

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.

— Mark 13:33

MARK'S JESUS

Mark's Gospel is the shortest and tersest of all four. The discourses of Jesus tend to be terser as well. Mark's portrayal of Jesus has none of the poetry of the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain as in Matthew or Luke, nor the extensive, reflective "I Am" discourses as in John. Mark's Jesus "cuts to the chase," we would say today. This is reflected quite well in today's passage.

It is no accident that the dialogue of Jesus at this point in the Gospel according to Mark—the concluding words about the end of the world—immediately before his passion, is riddled with exclamation points and an overall sense of urgency.

We would do well to re-tool our own way of living this Advent, for we live in a world urgently in need of hearing the message of Jesus proclaimed. It's time for us to "wake up!" and get out into the world to do it.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

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Last Week's Collection	\$4,532.00	\$3,777.00
Number of Families contributing	84	65
Total Pledge for 2020	\$167,031.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (43 Weeks)	\$146,154.00	\$147,840.00
Received to Date	\$164,318.00	\$126,665.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$18,164.00)	\$21,175.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$50.00	\$17,365.00

Seven ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$3,225.00	\$17,365.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$43,642.00

4 **CHILDREN** contributed \$14.00

BAA totaled \$260.00

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT totaled \$18.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Alfred Stone and James Walker paid the top bid of \$50 dollars for an old carved wooden trunk at an auction. They broke the lock and discovered paintings, sketches, watercolors, and engravings bearing the signature of Henry Farney, a prominent artist of yesteryear.

They were surprised and delighted to find that these paintings were valued at \$20,000, four hundred times what they had paid.

What a find! What an investment! What a profit!

Did you ever think of the investment a soul makes when one accepts Christ, the artist of all ages? His work of artistry is love, salvation, comfort, forgiveness, perfection, joy, and, as the Scripture states, "all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

The men had to break the lock to get to the treasures they had unwittingly bought. But with Christ each man has a key. Faith unlocks the treasures for each person. Have you found the real treasures in life in Christ? Or are they still hidden by your unbelief? Remember — you hold the key.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Wife and Family of Johnny Mumbo Carroll in loving memory of him on the 15th Anniversary of his death and in loving memory of Jack Dempsey Carroll on his Birthday;
2. the Wife and Family of Cracker in loving memory of him on the 33rd Anniversary of his death;
3. Pat Butts and Susan in loving memory of Johnny Mumbo Carroll on the 15th Anniversary of his death;
4. the Family of Mary Frances Rouk in loving memory of her on her 67th Birthday;
5. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

GOD BLESS THE CHILDREN

who are going to receive Confirmation this Friday, December 4th. Mass will be at 7:00 P.M.

The children who have been prepared are:

<i>Gianna Carroll</i>	<i>Drake Riley</i>
<i>Jayden Carroll</i>	<i>Escada Riley</i>
<i>Monroe Carroll</i>	<i>Gwen Riley</i>
<i>Tommy Dempsey</i>	<i>Hudson Riley</i>
<i>Velvet Carroll</i>	<i>Jagger Riley</i>
<i>Charisma Gorman</i>	<i>Katsyn Riley</i>
<i>Dior Gorman</i>	<i>Maddox Riley</i>
<i>Dynasty Gorman</i>	<i>Porsche Riley</i>
<i>Ethan Gorman</i>	<i>Sadie Riley</i>
<i>Princeton Gorman</i>	<i>Gracelynn Sherlock</i>
<i>Melania McNally</i>	<i>John Gavin Sherlock</i>
<i>Stetson McNally</i>	<i>Joseph Kingston Sherlock</i>
<i>Holden Mulholland</i>	<i>Kane Sherlock</i>
<i>Bliss O'Hara</i>	<i>Lawson Sherlock</i>
<i>Shalize O'Hara</i>	<i>Luxe Sherlock</i>
<i>Thomas Trent O'Hara</i>	<i>Michael Thomas Sherlock</i>
<i>Brock Riley</i>	<i>Pete Hi Sherlock</i>
<i>Brooklyn Riley</i>	<i>Vegas Sherlock</i>
<i>Dallas Riley</i>	<i>Windsor Sherlock</i>

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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The Church Office will be closed this Thursday, December 3rd and will reopen Monday, December 7th.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite, St. Joseph and St. Padre Pio for the needy; and to two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

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.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A dictator was in his office alone when his bodyguards heard a loud explosion inside his office. Rushing in, they saw him on the floor, face bloodied, and they asked, "What happened, Mr. Chairman?"

"A letter bomb," whispered the dictator.

"But a letter bomb would have wounded your hands, not your mouth," replied one of his experienced men.

"But I was sealing it," explained the dictator.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: In honor of the Infant Jesus for the sick and Holy Souls.
Tuesday: In honor of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Family and all Saints.
Wednesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus for the sick and Holy Souls.
Thursday: For the repose of the souls of Apple's Mattie and Keystone on the Anniversary of their deaths and for a special intention.
Friday: Confirmation.

COME WITH ME

***Come with me, we'll roam the fields,
In the bright, warm Summer sun,
And chase the laughing seagulls
On the beach there as we run.
Please come with me,
And we'll climb the rocky, mountain so high,
Then try to count the diamond stars,
Sparkling in the midnight sky.
Our great God has made this world;
What beautiful sights to see!
I long so much to share them...
My dear, will you come with me?***

READERS

Sat. Nov. 28th, 4:00 P.M. Ritz & Savannah
Sun. Nov. 29th, 10:00 A.M. Rose Marie & Jimmy Joseph
Sat. Dec. 5th, 4:00 P.M. Natalie & Christina
Sun. Dec. 6th, 10:00 A.M. Bridgette Anna & Rose Marie

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Taneil
Tuesday - Fallon
Wednesday - Cathy Lisa
Thursday - Dayna
Friday - Christina

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday - Cathy Pole
Tuesday - Kim Gallon
Wednesday - Rosie Cat
Thursday - Mary Cat
Friday - Rose Marie

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **November 28th**
Front Mary Margaret
Right Cathy Pole
Left Kim Gallon
Sunday 10:00 A.M.
November 29th **December 6th**
Rose Marie Rose Marie
Mary Cat Mary Cat

ARE THESE INTERESTING?

- ❖ *A sign under a mounted fish: 'If I had kept my mouth shut, I wouldn't be here.'*
- ❖ *Frequent naps prevent old age, especially if taken while driving.*
- ❖ *Snowmen fall from heaven unassembled.*

GOD IS GRACIOUS

***God didn't promise days without pain,
Laughter without sorrow, sun without rain.
But He did promise strength for the day,
Comfort for the tears, and light for the way.***

The only ONE

- **ONE SMILE** can start a friendship.
- **ONE WORD** can end a fight.
- **ONE LOOK** can save a relationship.
- **ONE PERSON** can save your life.

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

PRAYER FOR PEACE OF MIND

O holy St. Anthony, your deep faith in Jesus Christ comforted your heart, especially during times of trial and distress. Help me grow in faith, so I may experience peace of mind and heart in my present need. (Here mention.) Free me from undue anxiety, needless worry, and burdensome fears. Grant me sure confidence, unflinching trust in God's loving mercy and daily serenity. Amen.