de nosotros da por sentado que estaremos aquí el día de mañana.Sin embargo, al comenzar a ver cada día como un don, se dará cuenta de todos los pequeños milagros que suceden diariamente y comenzara a ver la presencia activa de Dios en su vida.Su gratitud crecerá cada día, por todo lo que se nos ha dado.

Ministry Schedule

Dec. 03

5:00 p.m.

- AS A & M Folland, & J Kaunath
- EM K O’Sako
- L J Guaraldo
- U D Avard & R O’Sako

Dec. 04

8:30 a.m.

- AS A Negron, M Heyman, & S Limardo
- EM C Felipe
- L M Felipe
- U J Richtman & M Vinson

11:00 a.m.

- AS A Wimer, M Adams, & B Fogarty
- EM Jodie McIntosh
- LM Wimer
- U L Deblieux & R Monteleone

Dec. 08 The Immaculate Conception

12:00pm

- AS C Reynolds, C Cordeiro, & J Howard
- EM N McEvoy
- L E Pazos
- U Volunteers

7:00pm

- AS L Davis, J Rafferty, & M Stark
- EM T Hood
- L D DeRoia
- U Volunteers

Pray for the Sick

Howard App, Nilda Arrieta, Owen Austin, Alan Baker, Nancy Blackmon, Ameila Boyd, Garrett Brant, Toni Brisendine, Kaye Brown, Clay Bryant, Denise & Joe Burdick, Mona Burnham, Fernando Carreras, Andy & Kathy Chester, Brent Cornwell Family, Crystal Christiansen, Richard Culberson, Gina Curtis & baby Kinsey Curtis, Lenny & Rose Danielewicz, Paula Dillion, Bill Edwards, Chuck Ellis, Mark Erickson, Don Exley, Cindy Forte, Cecelia Gadomski, Tommy Hall, Marty Haloda, Chip Harris, Ruthann Hein, Rebekah Hess, Jordan Hill, Jackie Hillard, Jean Lafond, Josette Lafond, Yvan Lafond, Peter Giammaria, Lee Gobrogge, Marvin Hughes, Richard Jones, Trent Jones, Pat Jordan, Wendy Karpowicz, Billy Kelley, Kaycee Kessler, Nick Knight, Nicole Knight, Janice Kosek, Sandra Kowalski, Linda Liebl, Rosa Lewis, David, Henry & Loretta Matzdorf, Mary Susan McAndrews, Corrine McCumber, Bryan Milne Sr., Joyce Mixson, Jaxon Morales, Jon & Linda Morgan, Millie Morris, Lorraine Nessar, Roy & Mildred O’Connor, Ken Otto, Carrie Owen, Larry Page, Mary Lu Paulson, Teresa Phillips, Matthew Pickett, Melanie Pitingaro, Ronnie Proveaux, Kate Radonavich, Loretta Reilly, Jimmy Sapp, Susanne Sears, JoAnn Skorich, Ann Shuman, Angel Smith, Lynn Smith, Tim Strickland, Tommy Strickland, Ann Sweatt, Warren Sweatt, Ken & Joyce Tyson, Christa Ward, Susan West, Sheila Whitehead, Tripp Whitten, Callie Wiggins, Schanecy Wilmot, Edward Wonnick, Judy Wuorio, Wynn Family, Jon Zinck, Irvin Zoller

Mass Intentions

- Sunday 11/27 ♥Connie Cordeiro
♥Gerry Klock and Sisters
- Tuesday 11/22 ♥Jones Family
- Wednesday 11/23 +Dominic Rela
- Thursday 11/24 ♥Mona Burnham
- Friday 11/25 +Souls in Purgatory
- Saturday 11/26 +Greg Arnsdorf



CW5 Scott Durrer, MSGT Brian Lafond, A1C Aubriana Butchko, SFC Steven Liebl, PVT Dylan Dickerson, SR Christopher Meinert, SSGT Patrick Gleaton, PFC William Bland, PFC Dalen Baldwin, ENS Sean Garrett, LTJG Riley Garrett

Weekly Collection with YTD figures
Week of Nov.20-Nov. 26

Offertory/Online Collection	\$6,207.14
YTD Offertory Collection:	\$122,699.23
Bills Paid this week:	\$7,064.07
Bills Paid to Date:	\$132,565.71
Building Fund Collection:	\$1,363.00
YTD Building Collection:	\$25,401.00
Special Project Donations:	\$4,825.00
Catholic Annual Appeal	
Goal: \$30,827.00	
Total Given: \$33,944.65	
Total Donors: 107	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

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

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

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

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

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

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

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Advent Prayer

Come, Lord Jesus. O God, you are great indeed. Look upon us and reveal your glory, promised to Abraham and sent to us through David and his lineage. Send us the warmth of your love, the light of your Word, the vision of your wisdom, and the comfort of your people. Open our hearts in welcome and grant us your salvation. Fill our minds with watchful hope and let us see your kindness. Give us new life, the promise and joy of salvation. May the glory of your Son dwell in our land forever. We pray: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

PEOPLE OF THE LIGHT

We are called to reflect the light of God's love through the ways in which we live our lives. Imagine the impact if each of us took this call to heart, every day, at home, work, or school, in our parish, in the world. "All nations shall stream toward it," toward the love that only comes from God. Yet, we must admit that much of the time we fail to be beacons of God's light. We fall asleep, complacent, preferring to go the easy route, which often leads to darkness rather than the radiance of Christ's light. As we begin the season of Advent, Saint Paul admonishes us to throw off the works of darkness, to awaken to the call of light and love. In today's Gospel, Jesus too tells us to stay awake, to be prepared to greet the Lord of light as people of the light.

