

First Sunday of Advent

“Active waiting for the Lord means not allowing ourselves to be lulled into purely private interests in our homes, but donating our attention, time and talents. It implies sharing our strengths and accepting our weaknesses in our parishes, schools, community work, and in society at large,” said Cardinal Joseph Berbardub. How can we “actively wait” for Christ this Advent?

In a Dark Hour: Scott Hahn Reflects on the First Sunday in Advent

Jesus exaggerates in today’s Gospel when He claims not to know the day or the hour when He will come again.

He occasionally makes such overstatements to drive home a point we might otherwise miss (see Matt 5:34;23:9;Luke 14:26).

His point here is that the exact “hour” is not important. What is crucial is that we not postpone our repentance, that we be ready for Him-spiritually and morally-when He comes. For He will surely come, He tells us-like a thief in the night, like the flood in the time of Noah.

In today’s Epistle, Paul too compares the present age to a time of advancing darkness and night. Though we sit in darkness, overshadowed by death, we have seen arise the great light of our Lord who has come into our midst (see Matthew 4:16;John 1:9;8:12) He is the true light, the life of the world. And His light continues to shine in His Church, the new Jerusalem promised by Isaiah in today’s First Reading.

In the Church, all nations stream to the God of Jacob, to worship and seek wisdom in the House of David. From the Church goes forth His work of instruction, the light of the Lord-that all might walk in His paths toward that eternal day when night will be no more (see Revelation 22:5).

By our Baptism we have been made children of the light and day (see Ephesians 5:8;1 Thessalonians 5:5-7). It is time we start lining like it- throwing off the fruitless works of darkness, the desires of the flesh, and walking by the light of His grace.

The hour is late as we begin a new Advent. Let us begin again in this Eucharist.

As we sing in today’s Psalm, let us go rejoicing to the House of the Lord. Let us give thanks to His name, keeping watch for His coming, knowing that our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

Anointing of the Sick

December 1st after mass

Saturday Evening Mass

Saturday evening Mass will resume December 7th @ 6:00 pm in the Religious Education Building

December 9th -The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

It is moved this year to December 9th since the 8th is the First Sunday of Advent. This year it will not be a Holy Day of Obligation and so there is no additional mass on the 9th.

CLEANING CHURCH

Reminder----Check the bulletin for your time to clean Church.

Instructions are in the supply closet between the bathroom and kitchen near the altar.

Christmas CEF Cards

This project helps with education for diocese seminarians. Cards are \$2.00 each.

Contact Mary Jane Hubik if you are interested.

Killeen/Temple Deanery Advent Penance Services-All services are at 7:00pm

12-3 Christ the King-Belton, 12-4 St Joseph-Cyclone, 12-5 St Joseph-Killeen, 12-11 Sts Cyril & Methodius-Marak, 12-11 St Stephen-Salado, 12-12 St Ann-Rosebud, 12-16 St Paul Chong-Harker Heights, 12-17 Holy Family-Copperas Cove, 12-18 Our Lady Guadalupe-Temple, 12-18 St Monica-Cameron, 12-19 St Luke -Temple, 12-20 St Mary-Temple, 12-22 Church of Visitation (in RE Building)

PRAYER FOR OUR NEW PARISH CHURCH

Heavenly Father, author and inspirer of all things holy, hear our prayers for our new church. Send forth Your Spirit that we may humbly be guided by Your Divine Will. Touch our hearts with true generosity to raise up a house of God for the inspiration and renewal of all Your faithful. May it be a home where all are welcomed, nourished, and empowered to be Christ to others. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK				
	Sat, 11-30	Sun, 12/1 – 9.00am	Sat, 12-7-6:00pm RE Bldg	Sun, 12/8 – 9.00am
Weekend Mass Intentions	1 st Sunday of Advent	1 st Sunday of Advent	2nd Sunday of Advent	2nd Sunday of Advent
	<i>No Mass Saturday Evening</i> ONLY ONE MASS AT 9:00AM ON SUNDAY	<i>Parishioners</i> +Laurie Hoelscher <i>Special Intentions</i> +Manard Moeller +Leo Zeig +Dionys Brenek +Alfons Wilde	<i>Living and Deceased Members Altar Society</i> +Robert Hoelscher +Charlotte Ann Thornton	<i>Parishioners</i> +Marietta Brenek
Altar Server		Colton Ranly Grant Meyer Maverick Cannon Jr.	Colton Ranly Grant Meyer Maverick Cannon Jr.	Carson Kahlig Addison Wilde Mason Wilde
Lector		Jerry Loden	Mary Jane Hubik	Ray Rabroker
Gift Bearer		Jared Ranly Family		Jay Reid Family
Ushers		Randy Lorenz Carl Hubik	Walter Carson Edward Ranly	Paul Daskocil Jeff Hering
EMHC to the sick		David Alexander	Donna Hoff	Mark Bartek
Rosary Leader		Terry & Tammy Frenzel	Janet Loden Joyce Wimberley	Terry & Tammy Frenzel
Money Counter	Doc & Sherry Savage Caroline Hoelscher and Warren Hoelscher		Horest & Bernice Weaver Louis & Jerlene Vrana	
Vocation Cross	Deacon Julian & Rosalis Tyboroski		Jerry & Janet Loden	
Church Cleaner	11-30 & 12-7 Doris Voltin, Linda Lorenz, Lisa Dach, Teresa Jezisek, Carla Welch, Carolyn Gottschalk			
Weekday Mass Intentions	Tue 12/3 8.00am	Wed 12/4 7:20 am	Thu 12/5 8:00am	Fri 12/6 8:00 am
	Joyce Greger +Rosie Hering +Ed Ordner	+Charlotte Ann Thornton +Alfons Wilde	+Bertha Hoelscher +Theresa Frenzel	+Robert Greger +Evelyn Zeig

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Deacon Julian Tyboroski (Retired)

MASSSES: Sunday – 9.00 am

Tues 8:00am, Wed 7:20am, Thurs 8:00am, Fri 8:00am

RECONCILIATION: Prior to Weekend Mass

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 1, 2019**

Daily Prayer Service begins 6:00 pm R E Building

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sun 12-1 after mass Anointing of the Sick

Sun 12-1 after Mass HS Rel Ed, First Recon Class

Sun 12-1 @ 10: 00 am Altar Society Meeting

Mon 12-2 @ 6:30 pm KC Meeting

Wed 12-4 @ 6:00 pm Youth Meeting

11-24-2019 OFFERINGS:

Regular 1886.00

Poverty Line 90.00

2nd COLLECTION DECEMBER 7 & 8

Retired Clergy and Religious

Hymnals and Missalettes are available in the back of church please return them after mass

Holy Communion to the Sick: If someone in your family is unable to go to Mass due to sickness or old age and desires the Sacraments of Confession, Holy Anointing, and or Holy Communion, pl. contact Father.

The Sick and the Suffering requesting our prayers: Gary Locklin, John Macha, Eva-Ann Greger, Rachel Rudloff, Charles Thornton, Annette Hoelscher, Layla Grace Evetts, JoeAnn Kalmbach, Pattie Kalmbach, Jeff Bernsen, Josie Kleypas, Dennis Fuchs, Beatrice Arnold, Mike Meyer, Bobby Bulls, Charles Ordner, Don Drake, Al Buckholt, Gene Kreger, Edwin Green, Craig Thornton, Terri Wilheit, Andy Herzog, Fran Greger, Gary Herzog, Barron Shoemaker & Skylar (Savage) Wolfe

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Herbert & Helen Hoelscher