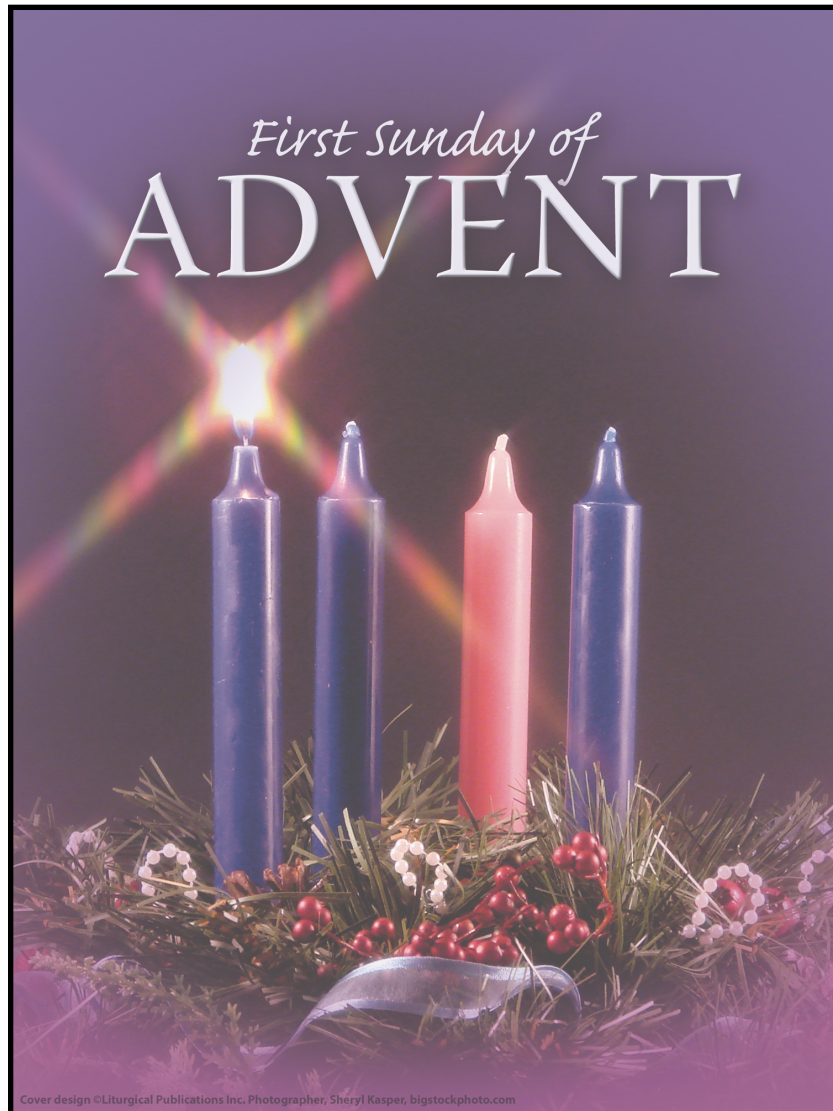


Saint Mary's Catholic Church



December 2, 2018 First Sunday of Advent

Readings: pgs. 6-8

Ordinary of the Mass: pg. 850 *Kyrie Simplex Mass I* (5pm and 8am);
pg. 887 *Kyrie Mass XVII* (11am)

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas: pg. 1000

Entrance Hymn: The Savior of the Nations, Come #12

Entrance Antiphon (@5pm and 8am): To you, I lift up my soul...(pg. 904 #1); *Ad te levavi* @11

Responsorial Psalm: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Credo: Credo III (only sung at 11am) pg. 899

Offertory Hymn: The Advent of Our King #3

Communio: The Lord will bestow her bounty... (pg. 904 #3); *Dominus dabit* @11

Communion Hymn: Of the Father's Love Begotten #19

Communion Motet (@11): Of the Father's Love Begotten-arr. Wolgemuth

Marian Antiphon: Alma Redemptoris Mater #5

Recessional Hymn: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus #2

Saturday December 1

9:00am - Franciscan Day of Renewal (FH)

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - **(Jim & Wanda LeMay+)**

Sunday December 2

First Sunday of Advent

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass - **(Linda McDermott+)**

9:00am - PSR Classes (MC)

9:00am - RCIA & Basic Catechism for adults

10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass~ **(Tom Perez+)**

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - **(St. Mary Parishioners)**

Monday December 3

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - **(Steven & Margaret Marriott)**

Tuesday December 4

St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor

10:15am - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (MC)

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - **(Hannah O'Donnell+)**

5:30 pm - Vespers (C)

6:30 pm - Choir practice (C)

6:30pm - Scouts (FH)