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OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Season of Advent

What are we really waiting for during Advent? The longstanding tradition of the Church is that the Advent season really marks not one but three comings of Christ: his coming into history two thousand years ago, his coming in glory at the end of time, and his coming into our hearts here and now. Advent starts with a focus on the future coming of Christ so that we might see the big picture. If Christmas is to make any sense at all, we have to ask the question, "What are you doing to get ready for the (final) coming of Christ?" This perspective opens us up to the sense of anticipation experienced by the Jewish people on the eve of the first coming of Christ. This Advent, we will hear John the Baptist tell them (and us) how best to prepare. He urges repentance and an examination and reform of our way of life. Then on the Fourth Sunday, we are drawn in to the history of Jesus' arrival as the child of Joseph and Mary. Our work of spiritual preparation brings us to the point of the whole season. What good is it that Christ comes into my heart if I don't then carry that presence out into the world, just as Mary did?

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Wednesday: St. Andrew

Thursday: World AIDS Awareness Day

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: St. Francis Xavier; First Saturday

Faith Formation News

There are no Faith Formation classes scheduled on Sunday, , November 27, due to Thanksgiving break. Confirmation practice is Monday, November 28 at 6 p.m. in the parish hall.

On Wednesday, November 30, Bishop Stephen Parkes will celebrate Confirmation at Saint Boniface. Mass begins at 6 p.m. Please keep our Confirmation candidates, their sponsors, and their families in your prayers as they finish preparing for this Sacrament.

Barren Tree

CCW will have the Barren Tree set up in St. Boniface Hall on Saturday, November 26, 2022. There will be 277 tags for children ages infant through 10 years and the maximum amount for these gifts should be \$10.00. These gifts will go to the needy in our community. There will be 6 tags for the Treutlen House boys ages 12 through 16. The counselor at Treutlen House suggests \$15.00 Walmart gift cards. There will be 8 tags for the Family Promise children and the suggested gift is a \$15.00 Walmart gift card. Please take a tag and return your wrapped or bagged gift by Sunday, December 18, 2022. Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas and thank you for sharing with those less fortunate.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 08, 2022 is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have Mass at 12pm & 7pm.

Advent Penance Service

Advent Penance Service is usually on the first Wednesday of Advent, however, this year Confirmation will be held on that Wednesday. Advent Penance Service will be held Thursday, December 08, one hour before and after the noon & 7pm Mass of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Father Minch will be here as well for both Masses and to hear confession.

St. Nicholas Breakfast

Saturday, December 10, at 9:00 AM. EVERYONE is invited to celebrate the Christmas season at the return of our Annual St. Nicholas Parish Breakfast! Come and enjoy delicious pancakes, sausage, snowman soup (hot cocoa), and coffee for the adults. We will have a visit from St. Nicholas! During the breakfast we invite each new family/single or those who missed it in previous years, to pick up a "Chrismon" to take home and decorate. A Chrismon is a Christmas decoration that uses Christian symbols to represent our Lord Jesus Christ. We ask that you return it to the church no later than Sunday, Dec. 18. They will adorn our parish family Christmas trees. In the tradition of St. Nicholas of showing love and kindness by caring for others and God's creatures, we will be accepting donations for Parish Outreach Pantry and Effingham Humane Society. Sign-up sheets in narthex/foyer.

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

Christmas and New Year's this year fall inline with the weekend Mass schedules. Father Martino has set our Christmas Mass times as follows:

Christmas Eve: 5:00 pm Mass **Midnight Mass (At Midnight)** **Christmas Day: 11 am**

For The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God on New Years Eve and New Years Day the Mass schedule will remain the same as a regular weekend Mass: Saturday-5pm, Sunday-8:30 am & 11:00 am.

A Traditional Christmas:

Come celebrate the reason for the season with 3-day "An Advent/Christmas" Mission/Concert offered by internationally known Catholic recording artist, Donna Cori. Her lovely yet powerful voice rivals the best heard in the secular market today. You will be moved to experience the mystery of the Incarnation as Mary might have with a presentation of Christmas favorites, classic carols, and mediations on Sunday, December 4th at 4:00 p.m., Monday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m. This Mission/Concert will be held at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 1745 Benton Blvd., Savannah, GA 31407. For more information, please contact Ralaine Burd, 704-236-8672. Preview and get free music downloads at www.DonnaCori.com

St. Anne Sells Raffle Tickets for Poland Pilgrimage

Next summer, from June 13 - 22, 2023, Fr. Dawid Kwiatkowski of St. Anne in Richmond Hill is leading a pilgrimage to Poland, the Land of Kings, Saints, and Divine Mercy. Enjoy the most beautiful places in Poland associated with lives of the saints, learn the history of the country, and enjoy first-class meals and wine.

St. Anne is selling raffle tickets for \$50 each for a chance to win this once-in-a-lifetime trip, which is worth \$4,269 from Atlanta (ATL). All proceeds go towards reducing the debt on St. Anne's church and helping the parish community. Tickets are available on the St. Anne website under "Donate Now." The drawing will be held Christmas Eve at the 5:00pm Mass. You need not be present to win.

The VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training is required for all volunteers and employees in the Diocese of Savannah. The following session has been scheduled for Blessed Sacrament in Savannah in the Lecture Hall: December 7th – 5:30pm – 8:30pm. Please arrive early. No one under the age of 18 is allowed to be present. To register go to www.virtusonline.org.



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