

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 11/29** (Sunday) First Sunday of Advent. Reading of the Catechism of our Church at the end of the Mass. COFFEE HOUR in the Church Hall after the Mass.
- 12/05** (Saturday) **POLISH DINNER TAKE-OUT ONLY 5-7pm.** Delicious beetroot soup (16oz.) & large tray of: Golabki (stuffed cabbage roll), mashed potatoes with butter & dill, fried Polish kielbasa with onion, Lazanki (Polish Cabbage & noodles) and dessert. \$20 per person. For St. John's parishioners: \$15 per person. **Preorders until Dec 2:** Fill the form on our website or call Fr. Adam to preorder.
- 12/06** (Sunday) Second Sunday of Advent. No Mass Intention so far!
- Bishop Paul is encouraging every parish of our diocese to have a **FOOD DRIVE from now through the end of December.** The food collected will be given in a Christmas baskets to some families in need in our area. Non-Perishable Food (and other items) can be delivered to St. John's Church every day (collection bucket at the rectory door) or on Sundays (collection bucket at Mary's side altar). Please, join us!
 - We would like to remind you about the possibility to **offer a Holy Mass in your own, particular intention!** Take one of the envelopes from the back of the Church, write down your intention and return it to Fr. Adam. **Have a blessed Sunday!**

Advent
A Season of Hope
& Expectation

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PARISH BULLETIN

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + ROBERT'S health and to make right choices in his life
(req. by his parents)

INTROIT

C: I wait with longing for the Lord, my soul waits for His word.
My soul looks for the Lord more than sentinels for daybreak.

R: Good is the Lord to one who waits for Him, to the soul that seeks Him. It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

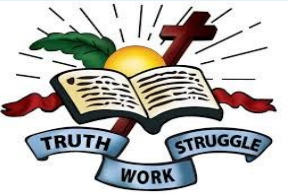
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful;

IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 80

"Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."

READING 2

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual

gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 COR 1:3-9

GOSPEL

MK 13:33-37

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Happy New Year! On this First Sunday of Advent we begin a new church year. Just as people take time to reflect on an old year that is passing away and looking forward to the upcoming year on January 1, it is important for us to do the same as we end one church year and begin another. We are reminded of beginnings and endings today. We prepare to celebrate not only the beginning of Jesus' life on earth in His birth in Bethlehem, but we anxiously look forward to the end when He will come again. May your time of preparation be sincere and filled with the joy of the Lord Jesus.

This "new" year of the church will focus on the Gospel according to Mark whenever possible. Today's Gospel comes from chapter thirteen of Mark. The chapter focuses on eschatology – literally "the study of the last time/things." The first part of the chapter speaks of the doom and destruction that will take place. The last verses of the chapter are words of hope and vigilance. Jesus urges His disciples to be watchful and ready. They are to live as if the Master will return momentarily. If they live that way they will never be caught off guard.

As I reflect on the readings today, I am reminded that the church always uses Advent to prepare for the Advent of the Lord Jesus. What most people fail to realize is that the Second Advent (Coming) of the Lord Jesus is as important as the First Advent (Coming). Jesus came and was born as a human to begin the process of salvation. It is Jesus' Second Coming at the end of time that will complete the salvific process. For the first part of Advent we are asked to reflect on our preparation for the Second (and final) Coming of Jesus. Only the last 8 days of Advent turn our attention to the First Coming of Jesus in His incarnational (in the flesh) birth.