



December 1, 2019 First Sunday of Advent

During the Advent Season, we tend to think about preparing for the coming of Christ at Christmas,

recalling that important event in salvation history when “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” (Jn 1:14) But the Church also invites us to look toward His second coming at the end of time. And between those two comings is the fact that He comes to us each day our lives, desiring to make His home within us and to guide us with His grace.

The obvious place where we find material for reflecting on these three comings is to be found in the readings of the liturgy. To be sure, the Sunday readings are of great significance, but so are the readings provided for daily Mass. Let me suggest another set of texts that is often overlooked, texts which beautifully adorn the scriptural masterpiece provided for us to help us during this season. Those texts are the Entrance Antiphons (formerly known as the Introit of the Mass). We use these for daily Mass, but the Opening Hymn usually takes their place on Sundays.

The Entrance Antiphon is given to the faithful to “introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical time or festivity.” In other words, it provides a sort of summary for us as we enter into the sacred celebration that is to follow. Because this treasure is so little known, I would like to reflect briefly on the four Entrance Antiphons for the Sundays of Advent. With most of my space already taken up with this introduction, let me jump right in with the Entrance Antiphon for this Sunday. It reads:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame. (Ps 25:1-3)

Due to limited space, let me just comment on the final phrase. We hear the Church inviting us to have hope for the future, and by doing so, we will not be put to shame. Another translation for not being put to shame is not being disappointed. As we look over the past year, it is quite likely we have some disappointments, hoping some, if not many, things would have gone better. With this new (liturgical) year upon us, we ask to be renewed in our hope, that this year will be better. Even more so, we pray that our hope for what awaits us one day in Heaven will grow. When our hopes, here on

earth or in Heaven, are fixed on Him, we can be assured that we will not be disappointed.

As we did last Advent and for the past two Lenten, the parish has setup the ability for you to receive some regular, short Advent reflections via e-mail or text. If you have been signed up for our Lenten messages in the past, then you are already signed up. If you are unsure, you can just text the word **STJUDEADVENT** to **84576** to be included.

- Fr. Alford

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, Dec. 7th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Egizio, White, Deacon Roth
Lectors: Auxier, Day
Servers: Delgado, Western, Zack
Hospitality: Foster, Rendok, M & C Zucco

Sunday, Dec. 8th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, J & N Calvert, Nelson
Lectors: Blumhorst, Dowding
Servers: Brown, P & H Zeidler
Hospitality: Eichholz Family

Sunday, Dec. 8th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Kerley, V Walker, Deacon Walker
Lectors: Kohlrus, Kuntzman
Servers: Kerley, Martyn, E Schudel
Minister of Care: J & N Calvert
Hospitality: S & D Decker, A & V Powell
CLOW: Martyn Family

Volunteers for this week: Dec. 2-Dec. 8:

Church Duster: Donna Spurlock
Dec. Recycling Volunteer: Jeannette Waters
Dec. Food Volunteer: David Waters Family
Coffee & Donuts – Sunday, Dec. 8th:
Don & Roberta Vanover

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Dec. 1st – Dec. 8th:

Sunday:	IS 2:1-5	ROM 13:11-14
		MT 24:37-44
Monday:	IS 4:2-6	MT 8:5-11
Tuesday:	IS 11:1-10	LK 10:21-24
Wednesday:	IS 25:6-10A	MT 15:29-37
Thursday:	IS 26:1-6	MT 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	IS 29:17-24	MT 9:27-31
Saturday:	IS 30:19-21, 23-26	MT 9:35-10:1, 5A, 6-8
Sunday:	IS 11:1-10	ROM 15:4-9
		MT 3:1-12

Anointing of the Sick

If you are going to the hospital for surgery or have a serious illness, receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Please call the parish office to receive the Sacrament, administered privately or during daily Mass. Call Barb Scoggins at 217-498-9197 to have a family member placed on the prayer list.

Prayer List:

