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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed
 Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment
 Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
 Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
 Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Donation	\$4,132.00
Donation Online	\$1,322.00
Maintenance Fund	\$25.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$5,479.00
<i>Special Collection - Thank you!</i>	\$27,800.00

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"THE DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD,
 WHEN I WILL FULFILL THE PROMISE
 I MADE TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH."

—JEREMIAH 33:14

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Sunday	Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/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	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
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	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
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

Advent Means Getting Ready (not Just Waiting Around)

Nobody likes to wait, but we all like to get ready.

Advent, which starts today, is sometimes understood as a waiting period – waiting for Christmas to arrive (that's what the prophecy in today's First Reading calls to mind).

- From that point of view, this waiting period between Advent and Christmas is also supposed to make us think deeply about another waiting period.
- The one between now and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, who will bring history to its fulfillment, judge the living and the dead, and put a definitive end to evil.
- This second waiting period is what our Lord refers to in today's Gospel passage.

But is Advent really just a waiting period?

Is human history just a waiting period, an undisclosed number of centuries in which we wait for the Second Coming to happen?

No. They are more than waiting periods; they are getting-ready periods.

- Advent is a liturgical season, a period of time in which the Church surrounds us with reminders of the greatest event in the whole history of the universe: the incarnation of the Son of God, who came to earth to be our Savior.
- The Church gives us these reminders to help us get our souls ready to receive the special graces God wants to give us as we celebrate that event this year, in the "right now" of our lives.
- And those same reminders are also meant to spark a personal examination of conscience.
- And if in that examination we notice any sinful or self-centered tendencies, habits, or activities, Advent is the time to get rid of them.
- That's how we get ready for our Lord's Second Coming, which will occur either at our personal death, or at the end of history, whichever happens first.

These four weeks aren't about waiting; they are about getting ready.

So Advent is about getting ready, not just waiting around.

And since it's about getting ready for two things, there are at least two things we should do in order to get ready. First, we need to get ready for this year's celebration of Christmas, the coming of our Savior to earth.

- In every liturgical season, God has special graces in store for us.
- One reason the Church uses liturgical seasons is precisely to make us aware that God wants to give us these special graces.

We don't know ahead of time what they will be.

- It could be a deeper insight into the meaning of our existence and a greater peace of mind.
- It could be an experience of forgiveness and mercy.
- It could be an infusion of spiritual strength to take a step we have long wanted to take, but have been afraid to.

God knows what he wants to give us this Christmas; we just have to get ready to receive it.

- And that means doing what the Church does, finding ways to think more frequently and deeply about God's love and God's plan of salvation.

The second thing we are getting ready for is the end of history, the final judgment.

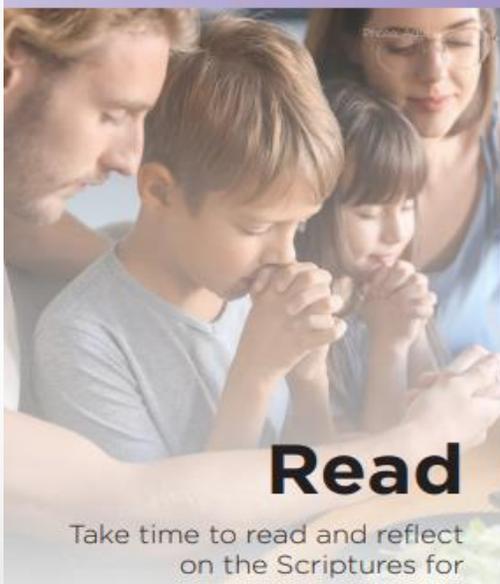
- This means turning away from our sins, repenting, and making a fresh start on the path of following Christ's teaching and example.
- This is why we wear purple or midnight-blue vestments during Advent, as a penitential sign.
- And of course, there is simply no better way to do this than by preparing and having a good confession.
- The sacrament of reconciliation is the perfect method to get ready for the Second Coming.

Advent is not just about waiting around; it's about getting ready.

So let's get ready - starting right now, by living this Mass well.



Advent provides us an opportunity to focus on what is most important during a time when we can otherwise be overwhelmed by expectations to do too much too fast.



Read

Take time to read and reflect on the Scriptures for this day.

Don't have access to a Bible? Visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings or download an app such as *Laudate* or *iBreviary* to access the Mass readings.

Every Advent season presents anew the challenge of following Jesus' command to "beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." Here, Jesus wants us to keep our hearts focused on God, rather than material distractions. It's as if Jesus anticipated how this time of year tempts us to forget what Christmas is really all about.

Let's resolve as a family to use this Advent season as Jesus intends: to remember that Jesus will return soon and to watch for him intently. This opens our hearts to the holy Spirit who then comes to meet us.

Jeremiah 33:14-16

I will fulfill the promise I made to Israel!

Psalms 25

Make your ways known to me.

1 Thessalonians

Conduct yourselves to please God.

Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

Do not become drowsy from the anxieties of daily life.

The Hope That Does Not Disappoint



A HOPEFUL ADVENT RETREAT

The Hope That Does Not Disappoint

December 10, 4pm - December 12, 1pm

Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center

Advent Retreat: "Staying Positive and Faithful in Difficult Times" will focus on how we can be renewed in the gift of Christian hope and find new and exciting ways to be more joyful and proactive in sharing the Good News. Led by Father James Northrop. \$247.50 per person, or \$209 per person for a shared room.