

**Funeral. THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**NOVEMBER 27, 2022**

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

**— Matthew 24:44**

**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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**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	\$2,784.00	\$1,916.00
Number of Families contributing	93	77
Total Pledge for 2022	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (45 Weeks)	\$143,522.00	\$146,148.00
Received to Date	\$136,310.00	\$104,882.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$7,212.00	\$41,266.00

**LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD**

<b>Amount given last week</b>	<b>Amount given to Date in 2022</b>
\$207.00	\$9,896.00

Sixteen ladies contributed last week.

**PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT**

<b>Amount given last week</b>	<b>Amount given to Date in 2022</b>
\$10.00	\$99,349.00

One person made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

**BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN**

<b>GOAL</b>	<b>\$165,000.00</b>
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

**POOR BOX** totaled \$116.00.

**9 CHILDREN** contributed \$64.00.

**BAA** totaled \$52.00.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

This is a story of two brothers. One was a drug addict and a drunkard who frequently beat up his family. The other one was a very successful businessman who was respected in society and had a wonderful family. Some people wanted to find out why two brothers from the same parents, brought up in the same environment, could be so different.

The first one was asked, “How come you do what you do? You are a drug addict, a drunk, and you beat your family. What motivates you?” He said, “My father.” They asked, “What about your father?” The reply was, “My father was a drug addict, a drunk and he beat his family. What do you expect me to be? That is what I am.”

They went to the brother who was doing everything right and asked him the same question. “How are you doing everything right? What is your source of motivation? And guess what he said? “My father. When I was a little boy, I used to see my dad drunk and doing all the wrong things. I made up my mind, that is not what I wanted to be.”

Both were driven by their strength and motivation from the same source, but one was using it negatively and the other positively.

*Life keeps on teaching us from different situations.*

*However it is up to us what we want to learn. The rule is simple, “GOOD MIND, GOOD FIND!”*

**FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:**

1. the Wife and Family of Cracker in loving memory of him on the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death; and the wife and family of Macho Mike in loving memory of him on the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of his death;
2. the Wife and Family of Johnny Mumbo Carroll in loving memory of him on the 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death, and the wife and family in loving memory of Macho Mike on the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of his death;
3. Pat Butts and Susan in loving memory of Johnny Mumbo Carroll on the 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
4. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** The second collection this weekend will be for the *Guatemalan Mission*. Please be generous in this collection.

**CHRISTMAS NOVENA**

*Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior, Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother.*

It is believed that whoever recites the above prayer 15 times a day from the Feast of St. Andrew (November 30) until Christmas will obtain what is asked.

**ADVENT**

**A** is for His **ARRIVAL**, we are longing for.  
**D** is for the **DAY** that He was born.  
**V** is for **VOICES** – raised to Him in praise.  
**E** is for our **ETERNAL** God and King.  
**N** is for the **NIGHT** – that turned our world into day.  
**T** is for the Holy **TRINITY**.

**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.

**THANK YOU** to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** Bob goes to see his supervisor in the front office. “Boss,” he says, “we’re doing some heavy house-cleaning at home tomorrow and my wife needs me to help with the attic and the garage, moving and hauling stuff.”

“We’re short-handed, Bob” his boss said. “You know I can’t give you the day off.”

“Thanks, boss,” Bobs said with a smile. “I knew I could count on you.”

**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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday:** Wedding  
**Tuesday:** For Townes on her 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday and the repose of the soul of Macho Mike on the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of his death.  
**Wednesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory; for the repose of Betty Hun on her Birthday and all deceased legionaries.  
**Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of Jack Dempsey on his Birthday.  
**Friday:** For the repose of the souls of Apple’s Mattie and Keysone on the Anniversaries of their deaths.

**ADVENT CANDLES**

**Four little candles sit in a ring,  
Three of them purple, one of them pink,  
Each of them has its own special meaning,  
The glow of their light has a message to bring.**

**The first is of hope for the road ahead,  
The second of faith about what has been said,  
The third tells of joy about what is to come,  
The fourth speaks of peace for everyone.**

**Four little candles sit in a ring,  
Rejoice in the Christmas message they bring.**

**READERS**

**Sat. Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Cathy Lisa & Reed  
**Sat. Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.** Carolyn & Natalie  
**Sun. Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Dominique & Lauren Ashley  
**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

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

**Monday** - Reed  
**Tuesday** - Savannah  
**Wednesday** - Lauren Ashley  
**Thursday** - Graclynn  
**Friday** - Macy

**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.** **November 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Right** Winnie Ann  
**Left** Bridget Rita  
**Saturday 7:00 J.P.M.**  
**November 26<sup>th</sup>** **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Jay Carroll Mary Regina & Julie Ann  
**Sunday 10:00 A.M.**  
**November 27<sup>th</sup>** **December 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Nora Nora

**LIFE IS FULL OF BLESSINGS**

Shakespeare once said:  
“*I cried when I had no shoes. But I stopped crying when I saw a man without legs...!*”  
**LIFE IS FULL OF BLESSINGS,**  
**sometimes we don't value it.**  
**So value what you have in life without complaint.**

**~~~~~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. Amen.*