

**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY**

On this first Sunday of Advent we recall our Church's long-standing tradition that Advent is a time to mark the three comings of Christ. First is his coming as one of us, a human born of a woman 2000 years ago. Second is his coming at the end of time. Third is his coming into our hearts. As we begin this Advent season, let us prepare anew a place in our hearts for the Lord so that we, like Mary, can bring him into a world that sorely needs his presence.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Isaiah 2:1-5      *They shall beat their swords into plowshares.*  
Psalm 122      *"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."*  
Rom 13:11-14      *Now is the hour to awake from sleep.*  
Mt 24:37-44      The Son of Man will come at an hour you least expect.

Today the Gospel continues its focus on the end-times, carried over from the last Sundays in Ordinary Time. As one of the elements of Advent, pondering the Second Coming helps us to focus on what is important in our lives and how we are to make ourselves ready for the coming of the Lord. While we know not the day nor the hour, St. Paul counsels us to throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. As Jesus says, "Stay awake!"

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, November 26, Vigil: First Sunday of Advent**  
4:00 PM Parishioners of Rosary  
**Sunday, November 27, First Sunday of Advent (begin Year A)**  
8:30 AM Parishioners of Rosary  
10:30 AM Parishioners of Peace  
**Monday, November 28, Advent Weekday**  
8:30 AM Poor Souls  
**Tuesday, November 29, Advent Weekday**  
8:30 AM Poor Souls  
**Wednesday, November 30, St. Andrew**  
8:30 AM Poor Souls  
**Thursday, December 1, Advent Weekday**  
8:30 AM Special Intention  
**Friday, December 2, Advent Weekday**  
9:00 AM Parishioners of Peace

Please see Fr. Brown for Mass Intention requests. The Celebrant is not obligated to publicly announce the Mass intentions; this is a courtesy. If the Celebrant omits announcing the intention, the Mass is still offered for the donor's intention. If you would like to make a donation for the Sanctuary Lamp for a special intention, please see Father Brown. November intention is for Paul Gorman (RIP).

**SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
**RESUME THIS SUNDAY, NOV 27**

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

What "work of darkness" do I need to throw off? What "armor of light" do I need to put on to ensure that I am "awake" and "prepared" for the hour of the Lord's coming?

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS**

Ruthie Kress, Mary Sharenberger-Riggins, Curtis Jackson, Danny Somers, Joseph Thomas Buxton, Greg Warner, Bill Sultan, Kelly Lightsey, Margi Bockweg, Cathy Banks, John Loria, Hguyen Dau, Hai Van Heller and family, Nathan Collins, Barbara Northrop, Susan Tanney and Peyton Meyers. Please see Father Brown to update the list or to arrange for a visit to a homebound or hospitalized.

**A PRAYER FOR ADVENT**

Mother of God, we sing your praises,  
but we must praise you even more.  
Our speech is too feeble  
to honor you as we ought,  
for no tongue is eloquent enough  
to express your excellence.  
Mary, most powerful, most holy  
and worthy of all love.  
Your name brings new life,  
and the thought of you inspires love  
in the hearts of those devoted to you.  
*Amen.*

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES**

ST. DOMINIC	DEC 5	7PM
ST. JOHN'S	DEC 6	7PM
ST. BERNADETTE	DEC 14	7PM

**\*\*OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**  
**DEC 3, 10 17 3PM**

**\*\*OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE**  
**DEC 4, 11, 18 10AM**

**\*\*OR BY APPOINTMENT**

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**

OFFERTORY	\$2,228.50
BUILDING FUND	\$470.00
OTHER: Catholic Charities	<u>\$1,888.85</u>
TOTAL	\$4,587.35

**BUILDING FUND MONTHLY**

Month to Date	<u>\$3,699.00</u>
NEEDED	\$1,942.72

**OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE MISSION**

OFFERTORY	\$895.00
BUILDING FUND	<u>\$106.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,001.00

**BLESSINGS IN A BOTTLE CAMPAIGN RESULTS**

Parishioners of Our Lady of the Rosary and Our Lady Queen of Peace donated \$1,948.27 for the Baby Bottle Campaign! This money will be used to continue to help operations of the Pregnancy Resource Center—a Pro-Life Facility. O behalf of the Knights of Columbus and the Pregnancy Resource Center, thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
CHRISTMAS CARD DRIVE**

The Knights will be will be selling holy Christmas cards before and after each of the Masses for the next several weeks. Prices range from \$8-\$12 per box, with five different types of cards to choose from. Christmas auto magnets will also be sold at \$4.00 each.

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY/QUEEN OF PEACE  
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

On Sunday, December 18 at 2:00pm in Rosary's Parish Hall we will have our family Christmas party. Meat and drinks will be furnished. Sign up is required! Please bring a *side dish or dessert*. Games and music for all ages; visit by St. Nicholas for young and young at heart; and optional gift exchange. Questions: contact Kevin Hall at 914-0334.

**ST. DOMINIC'S BOOK & GIFT STORE  
CHRISTMAS SALE**

On Saturday, December 10 and Sunday, December 11, They have a wide variety of gift items for every age at big savings! Store hours are Monday – Saturday, 10:00AM-4:00PM; Sunday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. You don't want to miss this!

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Last year Catholic Charities provided...

Hunger assistance to 36,957 individuals & families

Financial assistance to 1,258 individuals & families so that they were able to avoid eviction/foreclosure

Financial utility assistance to 962 individuals & families

Financial literacy education to 806 individuals

Hunger relief in rural areas to 3,318 individuals through our mobile food pantry, The Caring Coach

Adoption and Pregnancy services for 89 individuals

Counseling services for 110 clients who were struggling and needed support

Over 1,100 immigration services to individuals seeking liberty and freedom

Holiday assistance to 4,722 individuals & families so that they could experience the holidays

**Providing Help  
Creating Hope  
Serving All**

Your donations to Catholic Charities last Sunday goes DIRECTLY to the food pantry of Catholic Charities in Panama City. We thank you for your generosity.

**BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

God of love, may this wreath and its light remind us that Jesus came to save us from our sin. Bless this wreath and all who gather around it as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas. Come, Lord Jesus, bring hope, faith, and life to our world. Amen.

