

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

Calendar

THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR OF GRACE, 2022

Saturday, November 27th

4:00pm Vigil Vincent Boudreaux Jr, Mary Kilroy, Ronald & Pauline Marchessault, Vetter Amadeo Taylor, and the Intentions of Joan Boudreau, of Leonard Kuckelman, and of Danny Lamy

Sunday, November 28th

8:00am Mass For all parishioners

10:30am Mass Wayne Christenberry, Daniel J. Fuselier, Joy Nalty Hodges, Helen Mullins, Deacon Paul Nalty, Joseph J. Paciera, Lottie Paciera, Mary Paciera, Toni Ann Paciera, Louise McMahon Robinson, and the Bergeron & Boudreaux Families

5:00pm Mass A Special Intention

Monday, November 29th

6:30am Mass Marilyn Rapier

Tuesday, November 30th

St Andrew, apostle

6:30am Mass Claire Pelleteri

6:00pm Mass Intentions of Sister Jerome Blank, CIC

Wednesday, December 1st

6:30am Mass Sister M. Ramona Wolcenski, OSF

6:00pm Rosary (@ Our Lady of Good Counsel)

Thursday, December 2nd

6:30am Mass Betty Marino

Friday, December 3rd

St Francis Xavier, priest

6:30am Mass The Reverend Father Joseph Doyle, SSJ

6:00pm Latin A Special Intention

Saturday, December 4th

St John Damascene, priest and doctor of the Church

10:00am Rosary (@ the Church of St Henry)

The Sanctuary Lamp in St Stephen Church will burn this week for the repose of the soul of Marilyn Rapier.

The Sanctuary Lamp in the rectory chapel will burn this week for the Intentions of the Pope.



Mass Setting

Our Mass setting is the Gregorian *Missa jubilate Deo* and is found in *The Adoramus Hymnal*, from number 103.



Banns of Matrimony

Laine Alexandra Lazar & Bryan Bennett Wager

Katie Michelle Shuff & Clay Thomas Huebinger

Allison Marie Wood & Collin Joel James

Our Family Prayer

Loving and faithful God, through the years the people of our archdiocese have appreciated the prayers and love of Our Lady of Prompt Succor in times of war, disaster, epidemic, and illness. We come to you, Father, with Mary our Mother, and ask you to help us in the battle of today against violence, murder, and racism.

We implore you to give us your wisdom that we may build a community founded on the values of Jesus, which gives respect to the life and dignity of all people.

Bless parents that they may form their children in faith. Bless and protect our youth that they may be peacemakers of our time. Give consolation to those who have lost loved ones through violence.

Hear our prayer and give us the perseverance to be a voice for life and human dignity in our community. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Mother Henriette Delille, pray for us that we may be a holy family.

Apostolates & Volunteer Groups

Lightning Apologetics



by Phillip Bellini, DRE

Altar Society

Cindy Gainsburgh, @ 899-2637

CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine)

Phillip Bellini, @ 227-3795

Center of Jesus the Lord (Charismatic)

The Center, @ 529-1636

The Good Shepherd Choir

Brian Morgan, @ 227-3793

Event Planning

Rhetory Office, @ 899-1378

Friends of Our Lady of Good Counsel

Barbara Fortisz, @ barbaraf13@aol.com

Friends of St Henry

Adrian Hagdorn, @ 891-3410

Knights of Columbus

Patrick Guisz, @ 812-6941

Life Apostolate

Kathy Fayard, @ 905-7676

Mass Volunteers

Brian Plauché, @ 289-6799

Phillip Bellini, @ 227-3793

Rhetory Volunteers

Ivy Rohr, @ 227-3792

Society of St Vincent de Paul

Laura Finnegan, @ 343-2601

SO, IT'S ADVENT? WHAT IS THAT AND WHY SHOULD I CARE? PART I

We should care because we are preparing our hearts for Christ, whose birth we will celebrate on December 25th. The most dramatic and spectacular events in the history of the world have a habit of happening at the most unlikely of places or spots off the beaten track; like Guadalupe, Lourdes and Fátima or a mount called Calvary or a stable in a cave at Bethlehem. They happen where and when they are least anticipated. Is it possible that is why Christmas itself comes to us during the darkest week of the whole year, when the sun is low in the sky, the daylight shortest, the nights longest-so that in the midst of winter gloom, Christmas glows as the perennial Feast of Light! First on a midnight hill, the Star; later, in the catacombs it is the twinkling candles of the Christ-Mass. Now we have in our modern homes the colored bulbs of the Christmas tree.

