

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Sunday of Advent  
December 2, 2018

I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall dowat is right and just in the land.

--Jeremiah 33:15

Our Lady of Fatima  
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary before Sunday Mass and privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.

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**Parish Secretary**

**Carol Z. Smith**

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## Cathedral Eucharist:

**Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM**

**8:00 AM**

**10:00 AM**

**12:00 Noon**

**5:00 PM**

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**5:30 PM**

**Saturday : 8:00 AM**

**12:00 Noon**

## First Sunday of Advent

### THE WAITING GAME

Every Sunday, after the Lord's Prayer, we hear the words of an Advent prayer: "We wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." In Latin, these words are Exspectantes beatam spem et adventum Saluatoris nostri Iesu Christi. We see our own words "expectant" and "advent" in them. Another way to say this might be "We are expectant, in joyful hope, at the advent of our Savior, Jesus Christ." Mothers and fathers know that being expectant, while it is a time of joyful hope, is not always an easy time. It is a mistake for us to think that our waiting in joyful hope for the coming of Christ can be a passive, uninvolved time. Quite the contrary! Like expectant parents, we must constantly be working to make sure everything is ready for the important arrival! As Isaiah prays to the coming Lord: "Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!" (Isaiah 64:4).

### WATCHING, NOT WAITING

In the Gospel, Jesus moves us from passive waiting to the attitude of waiting in its active form—watchfulness. It is possible, when we are merely waiting, to occupy ourselves with other things. What Jesus tells us today is that we must be occupied with the work of the master; we must be alert, we must be met by him upon his return doing right and being mindful of him in our ways. Paul consoles us that this vigilant watchfulness need not tire us out, for Christ himself has enriched us and strengthened us to remain firm in our expectation, our joyful hope. It is in this way that we wait and watch for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, when he is revealed to us in glory.



DECEMBER 2, 2018  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
10:30 AM

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**Today's Intention-Michael and Julia (Strauff) Starzinsky**

Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**6:00 PM Friday, Dec. 7th, Vigil of Immaculate Conception of BVM**  
**Catherine Burr, (Bill & Donna Shaal)**

Readings: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6,8-11; Lk 3:1-6

**Sunday, December 9th, Ronald Geis, (Family)**

### Cathedral Mass Intentions

#### December 3, Monday: Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Readings: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

6:45 AM Pat Vierkorn (Carol Galioto)

8:00 AM Derek Behe (Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Pearson)

12:00 PM Fr Bill Kiel Health (Bob and Kathy Chirdon)

#### December 4, Tuesday: St. Damascene, Priest and Doctor

Readings: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

6:45 AM Christina Flanagan (Eileen Edwards)

8:00 AM Kevin Sheets (John Prosperi)

12:00 PM David A. Baronner (Tom and Vicky McGraw)

#### December 5, Wednesday: Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37

6:45 AM For Priests

8:00 AM Fred Fedili (Wife, Rose Marie)

12:00 PM Jim Davidson (Shilling Family)

#### December 6, Thursday, Saint Nicholas, Bishop

Readings: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

6:45 AM Richard Anthony, (Greg and Kathy Clemens)

8:00 AM Lindy Adams, (Skip Cowan)

12:00 PM Ray Plummer (Janie Davidson)

#### December 7, Friday, St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor

Readings: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

6:45 AM Michael and Ella Gibbons Family (Irwin Family)

8:00 AM Anna Mercer (Charles Angermeier Family)

12:00 PM Bea Mannion (John Adams Family)

Vigil: 5:30 PM Madeline Vogel (Kathy and Bob Ford)

#### December 8, Saturday: Immaculate Conception of the BVM

Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

8:00 AM Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Dan and Brigid Sheedy)

12:00 PM Mildred Brandt Dill (Fischer Family)

#### Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6,8-11; Lk 3:1-6

5:00 PM Frances Pagliaro (Mary Ann Bell)

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father,  
Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.*

*Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially for  
those who have illnesses great and small and our sen-  
iors who are lonely and need comfort and care.*

## December 2, 2018

### Scripture Reflection

A new liturgical year begins today, and with it a new set of Sunday readings. With only a few exceptions, this year's Gospel readings will come the Gospel of Luke. A very Christian tradition held that the author was the physician and travel companion that Paul mentions in several letters. Writing around the world A.D. 80, Luke gave an account of two significant events - the destruction of Jerusalem and the rapid spread of belief in Christ. Luke explained both events with an elegant thesis: God's promises to Israel were fulfilled in Jesus. The Temple was no longer necessary, since the divine Spirit now dwelt with the Christian community. People flocked to the Christian community to enjoy the beginning of life in God's long awaited kingdom.

In today's Gospel, we hear the glorious Son of Man, the Risen Christ, who will return in power so great that it will shake the heavens. Those who wait for him need not cower in fear. Instead that should stand tall because it is the dawn of redemption for those who practice faithful endurance. Yes, the faithful will suffer difficulties, but soon they will experience the justice, mercy, and compassion of God in the presence of the Son of Man.

Luke speaks of three arrivals of Jesus; his nativity, his second coming and his daily arrival in the Spirit to his disciples. Luke's hope is that when Christ comes again, those who had been living daily in the Spirit would have grown so accustomed to the following Christ that they could enter without fear into the fullness of kingdom.

