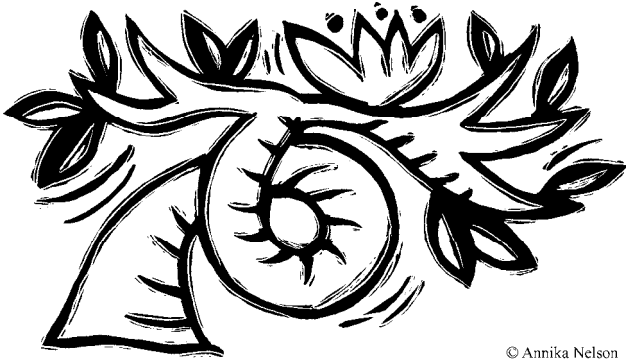


# First Sunday of Advent

## November 29, 2009



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

— *Jeremiah 33:15*

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### **TODAY'S READING**

**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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### **ACTIVE WAITING**

As this new liturgical year unfolds, today's readings are most appropriate, for they root us in what it means to live authentically as Christians. The Gospel, with its frightening predictions of the end times, invites the hearer to "be vigilant at all times" (Luke 21:36). This kind of vigilance is not at all passive for the Christian. Instead, it is a kind of active waiting. And what should we be doing while we are waiting for the coming of the Lord? The second reading gives us the answer: "abound in love for one another and for all" (1 Thessalonians 3:12). Today is all about promises made and fulfilled. May this Advent season root us all firmly in a stance of active waiting for the Lord, who brings justice and peace.

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### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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

**Rosary Dedication: December 2009:**

For the lives of children who are threatened by abortion.

**This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows**

**Sunday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>**

Mass – 8 am  
Mass – 10:30 am  
Spanish Mass - 5:00 pm

**Mon, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:15 am

**Tuesday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup>**

Mass – 8:15 am

**Wednesday, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Legion of Mary 4:30

RCIA – 7 pm

Youth Group – 7 pm

Mass – 6:30 pm

**Thurs., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Mass– 8:15 am

Bible Study Class 9:30-11:30

**Friday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>**

Mass- 8:15 am

School Book Fair & Donuts 8-10 am

Exposition – 9 am

Benediction – 12 noon

**Saturday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>**

Mass – 8:15 am

Altar Guild Christmas Breakfast 9 am

Confessions, 3:00 – 3:30 pm

Mass – 4:00 pm

**Sunday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>**

Mass – 8 am

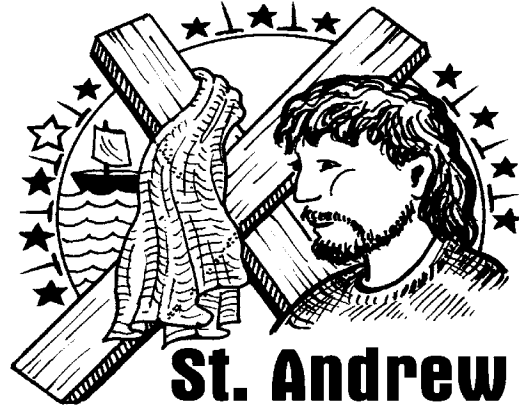
PRE – 9 am

Altar Guild Hospitality after 8-10:30 am

Mass – 10:30 am

Spanish Mass - 5:00 pm

Bible Study Class 6:30 pm



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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday:	First Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Andrew
Tuesday:	World AIDS Day
Thursday:	St. Francis Xavier
Friday:	St. John of Damascus; First Friday
Saturday:	First Saturday

**Deadline for bulletin news is on Tuesdays  
by 4:00 pm. Please call the office with any news  
you would like to put in the bulletin.**

**2010 Mass Intentions** – We are now scheduling Mass intentions for the 2010 calendar year. The cost of have a Mass offered is \$5.00 for weekday Mass and \$10.00 for Sunday/Holy Day Masses. Dates fill up quickly. Call the Parish Office and speak to Carolyn to schedule Masses.

***Ministers & Altar Server  
Schedule  
for November 28 & 29***

	<b><u>4:00 PM</u></b>	<b><u>8:00 AM</u></b>	<b><u>10:30 AM</u></b>	<b><u>5:00 PM</u></b>
Communion	Don Bennis Frances Bursi	Pat Stavrum Larry Hall	Henry Littleton Janet DeStefano	Estaban Roque Nick Vinturella
Reader:	Carol Specht	Janie Hall	Lyons Pope	C. & R. Roque
Altar Servers:	Lacey Carter	Heather Martini Angelica Martini	Shelby Gilbreath Will Solomon	Sarahi Roque Beatriz Barrera

***Ministers & Altar Server  
Schedule  
for December 5 & 6***

	<b><u>4:00 PM</u></b>	<b><u>8:00 AM</u></b>	<b><u>10:30 AM</u></b>	<b><u>5:00 PM</u></b>
Communion	Henry Littleton Eileen Monroe	Don Bennis Martha Hensley	Kay Pope Mary Standridge	Estaban Roque Nick Vinturella
Reader:	Gerry Taulman	Bonnie Williams	Barbara Allard	C. & R. Roque
Altar Servers:	Alisha Younger	Kellie Owen Hayden Williams	Christian Sawicki John Witcher	Juan Rivera Jose Roqua Javier Roque