Steven Long, parishioner
Gary Dumonceaux, parishioner
Jillian Kohlrus, parishioner
Shirley Crawford, parishioner
Rene Runions, parishioner
Ray Roland, parishioner
Lynn F. Leach, parishioner
JoAnn Camille, parishioner
Betty Rowden, parishioner
JoAnn Barber, parishioner
Glen Butcher, parishioner
Michael Fagg, son-in-law of Sue & Leroy Bozarth
Yvonne Butcher, mother of Barrie Blough
Katherine Torricelli, mother of Jeff Torricelli
Aloysious Staff, brother of Sylvia Thull
Ken Cardoni, cousin of Frances Tomashavich
Mark Rentschler, son of Ginger Rentschler
John Rentschler, son of Ginger Rentschler
Glen Limper, son of Al & Betty Limper
Hope Power, daughter of Yvonne Brandis
Donna Meyers, mother of Kellie Brewer
Julie Sinkus, daughter of Barb Sinkus
Jim Felts, husband of Dianne Felts
Jerry McCormick, brother of Tom Walker
Margie Lammert, mother of Sarah Clare
Steven Butts, brother of Michelle Bullock
Reba Cloyd, mother of Anita Schwab
Jennifer Harbeck, cousin of Brad Zack
Joanna Laabs, wife of Deacon Al Laabs
John Vercautern, cousin of Laurie White
Bob Etherton, friend of Mary Bruno
Cherie Peterson, niece of Peggy Parnell
Mike Geist, brother-in-law of Ray & Sue Roth
David Brogdon, friend of Don & Roberta Vanover
Judy Conway, friend of Maggie Patterson
Carolyn Carmichael, mother of Leanne Collings
Stephanie Zimmerman, friend of Sarah Clare
Button Pemberton, friend of Guerrettaz Family



St. Jude Parish Weekly Confession Times

Monday – 5:00-5:20 p.m.

Saturday – 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Sunday – 7:30-7:50 a.m. & 9:45-10:15 a.m.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is for someone who is deceased.

Saturday, November 30th

Confessions

Mass (Int: Mary Ann & Raymond Ruppel†)

Sunday, December 1st

Confessions

Mass (Int: Catholic War Veterans†)

Wyndcrest: Roth

Confessions

Choir Rehearsal

Rosary

Mass (Int: For the Parish)

Monday, December 2nd

Counting Team #1

Confessions

Mass(Int: Nikki Guerrettaz)

Pastoral Council meeting

Tuesday, December 3rd

Morning Prayer

Mass (Int: Jonah & Sophia Guerrettaz)

Scriptural Rosary

RCIA

Wednesday, December 4th

Morning Prayer

Mass (Int: Drew Schimmele)

Scriptural Rosary

PSR

Youth Group

Thursday, December 5th

Morning Prayer

Mass(Int: Limper/Engeling Families)

Scriptural Rosary

Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 6th

Morning Prayer

Mass (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)

Rosary & First Friday Devotions

Saturday, December 7th

Confessions

Mass (Int: Button Pemberton)

9:30 a-4:15 p **Eucharistic Adoration**

Sew-n-sews

Confessions

Mass (Int: Kathy Smith†)

Sunday, December 1st

Confessions

Mass (Int: For the Parish)

Wyndcrest: J & N Calvert

Confessions

Choir Rehearsal

Rosary

Mass (Int: Muriel Gatschenberger†)

3:30 p

4:30 p

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9:30 a-4:15 p

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3:30 p

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**Parish Sacrificial Giving
Fiscal Year 7/1/2019-6/30/2020**

	Last Week	Year-To-Date
Collections (101)	\$ 6,562.00	\$ 113,074.63
Electronic Funds (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 21,030.50
Bldg. Dev. Fund (6)	\$ 423.00	\$ 5,916.00
EFT-Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,165.00
Poor Fund	\$ 56.00	\$ 1,095.92
Children's Offering (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 10.60
Justice & Hope (40)	\$ 1,249.00	\$ 1,329.00
EFT-Justice & Hope (8)	\$ 102.00	\$ 102.00
Christmas Flowers (20)	\$ 302.00	\$ 723.00
Calvary Cemetery (2)	\$ 25.00	\$ 646.00
All Saints (1)	\$ 2.00	\$ 1,895.00
All Souls (2)	\$ 7.00	\$ 524.00
Children's Home (3)	\$ 115.00	\$ 115.00
Christmas Offering (2)	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Immac. Conception (1)	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Retired Religious (2)	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Solemnity of Mary (2)	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Arch/Military Service (1)	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00



Breadline Sunday – Thanks to your generosity, we sent \$753.00 to the St. John's Breadline. Your donations help the Breadline continue to provide nutritious meals for those who are less fortunate.



CHRISTMAS FRIENDS

Kellie Brewer and I would like to extend a HUGE "Thank You" to all who have helped in any way in years past with the Christmas Friends Program. This program has been a success due to the dedicated volunteers who step forward to help. The gifts that you purchase for your adopted individual can be dropped off in the Parish Center after the Masses or during office hours. If you are interested in helping with the sorting and delivery process, please contact Deacon Tom at twalker@stjude.dio.org with your name, phone number and email address. **Remember you must be in compliance with the Protecting God's Children Program to volunteer with the Christmas Friends Program.**

The schedule for the Christmas Program is:

- Dec. 7 & 8 – Gift drop-off week #2
- Dec 13 – 7:30 a.m. – Volunteers meet at St. Jude Parish Center to pack trailer and vehicles.
- 8:00 a.m. – St. Patrick's School gift delivery
- 9:30 – Aperion Care Center gift delivery