- "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."
- Do you anticipate the end with fear or with joy?

**1st Sunday of Advent (December 2)**

*Let us begin this great season of Advent with a vow to be “vigilant”. (Luke 21:36) In the wise stewardship of everything entrusted to us that we will be held accountable for our actions, independent of the action of others.*

**December 2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36**

*At this time of the year we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today's gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciate the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.*



**Liturgical Reflection...**

*Advent prepares us for the great celebration of Christmas. Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered and as a season when that remembrance directs our mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent Season is a period for devout and joyful expectation.*

*General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, Number 39.*

2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

**HOLY  
DAY OF  
OBLIGATION**

**Liturgical Reflection...**

*This Saturday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation as we celebrate with the Patroness of the United States. This feast commemorates that she who was to bear the Incarnate Word of God was immaculate herself from the first moment of her conception. America turns to Our Lady under the title of the Immaculate Conception asking her intercession to watch over us and guide us along the path of justice and peace. Check the times for Mass this Saturday (and Vigil Mass on Friday). Note: the Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 8, is the commemoration of the Second Sunday of Advent.*

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**Nocturnal Adoration**

**Friday December 7, 8PM - 11PM at Our Lady of Lourdes**

**First Reconciliation Class Reminder...**

**First Reconciliation is scheduled at the Cathedral Parish Advent Penance Service on Wednesday, December 19, 2018, at 6:30 PM. There will be a meeting on December 5 in the Seton Suite from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM. All students must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring a COPY of your child's baptism certificate. Call Chris Laraia at 814-312-7317 if you are unable to attend.**

**2018 Catholic Ministries Drive.. Our goal of \$9602 has been met! Thank You to everyone who have participated! All gifts will now come back to Our Lady of Fatima!**

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA TRAVELING STATUE...**

**Is waiting to be invited to some ones home who will honor and praise her for a week or two. Please do not hesitate to call Carol at the rectory if you wish make a reservation. Call 942-0371.**

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, (Vigil) of THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 6:00 PM**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25TH 10:30 AM**  
**MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD, DECEMBER 30TH, (Vigil) 6:00 PM**  
**MARY MOTHER OF GOD, JANUARY 1ST, NO MASS at OLF**  
**(See the Cathedral Mass Schedule)**

*A St. Nicholas Note*  
*Edward Hays, A Pilgrim's Almanac (adapted)*

*"It is fitting that the feast of St. Nicholas comes at the beginning of Advent and the beginning of the shopper's season. As the patron saint of shoppers he proclaims, 'Keep it simple!' Keep it simple enough to fit in a shoe or a stocking. "One gift that could fit in a shoe or in a stocking hanging on the fireplace is a note that speaks of one of our most precious gifts, the gift of time. Such a St. Nicholas note might read: 'The gift I give to you is half an hour of quality conversation each night right after the dishes are done.' Or, 'The gift I give to you is one Saturday a month to be with you and do whatever you want to do.' We can appreciate the value of such a gift if we keep in mind that according to a survey, the average married couple in America has only 30 minutes a week for communication outside of exchanges that take place at the dinner table, and between parent and child is only 14 minutes. As you can see, the possibilities are almost unlimited for these St. Nicholas shoe gifts.*



*“Come, St. Nicholas, patron of shoppers and gift-seekers and make Christmas this year fun, creative and love-filled.”*

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12/08	<i>Connie Andrews</i>
12/09	<i>John Kasun, Sr.</i>
2/10	<i>Diana Hencherick</i>

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## *How to Keep Greed at Bay*

*Hoping to keep your kids from unmitigated greed this holiday season? You've got to get to them before Madison Avenue does. Since December marks the most profitable month for most retail stores, ads targeting children peak during this time as well. While parents want to give their children a magical Christmas morning, nothing spoils the warm feeling of parental generosity like a case of the gimmes. Each December you'll need to work harder than usual to insulate children from the pull of materialism:*

❖ *Think in terms of protection. Children do not realize they're being manipulated by commercials.*

*Make a conscious point to limit TV. Choose meaningful DVD's for kids to watch during their normal TV time.*

- ﴿ While grandparents, aunts and uncles may call with requests for present ideas for the kids, encourage children to think about what they can make for their relatives. Provide them with the craft kits or materials to make simple gifts.
- ﴿ Do your shopping without the kids. The axiom of “Out of sight, out of mind” applies to the clothes, toys, and electronics that children and teens see in stores.
- ﴿ Make a service project part of your Advent. Reprinted with permission from: At Home With Our Faith, Chicago Publishing, 205 W. Madison St., Chicago, IL 60606

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## **PEACE AND OFFER**

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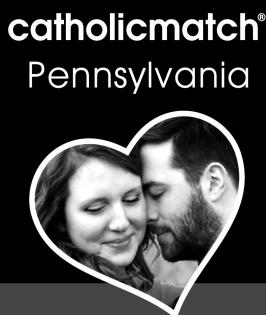


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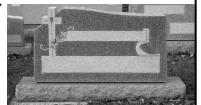
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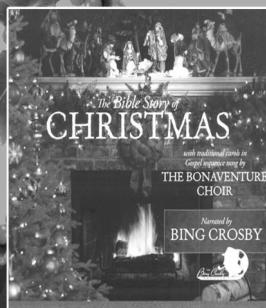
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