

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

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

— Jeremiah 33:15

### WATCHFUL CONFIDENCE

We the Church enter into Advent and the new liturgical year with a call for a watchful confidence. Our readings were originally addressed to communities undergoing great loss and confusion. Jeremiah speaks confidently of God fulfilling the ancient promises to Israel, even during a time of foreign invasion. Paul speaks of God leading the Church into holiness, while the community longs for the coming of Jesus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus speaks of powerful signs and of great confusion to come, but emphasizes that we may look forward knowing that God brings not cause for despair, but hope. We celebrate Advent to remind each other of God's faithfulness. We are to be watchful, to see how God is stirring up our world. God disturbs both our pride and our complacency, and brings us healing and justice. We prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus, confident that God indeed fulfills all these divine promises.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

**Psalm** — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

**Gospel** — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,544.00	\$1,759.00
Number of Families contributing	76	61
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (41 Weeks)	\$145,167.00	\$147,793.00
Received to Date	\$143,233.00	\$114,019.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$1,934.00	\$33,774.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$148.00	\$8,970.00

Fifteen ladies made a contribution last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$10.00	\$133,975.00

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

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$69,865.00

**POOR BOX** totaled \$107.00.

14 **CHILDREN** contributed \$36.00.

**BAA** totaled \$40.00.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*The old African chief stood proudly on the trail, his body spotted with ashes and with long scars covering his torso. With an attitude of determination he pushed out his chest and said, "Chief is pretty."*

*The missionary was his friend and stood his ground just as firmly. He replied, "No, Chief is not pretty."*

*The injuries that had produced the scars had been inflicted by the chief himself to impress others with his bravery. He also considered them marks of beauty.*

*Finally the missionary produced a mirror and held it up before the chief. Seeing the ugly form of his own body in the mirror, the chief jerked it from the missionary's hand and smashed it to pieces.*

*If man would only look into God's perfect mirror, the Bible, and see himself as God sees him. But man would rather hide from the truth and trample God's Word underfoot, just as the old chief would not see himself as others saw him.*

*In Psalm 51:3 David prayed for forgiveness and cried out, "My sin is ever before me." If we will only see ourselves as David saw himself and face the truth; then there can be forgiveness for sin.*

*Do yourself a favor. Look in the Book, God's precious and perfect mirror, what do you see?*

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Wife and Family of Cracker in loving memory of him on the 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
2. the Wife and Family of Johnny Mumbo Carroll in loving memory of him on the 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death and in loving memory of Jack Dempsey Carroll on his Birthday;
3. Pat Butts and Susan in loving memory of Johnny Mumbo Carroll on the 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
4. the Family of Mary Frances Rouk in loving memory of her on her 68<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
5. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

### 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.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** The special collection next weekend will be for the *Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa*. Please be generous in this collection.

### 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 to day.

**T** is for the Holy **Trinity**.

**THANK YOU** to a parish member for their donation in thanks to St. Expedite; a parish member for their donation in thanks to St. Raphael, St. Mother Theresa and Padre Pio; and a parish member for their donation in thanks to St. Jude.

**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.

**MISSALETTES** The new Missalettes for the church will not be available until the weekend of December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

**HIGH STANDARDS**

*Success will never lower its standard to accommodate us.  
We have to raise our standard to achieve it.  
For every bird **GOD** provides **FOOD**, But not the **NEST**.*

**JOKE OF THE WEEK**

**Reporter:** And how did you win the Distinguished Service Cross?

**Private:** I saved the lives of my Entire regiment.

**Reporter:** Wonderful! And how did you do that?

**Private:** I shot the cook.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** First Sunday of Advent;
- Tuesday:** St. Andrew, Apostle
- Wednesday:** World AIDS Awareness Day
- Thursday:** St. Francis Xavier
- Friday:** St. John Damascene; First Friday
- Saturday:** First Saturday

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday:** For the repose of the souls of Edward Straightner O'Hara on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of his death and Birdie Sherlock on her Birthday.
- Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Cracker on the 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.
- Wednesday:** In thanks for Middleton on her 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
- Thursday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory.
- Friday:** For the repose of the souls of Apple's Mattie and Keystone on the Anniversary of their deaths.

**ADVENT CANDLES**

**Four little candles sit in a ring,  
Three of them purple, one of them pink,  
Each of them has it's 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. 27<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Natalie & Mary Martha
- Sat. Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.** Ritz & Savannah
- Sun. Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M** Theresa Maria & Jersey
- Sat. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Theresa Maria & Jersey
- Sat. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.** Theresa Maria & Jersey
- Sun. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M** Theresa Maria & Jersey

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

- Monday** - Reed
- Tuesday** - Julie Ann
- Wednesday** - Cathy Lisa
- Thursday** - Ciara
- Friday** - Gracelyn

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

- Monday** - Bridget Anna
- Tuesday** - Nora
- Wednesday** - Catherine Ann
- Thursday** - Mary Cat
- Friday** - Rosie Cat

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

- Saturday 4:00 P.M.** **November 27<sup>th</sup>**
  - Front Winnie Ann
  - Right Cathy Pole
  - Left Catherine Ann
- Saturday 7:00 P.M.** **December 4<sup>th</sup>**
  - Right Blue
  - Left Bridgette Anna
- Sunday** **December 5<sup>th</sup>**
  - November 28<sup>th</sup>** Rose Marie
  - Mary Cat
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**WISDOM OF ST. FULTON SHEEN**

*Patience is the great remedy against becoming panicky. To be able to use reason and good judgment when everyone else goes to pieces not only saves self, but also neighbor.*

**BEST EXERCISE IS WALKING**

*Walk away from arguments that lead to anger.  
Walk away from thoughts that steal your happiness.  
The more you walk from things that destroy your soul.  
The happier your life will be.*

~~~~~**PRAYER CORNER**~~~~~

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT PRAYER**

*Grant Your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet Your Christ with righteous deeds at His coming, so that, gathered at His right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen*