



ADVENT COMES
TO PREPARE
OUR HEARTS



AND HOMES...

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

November 28, 2021

1st Sunday of Advent

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.

LIVE THE LITURGY— INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Any human success requires vigilance. Opportunities and powerful moments of encounter can easily be missed when we are not attentive. It is all too easy today to live distracted and preoccupied lives. There is so much vying for our attention that it can be hard to be selective and really focus. Caught up in this whirlwind of busyness and anxiety, we become tired and almost sleepwalk through life. Advent is a time to selectively focus. These beautiful four short weeks are a time to look backward and forward and be attentive to the human journey and God's revelation. From the beginning of time, God has been seeking our attention. He constantly reminds us of the justice he desires to bring and the promise of his abiding unconditional love. Understanding and growing in these truths requires alertness so that we can be strengthened in our faith and prepared for whatever will come.

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

Answer:

The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana.

The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers.

Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C.

These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these "epiphany" moments in your life.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY
MOMENTS

Preparing the Manger

Where do you fall in the “Christmas-songs-in-November” debate — do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There’s no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it’s not everyone’s cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season — the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way — that you forget to prepare the manger.

Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It’s hard to miss that point — Lent doesn’t even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.

It’s harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God — and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season — “advent” — encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, “so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap.”

So let us not forget — our master’s advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves: how can we prepare the manger?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**Dear Santa,
Please remember that I'm the Good One!
Love Gracie**

**PS: Annie's not bad just an annoying,
younger sister, But I'm sure you've
heard that before.**

Love, Gracie

**Advent is a time of preparing and a
time of waiting. Christ has come
once and for all. We are not
awaiting His birth but celebrating
the reality of His eternal Presence
among us.**

**We prepare our hearts and homes—
we await His whisper in our
hearts—the word that uplifts us and
helps us to see the beauty and
wonder of the season that
celebrates His birth!**

**We celebrate the timeless event that
happened over 2000 years ago and
happens over & over in Eucharist!**

APPROVED

As of Monday, November 15, the Diocese has fully approved our Building Project. We have provided all the necessary financial information and has satisfied the requirements set by the Diocese. The formal signature of the Bishop will happen soon as he is in Baltimore for the Bishop's Conference: That is simply a formality.

A great deal of time and effort, dedication and hard work has gone into the project and we can now look for actual progress to begin. The building project includes new parking spaces, a containment field, and other preparatory matters. Look for 'things' to finally begin happening.

Thank you is in order for the extreme patience you have had with us as we pursue this very necessary addition to our property. Thank you for continuing to support us in so many ways to make this happen.

I have mentioned before that this was not a project I wanted to ever take on but the need for space, a building, meeting places has been evidenced and obvious for a few years now.

I am so grateful to Jeanette Webster, our CPA who has been instrumental in this entire project. Without her expertise and knowledge I would not have known what to do. I am grateful to Ed Pfahl for his assistance throughout this planning process. He has been an invaluable asset and a wealth of information. Thank you to the patient Staff and to all who have assisted us in any way as we worked for this final approval!

God bless the work of our hands and the good intentions of our hearts. All for the glory and honor of the Savior, the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Respectfully yours, Fr. Krizner

This bulletin was sent to the printer on November 14th! The Bulletin Company, LPI, celebrates the holidays just as we do. Therefore, we have to have two bulletins before their actual weekend. Therefore, there may not be up to date news . Thanks for understanding.



A CHRISTMAS CONCERT with MUSIC MINISTRY!

**Thursday, December 16th at
7 pm.**

Bring a friend or a neighbor who might need a bit of Christmas Spirit! Hot Chocolate and cookies following the concert in the Atrium.

Free.



Come Lord Jesus, come into my heart. Love me, grace me, shed your mercy upon me. Fill my heart with Your peace, renew my desire to Know You, to Love You, to Serve You in my serving my brothers and sisters.

Come Lord Jesus, God eternal, humble in a manger, glorious on the Cross, Victorious from the Tomb.

Come Lord Jesus. You are my life, my hope, my joy! Come and fill my heart with Christmas Peace!

*Prepare your hearts and your
home!*



WEDNESDAY	December 1 - Advent Weekday 11:00 AM +Ronald Kupiec (A)
FRIDAY	December 3 - <i>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</i> 11:00 AM +Joseph & +Nancy Michaud (K)
SATURDAY	December 4 - <i>St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor</i> 4:00 PM +Earl & +Marie Krueger (K)
SUNDAY	December 5 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 AM +Joseph Sedlak (A) 10:00 AM +John(Jack) Riendeau (K) 11:45 AM Intentions of Maria Klym (K)



Our friends and relatives who are ill. May God grant them Healing and strength.

These are remembered by Perpetual Help Prayer
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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of November 28, 2021

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Observances for the week of November 28, 2021

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent
Monday:
Tuesday: St. Andrew, Apostle
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Saturday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

SAINT OF THE WEEK**St. John Damascene | Feast Day December 4**

St. John Damascene (676 -749) was the son of the chief of the revenue department in the city of Damascus. Through his father, he received a classical and theological education and attempted to follow in his footsteps by serving in a government position. However, the Lord was calling him to a different life, and a few years later he resigned from his position and went to the Monastery of St. Sabas, where he wrote books and composed hymns along with his adopted brother, Cosmas. St. John Damascene is best known for his writings against the iconoclasts, who opposed the veneration of images; his treatise, *Exposition of the Orthodox Faith*, a summary of the Greek Fathers; and his work as a poet, one of the two greatest of the Eastern Church. His devotion to the Blessed Mother and his sermons on her feasts are well known.

The next Sanctuary Candle will be lit for

A Special Intention



We prepare our hearts and homes....



THANK YOU to all who joined us for Thanksgiving Eve Mass. Thank you for the food donations you offered.

In all things we give
THANKS!

**RUMMAGE
SALE**



Don't throw it out. Save it for the
JANUARY RUMMAGE SALE!
Watch the bulletin for all the details!

Daughters of St. Colette

Remember to pay your
\$5 dues by Dec. 1st



*"Come as a stranger,
leave as a friend."*



**Christmas
"In the Islands"
Luncheon**



Wed., December 15th

Parish Hall - after the 11 am Mass

This free lunch is for Honorary Members and those who have paid dues for 2022

Entertainment by
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Menu: Baked Ham, Stuffed Cabbage,
Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans,
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Traditional Christmas Cake for Dessert



RESERVATIONS required by DEC. 5th

Call Lillian at 216-534-1948 for reservations

Note: There is no monthly meeting in December

**ST. COLETTE'S
HOLY NAME
SOCIETY**



TUESDAY, Dec. 7th — 7:00 pm
HNS BOARD MEETING



THURSDAY, DEC. 9th - 7:00 pm

Everyone in the Parish is
invited to join HNS for
VESPERS & BENEDICTION
led by Deacon Tom

Following Vespers, an abbreviated
HNS GENERAL MEETING, Church Hall
followed by Dinner

Members are invited to bring a guest for
Vespers and **HNS Festive Christmas Dinner**



Come and join the **Brothers in Faith**
Join us and **give thanks** for God's
goodness

Every Saturday...8am...in the
Atrium

Bring a rosary.....don't forget a
friend!!



Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and
voices.....



We create prayer shawls to wrap those who find
themselves in need of love and prayers. If you or
someone you know would benefit from a shawl, they
are available in the Parish Office.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and
God of all comfort." 2 Corinthians 1:3

A warm Welcome to our Parish!

Happy to have you with us

New Prayer Ministry for Moms!
 “Monday Mornings with Mary.” a prayer ministry for Moms and their family intentions takes place the first Monday of each Month at 10am. Our next prayer session is Monday December 6th. Bring yourselves, your intentions, and (if you have little ones) your kids (complete with toys, binkies and snacks), and join us for this informal prayer time. As an extension of this ministry, you will find a mom intention book in the Mary Chapel called “Monica’s Book”. All moms of the parish are invited to write their intentions as they will be remembered at our sessions each month. Stay-at-home, working, young, old, mom of one or of many... know that you are supported in prayer by our parish family. Join us if you can!

Knights of Columbus - Brunswick Council 4847 and Fr. Ragan Council 3269 (Avon/Avon Lake)



March for Life
Washington

Bus trip to the **2022 March for Life** will leave from St. Ambrose Parish on Thursday night Jan. 20th, arrive in Washington, DC, Friday Jan. 21st. Before participating in the **Rally and March for Life**, we will attend the **Vigil for Life Closing Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**. We will return Friday around midnight. Box lunch included.

All seats \$50/person. Contact **Marty Shaw** for more information or to reserve your seat at (216) 533-7737 or mshaw603@gmail.com You may also book online at KofC4847.org. Look for the March for Life banner.



Please pray for those serving in the Military



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GySgt. John Burrell	1LT Mark Oswald Army
E5/2nd Class Jacob Camper USN	1LT Gwen Oswald Army Nat. Guard
S/A-Dept/State Bradley Carlson	Corp. Daniel Peterra
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Please email updates to kplumb@stcoletteparish.com



Dear Santa,
If you can't find me on Christmas I will be under the guest room bed. I hide there whenever I have done something bad and I'll probably be there on Christmas! Love,
ANNIE

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:00-10:00- and 11:45
Wednesday & Friday: 11:00am
Holy Day Vigil: 7:00pm
Holy Day: NOON and 7:00pm

SACRAMENTS

Baptism - following 11:45 Mass on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. Arrangements must be made in advance through the Parish Office. Baptism Class required for first child.
Matrimony –Congratulations! Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance with the priest.
Sacrament of the Sick - contact the Office for home visitations and Eucharist.
Reconciliation - Saturday 3:00-3:30pm

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT THANK YOU!!!

Sunday, November 14, 2021\$11,104.00
 Capital Improvement Fund.....\$2,825.12
 Children's\$11.00
 Project Endeavor..... \$2,146.12
We sincerely & always appreciate your kindness & generosity!

To help start and build an endowment fund, please remember St. Colette in your will. We also have a Memorial Scholarship /Education Fund.

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