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### Mass Intentions

November: All souls remembered

Nov 28th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

Dec 5th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

### Liturgical Ministers

**Dec: 5th**

**Lector:** Jerry Kirkpatrick

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**Server:** Alexa Gonzles

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## First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021

I will raise up for David a just shoot;  
he shall do what is right and just in the land.

— *Jeremiah 33:15*

### WATCHFUL CONFIDENCE

We the Church enter into Advent and the new liturgical year with a call for a watchful confidence. Our readings were originally addressed to communities undergoing great loss and confusion. Jeremiah speaks confidently of God fulfilling the ancient promises to Israel, even during a time of foreign invasion. Paul speaks of God leading the Church into holiness, while the community longs for the coming of Jesus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus speaks of powerful signs and of great confusion to come, but emphasizes that we may look forward knowing that God brings not cause for despair, but hope. We celebrate Advent to remind each other of God's faithfulness. We are to be watchful, to see how God is stirring up our world. God disturbs both our pride and our complacency, and brings us healing and justice. We prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus, confident that God indeed fulfills all these divine promises.

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Occasionally, someone raises a surprised complaint that while Christmas arrives on Santa's sleigh at the Macy's parade on Thanksgiving Day, the Church doesn't catch on too fast. They may even say that Advent is a new-fangled idea. Not so. To trace its beginnings, we have to go back to the fourth or fifth century in France (then Gaul), when Epiphany was the favored day, next to Easter, for baptism. The old pagan structures of Rome were collapsing then, and many people sought to be baptized. Since adults always prepared for baptism by fasting, folks counted back a few weeks for a kind of retreat. Before too long, bishops were advising everyone to attend church frequently beginning on December 17. Soon, artists were imagining ways of expressing the Advent mystery, and in Italy this gave rise to beautiful mosaics of empty thrones awaiting the arrival of the Lord of all creation.

Advent as we know it develops on two separate tracks: the first having to do with our spiritual preparation for celebrating the Christmas feast, and the second having to do with the way this is organized and expressed in the liturgical readings and prayers every day of the season.

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### Special Collection

Retirement for Religious  
December 12th

### WEEKLY OFFERING

November 21st

Budget	\$1750
Actual	\$960
Bldg.	\$0
Short	\$790

### TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR C

**First Reading** — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

**Psalm** — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

**Gospel** — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

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### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### Parishioners

Don Carlson, Lucien Cravens, MaryAnn Maness, Peggy Moss, James Trim, Joey Wall

#### Relatives

Kelli Blankenship, Thomas Blankenship, Austin Ernst, Emily Ernst, Jackie Donnett, Andrew Grower, Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Nicholas Kirkpatrick, Jenny Moore, Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk

#### Friends

Emma Cupples, Sunny Maness, Fr Robert Ponticello, Park Mi Kung, Na Song Ae  
For all who have Covid 19

### Coming Events

**December 6th:** Penance Service at St Andrew at 5:30 pm

**December 8th:** Mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be at 9:00 am

**December 8th:** The office will be closed.

**December 12th:** Sign up sheets for our Christmas Pot luck are on the table in the Narthex.

**December:** There will be a Scripture Study Group on December 10th and December 17th.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

### Mass Schedule



**Monday:** 11:30 am

**Tuesday:** 12:30 am

Communion Svc

**Wednesday:** 11:30 am

**Thursday:** 9:00 am

**First Friday:** Adoration from 9:00 to 11:30 with Mass at 11:30 am

**First Saturday:** Mass 9:00 am

**Vigil on Saturday:** 4:30 pm

**Sunday:** 9:00 am

### Tuesdays

12:30 Communion Service  
1:00—2:30 Class

*Life is Messy*  
By Matthew Kelly

Leader: Deacon Jim Moss

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

#### First Sunday of Advent

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.