Wednesday December 5

10:00am - Scripture Study (MC) **Adoration after Mass today through**

11:30am - Confessions **Thursday evening at 6:00pm**

12:00pm - Mass - **(Living & deceased friends, benefactors & malefactors of Sister Teresita)**

6:30pm - Scripture Study (MC)

Thursday December 6

5:30pm - Confessions

6:00pm - Mass - **(Rev. Matthew Bartulica and all priests of this diocese)**

Friday December 7

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass~ **(David Huey+)**

Saturday December 8 **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30am - Mass **(holy day of obligation)**

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - **(Steven Swarm)**

Sunday December 9

Second Sunday of Advent

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass - **(Eunie Chan-Barchak and Family)**

9:00am - PSR Classes (MC)

9:00am - RCIA & Basic Catechism for adults

10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass~ **(St. Mary Parishioners)**

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - **(Rev Charles Jones+)**

Mass Times:

Monday - Friday @ 12:00 Noon

Saturday @ 5:00pm

Sunday @ 8:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

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Dec 1 & 2, 2018
1st Week

Altar Servers:

5:00pm - Volunteers

8:00am - T&T Spooner, W
Pappas

11:00am - A Talato, N
Smith, E & J Diamond, M
Deggendorf

Lectors:

5:00pm - T. Douglas

8:00am - M Pontalio

11:00am - E. Ball

Dec 8 & 9, 2018
2nd Week

Altar Servers:

5:00pm - Volunteers

8:00am - A Rincon, W
Pappas

11:00am - A Talato, N Smith,
E & J Diamond, M
Deggendorf

Lectors:

5:00pm - J. LeMay

8:00am - L. Gibbons

11:00am - E Holder

Readings for the week of December 2, 2018

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
[1b]/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/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: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13,
17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

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: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab,
3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

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

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PARISHIONERS and
FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Jeffery Klenklen, Joyce Klenklen, Betty
Underwood, Annie Moran, David Barrett, Mary
Pappas, Anthony Rizzi, Bob Trusty, KE Hun Ngo,
Bob DeSchepper, Roberta Vargas, Tonya Huey,
Brodie Gorbet, Michele Jordan, Pat Sicola, Jerry
Belcum, Darlene Huey, Maggie Cruz, Rob Rector,
Harold Mitchell, Beth Gibson**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEN &
WOMEN:**

SFC. Christopher Kinnaman - Wainwright, Fairbanks
AL. (Grandson of Betty Kinnaman)

Fr. CPT. Brian Klingele - Kreech AFB & Nellis AFB,
Nevada, (Nephew of Ken & Karen Klingele)

Cpl Trevor Melton - Camp Pendleton, CA (Grandson
of Marilyn Pontalio)

Rev. Joseph Reardon - Bahrain (Persian Gulf)
Command Chaplain

SSGT Christopher Wood - Cherry Point, NC
(Grandson of Jean Wilcox)

ICSN Josiah Smith - San Diego, CA. (Grandson of
Mary Smith) & **IC3 Christina Smith** - Virginia (wife of
Josiah)

CPT Eric Hoffman - US Air Force, Middle East
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The First Sunday of Advent: *A Reflection on the Antiphons of the Divine Office*

Sister Joanna Marie, L.M.

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, the liturgical season given to us by the Church to aid us in preparing our hearts and our minds for the celebration of Christ's birth. It is also a season in which we reflect on and prepare for Christ's second coming at the end of time. The vestments of the Priest change to violet (or purple) and as we teach the little ones in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium, "purple is for preparation". Violet also signifies penance and mourning, and while Advent is not supposed to be as stringent as Lent, it is a time in which we are called to increase our practice of penance, clearing away those things that clutter our hearts so that we have room for the many graces Our Lord wants to fill us with.

For us Sisters, and all those who pray the Divine Office, the daily prayers and readings given to us for Advent are all specifically chosen to help us meditate on the theme of preparation. I would like to share the antiphons (short verses chanted at the beginning and end of each psalm) for both Lauds and Vespers of the First Sunday of Advent. They are helpful keys to understanding what the Church wishes us to meditate upon during this week.

Antiphon 1: *In illa die sillábunt montes dulcédinem, et colles fluent lac et mel, alleluia.*

In that day the mountains shall drop down sweetness, and the hills shall flow with milk and honey, alleluia.

The coming (Advent) of Jesus brings us sweetness, abundance, and the fulfillment of all of God's promises. The Scriptures speak of "the promised land" as a place flowing with milk and honey. Jesus brings the promised land of Heaven to us on earth. This is especially true in the Holy Mass.

Antiphon 2: *Incundáre, filia Sion, et exsúlta satis, filia Jerúsalem, alleluia.*

Be glad, O daughter Sion, and rejoice heartily, O daughter Jerusalem, alleluia.

