

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022

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

— Matthew 24:44

### HARMONY

Have you ever known a moment when, just for a brief instant, you felt that all was right with the world? It is just such a moment, stretched into eternity, that the writer of Isaiah describes in today's first reading: the perfection of everything, centered in God's spirit, where knowledge, justice, and awe in God's presence reign. In such a paradise, everyone sees eye to eye and thinks in harmony with each other, as Saint Paul describes in his letter to the Romans. Even animals with a natural animosity toward one another coexist peacefully. John the Baptist understood that such harmonious relationships do not simply happen. They are the fruit of living in right relationship with God and others.  
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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

**Psalm** — We will rejoice as we go up to the Lord's house (Psalm 122).

**Second Reading** — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

**Gospel** — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory      Development

Last Week's Collection	\$5,008.00	\$3,355.00
Number of Families contributing	103	85
Total Pledge for 2022	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (46 Weeks)	\$146,548.00	\$149,232.00
Received to Date	\$140,135.00	\$108,237.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$6,413.00	\$10,069.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$173.00	\$10,069.00

Nineteen ladies contributed last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$10.00	\$99,349.00

Five people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

**POOR BOX** totaled \$206.00.

**6 CHILDREN** contributed \$27.00.

**BAA** totaled \$45.00.

**GUATAMALAN MISSION** totaled \$339.50.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. He then hid himself and watched to see if anyone would move the boulder out of the way. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it.

Many people loudly blamed the King for not keeping roads clear, but none of them did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

A peasant then came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to push the stone out of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant went back to pick up his vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King explaining that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway.

*Every obstacle we come across in life gives us an opportunity to improve our circumstances, and while the lazy complain, the others are creating opportunities through their kind hearts, generosity, and willingness to get things done.*

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Apple's Mattie in loving memory of him on the 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death and in loving memory of John Keystone on the 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
2. the Family of Hughie Burke Carroll in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
3. the Wife and Family of Billy O'Hara in loving memory of him on the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of his death;
4. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to a parish member for a donation of \$4,000 dollars to the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

### DEC. 8<sup>TH</sup>: FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

is a *Holy Day of Obligation*. The Vigil Mass will be on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. and the Feast Day Mass will on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. The Society of Mary Immaculate will take care of the Feast.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** The second collection next weekend will be for the *Retirement Fund for the Religious*. Please be generous in this collection.

### CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN

*Christmas in Heaven, what do they do?  
They come down to earth to spend it with you.  
So, save them a seat, just one empty chair.  
You may not see them, but they will be there.*

**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS** It is asked that everyone donate \$10 for poinsettias. Please give your donation to Mary Rita O'Hara, Bridget Rita, or the Church Office.

**BEAUTIFUL LINES**

**"Alone I can 'SAY'  
but together we can 'TALK.'"**  
**"Alone I can 'ENJOY'  
but together we can 'CELEBRATE.'"**  
**"Alone I can 'SMILE'  
But together we can 'LAUGH.'"**  
**That's the BEAUTY of HUMAN RELATIONS.**

**THANK YOU** to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Padre Pio, St. Expedite, and St. Anne; a parish member for a donation in thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Immaculate Heart of Mary, and St. Joseph; a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Monica, St. Rita the Impossible, and our Lady of Light; and for a parish member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** A man rushed into a doctor's office, jumped on the doctor's bed, and began screaming, "One, two, three!"

"Wait a minute!" yelled the doctor, struggling to free himself. "What do you think you're doing?"

"Well, doctor," said the man, "my friends said I could count on you."

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Tuesday:** St. Nicholas  
**Wednesday:** St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day  
**Thursday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Friday:** St. Juan Diego  
**Saturday:** Our Lady of Loreto; International Human Rights Day

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Ann Sherlock on her Birthday.  
**Tuesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory; and for the repose of O'Malley on her Birthday.  
**Wednesday:** For the repose of the soul of John L. McNally on his Birthday; for the repose of the soul of Hughie Burke Carroll on his Birthday; and for the repose of the soul of Fast Eddie Carroll on his Birthday.  
**Thursday:** For Jax on his 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday; for Jim Landon on his 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday; and for Rylie and Hyness on their 13<sup>th</sup> Birthday; and for the repose of the soul of Rosemary Johnson on her Birthday.  
**Friday:** For Bibbie's Catherine Ann on her Birthday.

**HANDS AND HEARTS**

*Lord, I need daily reminders  
 To help me keep on the right track  
 And guide me around the pitfalls  
 That lay hidden along my path.*

*Though serving others in Your Name  
 Is what I surely need to do,  
 My very first priority  
 Should always be to worship You.*

*So, please remind me each day, Lord,  
 While I am busy serving You,  
 That more precious than my hands' work  
 Is my heart's devotion to You!*

**READERS**

**Sat. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Julie Ann & Macy  
**Sat. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 P.M.** Dominique & Dayna  
**Sun. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Taniel & Lauren Ashley  
**Sat. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Cathy Lisa & Reed  
**Sat. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.** Leah & Dayna  
**Sun. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Taniel & Lauren Ashley

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

**Monday** - Christina Apple  
**Tuesday** - Macy  
**Wednesday** - Josie  
**Thursday** - Natalie  
**Friday** - Dayna

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS**

**Monday** - Theresa Hun  
**Tuesday** - Jack's Mary Rita  
**Wednesday** - Julie Ann  
**Thursday** - Betty Jo  
**Friday** - Rosie Cat

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

**Saturday 4:00 P.M.** **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Right** Winnie Ann  
**Left** Bridget Rita  
**Saturday 7:00 P.M.**  
**December** Mary Regina & Julie Ann  
**Sunday 10:00 A.M.**  
**December 4<sup>th</sup>** **December 11<sup>th</sup>**  
 Nora Ned's Rose Marie

**CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS**

- **Announcement in the church bulletin for a National PPRAYER & FASTING Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals."**
- **Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 PM in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.**
- **Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again" giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.**

~~~~~**PRAYER CORNER**~~~~~  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT PRAYER**

*Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet Your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to His company. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.  
 Amen.*