Yet we have to beware! Let us take care amidst all the gorgeous illumination of "Christmas in the city" lest we lose sight of the Light of the World, of Him who should be the only reason for and the very center of all the ornaments and decorations. The Church is still a tiny island in a great unbelieving sea. From shopping malls cluttered with shoppers we need to think back to the lonely road that climbs its crooked way to Bethlehem. While wrapping your presents let your mind go back to the Son of God that was wrapped in swaddling clothes! From decorated shop windows that advertise the latest cell phones or iPads or computers or the new 3DTV, we should in spirit peek in at a cold cave lit by a lonely lantern and stocked with only grim poverty. But look through that hole in the rock, rather than through a holly wreath and you will get the real spirit of Christmas! Please don't misunderstand, I am not saying to take down all the holiday trimmings. I just mean they should be seen as only trimmings! For what is the good of filling your stocking and your stomach if you leave a vacuum in your soul. Gifts and partying we can have on our own birthday. God's birthday is something more.

It isn't easy to find a needle in a haystack, but it should not be too hard to find an infant in a bundle of straw. But guess what? We will never find Him if we do not seek Him, or if we seldom think of Him, or if all our thoughts are focusing down the aisles of department stores or spending hours searching through Amazon and eBay and we never think of the crib. If that is the case, we miss the point! We cannot see the woods on the account of the trees, Christmas trees, that is.

Collection Report	November 14 th	July 1 st -Nov 14 th
Total Collections	\$5,739.50	\$118,750.00
Budget	<u>\$7,214.71</u>	<u>\$144,294.20</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$1,475.21	\$25,544.20
Second Collections/Miscellaneous Donations		
St Stephen Restoration Fund		\$1,430.96
Our Lady of Good Counsel Building Fund		\$30.00
Hurricane Ida Relief		\$250.00

Are you unable to attend Mass regularly for health reasons?

Do you have a family member who can no longer drive or walk to church?

Watch our parish
Mass at 4:00 pm every
Saturday on WLAE



A televised Mass does not meet the Sunday obligation for those who are able to attend.

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Reading I (Jer 33:14-16)

The days are coming, says the LORD,
when I will fulfill the promise
I made to the house of Israel and Judah.
In those days, in that time,
I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the
land.
In those days Judah shall be safe
and Jerusalem shall dwell secure;
this is what they shall call her:
“The LORD our justice.”

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14)

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Reading II (1 Thes 3:12-42)

Brothers and sisters:
May the Lord make you increase and abound
in love
for one another and for all,
just as we have for you,
so as to strengthen your hearts,
to be blameless in holiness before our God
and Father
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his
holy ones. Amen.

Finally, brothers and sisters,
we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord
Jesus that,
as you received from us
how you should conduct yourselves to please
God
and as you are conducting yourselves
you do so even more.

For you know what instructions we gave you
through the Lord Jesus.

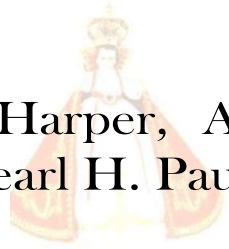
Gospel (Lk 21:25-28, 34-36)

Jesus said to his disciples:
“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and
the stars,
and on earth nations will be in dismay,
perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the
waves.
People will die of fright
in anticipation of what is coming upon the
world,
for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
And then they will see the Son of Man
coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
But when these signs begin to happen,
stand erect and raise your heads
because your redemption is at hand.

“Beware that your hearts do not become
drowsy
from carousing and drunkenness
and the anxieties of daily life,
and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.
For that day will assault everyone
who lives on the face of the earth.
Be vigilant at all times
and pray that you have the strength
to escape the tribulations that are imminent
and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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Pray for the Sick



Eric Harper, Alvin Paul
III, and Pearl H. Paul.

Pray for the Dead

Sister M. Angela
Bergeron, CIC.

News

The Monthly Food Pantry Requests for “Love Thy Neighbor” (a project of our Society of St Vincent de Paul) for November and December are canned beef-ravioli, canned spaghetti & meatballs, and canned Beefaroni.

We begin using *The Adoramus Hymnal* today. The Order of Mass is found from the first page, with Latin on the left and the vernacular on the right, as in a missal. The Mass setting is interspersed throughout, as well as found from number 103. The Sunday Readings are now found on the fourth page of the Bulletin, and Our Family Prayer is found on the second page.

The Extraordinary Form of the Mass of the Roman Rite, the “Tridentine” (Latin) Mass, will be offered again on First Friday, at St Stephen Church, December 3rd, at 6:00 pm.

We now have Flower Offering envelopes available near the entrances of the church and at the rectory. Your donations will assist in defraying the expense of flowers to adorn our altars.