- Deacon Tom Walker

Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events

- Dec. 2 – 7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Council Meeting
- Dec. 3, 10, 17 – 7:00 p.m. – RCIA
- Dec. 4, 11, 18 – 6:30 p.m. – PSR
- Dec. 4, 18 – 7:00 p.m. – Youth Group
- Dec. 5, 12, 19 – 7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal
- Dec. 7 – Noon – Sew-n-sews Christmas Potluck
- Dec. 11 – 1:00 p.m. – Bunco Christmas Potluck
- Dec. 15 – 6-7:30 p.m. – Advent Reflections

→PSR NEWS←

The PSR classes will continue their Annual Monthly Food Drive to benefit the Food Pantry. The December food item is Chili. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

**BUTTERBRAIDS, Cookie Dough,
and Pizzas for Thanksgiving/Christmas**

Thank you for supporting the 2020 Youth Mission Trip Group Butterbraid Sale. If you ordered after Mass, you can pick up your items after the masses the weekend of November 23/24, or during office hours during the week. **Please make checks payable to St. Jude Church.** Thank you.

**Patricia Kornfeld
Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator
217-321-1155**

Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope

Last weekend was the annual collection for the Campaign for Justice and Hope. Donations make it possible to provide hope and assistance of food, clothing, housing, education and medication to local people living in poverty. A check for \$1,431.00 was sent to the Diocese.

Give in Thanksgiving. Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for the aging members. Please give generously.



The Fishes and Loaves Ministry are preparing 80 Goody Bags and treats for the homeless at the Winter Warming Center, which will be delivered on Monday, December 2nd. If you would like to donate items for the goody bags, we need socks, hand and feet warmers, gloves, hats, scarves, and treats (granola bars, chips, Gatorade, water, hot cocoa pkts, cookies, etc.).

If you have clean adult winter coats, blankets, and thermal undergarments they would be appreciated as well. Donations can be placed in the Red Homeless Outreach Boxes in the back of the church or in the Parish Center.

Please get your children involved with this HOMELESS MINISTRY, they learn by example. FAITH IN ACTION! Thank you for your help!

Please contact Jeannette Waters at 652-4039 or 529-7280 with any questions. Thanks for helping the less fortunate this holiday season.

December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Miranda Ernst Glenna Kulek Scott & Meghan Melton	2 Steven Decker Molly Knoepfle Charles Kuntzman III Raymond Roth Laurie White Russ & Jan Militello Frank & Linsay Stefano	3 Alexandria Judy Gregory Long Bob McDermott Jerry & Helena Lafferty	4 Barbara Hettes Elizabeth Livengood Del Reeves	5 David Potter	6 Brenda Jeffers	7
8 C. Brent Callahan Ryan Fitzsimmons Andrew Gladson Lance Megginson Gina Siddens Donald Vanover Jim Woosley	9 Lindsay Alewelt Diane Arthur John Hogan Carla Houser	10 John Conlon Jared Cullen Megan Eairheart Lincoln Schudel	11 Dawson Gladson Ruth Ann Helling Lane Megginson James & Rita Owens	12 Alanna Gillespie Jonah Guerrettaz Jeffrey & Melissa Gass	13 Jarod Altadonna Dan Connolly Holly Weitekamp Jude Wetherell	14 Debra Decker Anthony Livengood William Livengood Karter Reiss Ginger Rentschler Edna Saputo Emily Tweedt
15 JP Kain Christina Marx Grace Winkler	16 Garrett Harney Shannon Harrison Jessica Ingold Charles & Dorothy Beeman David & Dawn Bruno	17 James Cray Makenzie Dowding Gary Leach Hannah Matrisch Carmel Settles	18 David Lindstrom Courtney Ostrowski Josh & Marie Bales Ronald & Karen Wojcicki	19	20 Lauren Dambacher Karen Ramsey Kathleen Staley	21 Isabel Long Bridgett Rayhill Donald Rayhill Eric & Anne Judy Richard & Judy Sprinkel
22 Fiona Ostrowski Yolanda Stout	23 Jordan Cornett	24 Sue Martyn Nick Rollins	25 Viada Keen	26 David Lacy Dan Thompson Jerry & Mary Jo Jasinski	27 Josh Bales Denise Garceau Joseph Streder John & Mary Fox	28 Ryan Amerson Ayden Doehring Joe & Carrie Ross
29 Lori Bartolozzi	30 Steven Brown	31 Leo Crawford Wendy Follin Charles & Deona Kuntzman III				

Advent Evening of Prayer – Please mark your calendars to join us on **Sunday, December 15 at 6:00 pm** in the church here at St. Jude for an evening of prayer as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, readings from the Scriptures, a brief meditation, hymns, and silence. We will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Babysitting will be available, and we will have a cookie reception in the Parish Center following the prayer service.