Daughter Sion or Jerusalem symbolizes the Church—us! We are to rejoice *heartily*!

Antiphon 3: *Ecce Dóminus véniet, et omnes Sancti eius cum eo: et erit in die illa lux magna, alleluia.*

Behold, the Lord shall come, and all His Saints with Him: and there shall be a great light in that day, alleluia.

This calls to mind the coming of Jesus at the end of time. It also refers to a favorite Advent theme—light.

Antiphon 4: *Omenes sitiéntes, veníte ad aquas: quaérite Dóminum, dum inveniri potest, alleluia.*

All you who thirst, come to the waters; seek the Lord while He may be found, alleluia.

Jesus is the one who satisfies all our desires. He is drawing near and we must seek Him while there is still time! There is a sense of quiet urgency to this antiphon.

Antiphon 5: *Ecce véniet Prophéta magnus, et ipse renovábit Jerúsalem, alleluia.*

Behold, the great Prophet shall come, and He will renew Jerusalem, alleluia.

Jesus is Priest, Prophet and King. He is the fulfillment of all the prophecies of the Old Testament and He will renew Jerusalem, the Church.

I would invite you to make use of these antiphons for prayerful reflection this week. Making a bit of extra time and space for silence and prayer is an excellent practice for Advent. Maybe you could select an antiphon in the morning, and make that your ongoing prayer throughout the day. Try slowly reading the text a few times and see what stands out. What images or sentiments does it stir up in your imagination? Rest with those for a little while. Talk to Our Lord about them. What does He want to say to you through these sacred words? How is He working to prepare your Heart for His coming? Finally, simply rest with Him in silence—listening. Like Mary, carrying Him in her womb, allow yourself to be still and marvel at the mystery of His coming. He is coming soon!



Join us on Wednesday,
December 12th, the
Feast of Our Lady of
Guadalupe.

Mass will be celebrated
at 6:00pm. (There will
Not be a noon Mass on
Dec 12th)

Dinner will follow in
Fitzgerald Hall.

A Free Will Offering will be accepted
and we ask those attending to donate a
dessert.

Catholic Women's Conference

If you are interested in attending this event,
we will offer a car pool to St Andrew's
Church. We will meet at the Ministry Center
at **6:45am**. We have confirmed coffee will be
served but not sure at this time of any other
refreshments.

This event is scheduled for **Saturday,
December 8th from 8:00am-Noon**. Cost is
\$20.00 per person for early registration/
\$25.00 at the door but seating is limited. We
encourage you to register early or if you would
like, please contact either Mary Stoner or
myself and we will register those interested in
a group registration. Registration fee must be
paid prior to registration.

**Deadline to contact Mary or Cathy is
Thursday, November 29th.** Mary Stoner:
mstoner2005@comcast.net. **Reminder:** Sr
Regina will be speaking at this

Here We Come A-Caroling:

St. Mary's Christmas Caroling Party

Saturday, December 22 at 6:00 pm

Outdoor caroling by candlelight, hot wassail and
cocoa, dinner and dessert to follow. Free and
open to all.

Coffee, Tea, and Donuts

Sunday, December 9 after 11:00 am Mass

Join fellow parishioners after Mass for coffee,
tea, and donuts as well as Christmas shopping
from the parish Book Shop. The Book Shop will
remain open throughout the coffee and tea and
will be offering a 15 percent discount on all
merchandise on this day only.

FEATURED CD OF THE MONTH

Advent: Rethinking the Season: Advent is an odd
season. Unlike most other seasons, it's a season that
isn't about itself, but is instead about preparing for
Christmas. But that reality often gets lost in the
shuffle and stress of trying to find all the right gifts,
decorations, and dinner ingredients. In this talk, Dr
Tim Gray uses storytelling and the readings of the Old
Testament to explain that we need to live the 'pre-
season' of Advent well, so we can be prepared to
welcome and receive the greatest gift God the Father
wants to give us at Christmas: His Son, Jesus.

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***Nut Sales.....**Last week to place nut orders.
Orders must be received by **Monday,
December 3rd**. Order forms can be found
at Church entrances.

The River City Players will present the Twentieth Anniversary of "VINNIE THE CHRISTMAS KITTEN"
play on Saturday, December 8th, 2018. Curtain times for the show are 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Admission to the production is FREE. Suitable for all children with a running time of 30 minutes. It will
be held in the Trails Regional Library Basement. The Library is located at 1008 Main Street in
Lexington. **The play is an original script written by St. Mary's parishioner, Sharon Propst
and made its original debut on December 5th, 1998 at the Library.** Note: In case of weather
concerns on the day of the show, please call the Library at (660) 259-3071 to verify show times.