

[Jesus said,] "Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent."

LUKE 21:36



Birth Day

Our *birth day* is not the anniversary of our birth—that is our *birthday*. Our birth day is the actual day of our birth. However, we do have a second birth day and it is this day to which this Sunday's readings refer. We might call it our final birth day, the day when we are born into fulfillment. Jeremiah assures us that will be the day when God's promises will be fulfilled in us. We will finally have a righteous leader; the nation will be safe, and the place where God dwells amid the people will be secure.

In the Gospel, Jesus is probably speaking figuratively about the end of the world—at least the end of the world as it is known to humans. However, it is not the end of everything, for after cosmic destruction takes place, "then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:27). After suffering the so-called birth pangs of the Messiah (see Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time), something new will appear; we will see that our redemption is at hand. We will be born into a new life in a new world.

Advent is the time to look forward to this new birth day of fulfillment. We do not simply await the anniversary of Jesus' human birth day, for that day announced the coming of the final birth day of each of us. *His* birth announces *our* new birth.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *How are you preparing for your final birth day?*
- ★ *What do you find most striking in today's readings? Why?*



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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and

Thursday - 9:00am

Saturday Confessions - 10:30-11:15
AM or by appointment

Sunday Mass - 8:30am

***Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Thaddeus Tran

****Upcoming Events At Church****

CCD December In-Person @Hall

CCD 12/12-K-4th

CCD 12/19—5th-8th



St. Thomas More Catholic Church

For All Three Churches

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Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -

Tues. & Fri. - 8:00am

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass-5:00pm

Adoration Room

TIME CHANGE

Open Monday-Sunday 9AM-6PM

****Upcoming Events At Church****

Ravioli Making—Call to order

Phone # 815-252-2215

*CCD Classes @HT Church Hall



St. Patrick Catholic Church

St. Patrick Church

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Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

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- 9AM-12PM

St. Thomas More (Hrs may vary)

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

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****Upcoming Events At Church****

CCD Class time 9:30-10:30

**Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of Nov. 29, 2021**

Monday

Tuesday

11/30** 800AM**STM

Wednesday

12/1 **5:30PM **HT Mass/Rosary

Thursday

11/2 **9:00AM**HT

Friday

12/3 ** 8:00AM **STM

Offered For

† No Mass

† Nancy Shaw

† Alan Hahn

† Special Intention

† Clifford Sondgeroth

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of Dec 4-5, 2021

Saturday:

**4:00PM **STM

Sunday:

www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 8:30AMHT

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

**St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:00 PM

Offered For

† Dennis & Lori Domkuski

† Ron Floroplus

† Laurence Fonderoli

† For The Parishioners

Online masses WILL CONTINUE to be available @HT www.bureaucatholic.org

Latest Offering's

Weekend Nov. 21st

Holy Trinity - \$1023.00
St. Patrick - \$580.00
St. Thomas More - \$738.00

In Sympathy...

Remember in prayer family and friends of

† Daniel McDonald

May his soul and the souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Anniversary Blessings.....



Happy 50th Anniversary

Jerry & Kathy Bonucchi

May the Lord bless you and keep you for many more years to come.

Fundraising

HELPERS WANTED to make sausage on Sat. Dec. 4th 8:00am or anytime you can come. Thank you!

SP Sausage Sales \$20—5lb bag

Dec. 4th—Call Lauren @ 815-638-2224 or Ann 815-638-2691

Fundraising Updates

STM Ravioli/Tortellini and/or

Tortellacci \$8 per bag

Sales Update: Total as of 10/31/21 \$5,072.00—1,085 Bags

Antipasto Sales \$8.00 /.pint - To order call Mary Jean 815-878-2063



First Sunday of Advent

Advent is a season in the Church's life intended to renew the experience of waiting, and longing, for the Messiah. Though Christ has already come into the world, the Church invites us to renew our desire for the Lord more deeply into our lives, and to renew our desire for Christ's triumphant second coming into the world. Advent is the time in which we prepare for Christmas, the memorial of Jesus Christ being born into the world. Preparations are practical, like decorating a tree or stringing lights, but they're also intended to be spiritual.

During Advent, we're invited to enter more frequently into silence, into prayer and reflection, into Scripture, and into the sacramental life of the Church, all to prepare for celebrating Christmas.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says the goal of Advent is to make present for ourselves and our families the "ancient expectancy of the Messiah...by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming."



Feast of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Mary
December 8th

Immaculate Conception
Masses

Tues. Eve Dec 7th @STM 4pm
Wed. Dec 8th @HT 5:30pm

Confessions

The next confessions will be Saturday - Dec 4th 10:30-11:15- at St. Patrick in the Chapel



December 6 is the Feast of St. Nicholas

Legends state that Nicholas saved three sisters from lives of shame by secretly dropping small sacks of gold through their family's window at night, thus giving each a marriage dowry. Other legends relate that Nicholas secretly put coins in shoes that were left out for him. Nicholas' legacy of gift-giving became a Central-European and Anglo-Saxon expression of the gift-giving formerly exclusive to the Three Kings. Christmas night gift-giving in Northern lands thus slowly replaced the more biblically solid traditions of giving gifts on the Feast of the Epiphany, a custom more popular in Southern Europe and in lands which inherited its traditions.

The antiquity of the Church means it has played a matchless role in the formation of Western culture, a role that no faux holidays or new "tradition" can replicate. Santa Claus has roots. He wears red for the martyrs. He dons a hat resembling a bishop's mitre. He often holds a sceptre similar to a bishop's crozier. And he distributes gifts to children in humble anonymity on the night of Christ's birth. Old Saint Nick, Father Christmas, Kris Kringle, or Santa Claus is real, in one sense. In all likelihood, he signed the Nicene Creed. Our "Santa," then, was an orthodox Catholic bishop who argued for correct teaching about our Trinitarian God. The gift of the truth was, then, his first and most lasting gift to mankind. For more info visit mycatholic.life.com

Dear Padre,

What do Advent-wreath candles signify?

Most Advent wreaths have three purple candles and one rose candle to echo the liturgical colors of the Church's Advent celebrations.

Whether the wreath is being used at home or in a church, the lighting of the candles should follow the liturgical colors of the Sundays of Advent. The vestments at Mass are purple during the first two weeks of Advent, so we light a purple candle on the first and second Sundays of Advent.

On the third Sunday, the Church celebrates *Gaudete* Sunday or Rejoice

Sunday, named after the first word of the day's traditional entrance verse (Philippians 4:4-5). The priest wears rose vestments at Mass as a sign of our brightening hope and joy, and on the Advent wreath we light the rose candle to reflect the theme of the liturgy. The fourth Sunday of Advent sees the lighting of the last purple candle.

Some churches and families add a fifth candle to their Advent practices by placing a white candle in the center of the wreath. They light this at Christmas, again echoing the Church's liturgical color for the season and rejoicing in Christ our

Lord, whose birth brings light and life to our world.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Advent is a continuous call to hope: it reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate goal, to lead it to its fullness, which is the Lord....God is not distant, he is always with us, to the extent that very often he knocks on the door to our heart.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

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Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 29

Advent Weekday

Is 2:1-5

Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 30

St. Andrew,

Apostle

Rom 10:9-18

Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday

DECEMBER 1

Advent Weekday

Is 25:6-10a

Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

DECEMBER 2

Advent Weekday

Is 26:1-6

Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday

DECEMBER 3

St. Francis Xavier,

Priest

Is 29:17-24

Mt 9:27-31

Saturday

DECEMBER 4

Advent Weekday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26

Mt 9:35-10:1,

5a, 6-8

Sunday

DECEMBER 5

Second Sunday

of Advent

Bar 5:1-9

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6

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