**Please remember the following people in your prayers:** Barbara Allard, Grace Aspinall, Theresa Baker, Rachel Beaty, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Deanna Bolgeo, Johnny Boletta, Crissy Brigance, Thomas Brown, Carole Brunner, Fred Brunner, Keith Carpenter, Trudi Collier, Abraham Delgado, DePriest Family, James Essary, Elena Everroad, Karen Everroad, Tony Drewitz, Margaret Dries, Rena Frazier, John Paul Fields, Rosa Fox, Carolyn Fracchia, Alice Fricks, Lance Garrett, Sue Guinn, Linda Gonzales, Theresa Greco, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, Shelby Henricks, Peggy Hooten, Lynn Hupp, Michael & Donna Jackson, Margaret Jones, Justin Kitts, Robert Kuehner, Butsy Lanigan, Bill Lindsley, Anthony Lobianco, Ericka Lopez, Robert Lutts, Jerry Lynn, Sadie Claire Lynn, Louise Macdonald, Joseph Mangold, Betty Marshak, Thomas Miller, Alex Mosby, Tama Numera, Bill Nutt, Eudora Mays, Tony Oliviera, Frances O'Toole, Brinda Paravicini, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Fr. Robert Ponticello, Nancy Pope, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Kenneth Rainey, Ester Ralph, Louisa Reilly, Bea Remmert, James & Maureen Spain, Mona Stringfellow, Steve Stromberg, Brooklyn Swann, Stephen Thompson, Fr. Bryan Timby, Mary Timby, Keith Trenham, Henry NanNess, Helene Weiss, Lewis Wilkinson, Louise Winter and Angie Wright..

*Flowers in honor of Art Jr. & Jan Stavrum, Art Sr. & Pat Stavrum and memory of Anna & Marvel Stavrum  
Wedding anniversary*



**Stewardship of the Altar** – Flowers can be put on the Altar in memory of a loved one; a deceased couple of the departed of an entire family or in honor of someone's special anniversary, birthdays or other happy occasions or just to honor someone you think is special. Please contact Frances Bursi at 357-5874 or 634-1168.

**Altar Guild** will be selling Cheese Ravioli after all Masses this weekend if interested you can call Patty Bridges at 353-0316 or 283-2500.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm**

Ella Mae Zsidi+

**Sunday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am**

Rose Favazza+

**Sunday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am**

Federico Barajas +

**Sunday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm**

People of Parish

**Monday Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 8:15am**

Charlena Lobianco+

**Tuesday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 8:15 am**

Kathleen Harley+

**Wednesday, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 pm**

Int. of Rafael A. Rivera Febo

**Thursday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:15 am**

Bernodine Yenna+

**Friday Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Thomas Patton+

**Saturday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Jay Malbrough+

**Saturday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm**

People of Parish

**Sunday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am**

Int. of Pastor

**Sunday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am**

Carolyn Walsh +

**Sunday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm**

Jose Esparra+

## **PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:**

**Carolyn Fracchia  
St. Peter Villa, 331-A  
141 North McLean  
Memphis, TN 38104**

**Jackie Perfetti  
St. Francis Nursing Home  
5959 Park Ave, room 328  
Memphis, TN 38119`**

**Helene Weiss  
St. Francis Nursing Home  
5959 Park Ave, room 328  
Memphis, TN 38119**

**Ginger Shemwell  
Luther Tower  
274 S. Highland apt. 106  
Memphis, TN 38111**

**Rachel Beaty  
Grace Healthcare Center  
955 Germantown Pkwy, room 212A  
Cordova, TN 38018**

**Dolores Bair  
Ava Maria Home  
St. Lukes  
2805 Charles Bryan Road, 38134**

**Henry Van Ness  
Trezevant Manor Assisted Living  
177 North Highland, room 124  
Memphis, TN 38111**

## **PARISHONER IN HOSPITAL:**

**Grace Aspinall, Meth N room 371**

## **GREATNESS**

The measure of greatness is not the number of servants you have, but the number of people you serve.

—Anonymous

**Financial Report  
Weekend of 11/22/09**

Envelopes	\$2,735.00
Loose Checks	390.00
Loose Currency/Coin	87.11
Cycle of Poverty	113.50
Improvement	707.00
Debt	

<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$4,032.61</b>
Church Budget for the week	<u>4,387.00</u>
Collection Diff for the week	(354.39)

Collections Revenues Y-T-D	<b>\$81,324.90</b>
Church Budget Y-T-D	<u>87,740.00</u>
Collections Deficit Y-T-D	\$(6,415.10)

December 2009						
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**OLS School Book Fair** – Friday, Dec. 4, 8:00 am – 10:00 am. This annual event is open to all parishioners and their guests. All proceeds benefit our parish school so come and see the wonderful selection of books and other educational materials. Maybe there’s a Christmas gift in there for someone on your gift list!

**“Muffins for Moms” and “Donuts for Dads”** – On Friday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am – 10:00 am. we offer these goodies to our parents in recognition of the super job they do with our children. Bring your children to the Book Fair and stop in for some tasty treats!

**Padre’s Kitchen** – Jams and Jellies will be available for three weekends, beginning next weekend. There is a new supply of Pear Jam and Spiced Pear Jam (thanks to Art Stavrum), Memphis BLUEberry Jam (thanks to Roberta Albertson, Three Way Baptist Church, Madison County, TN), Scotchbonnet Pepper Jelly, Three Berry Jam and Blackberry Jam (thanks to Debra Bunch). We have also added Muscadine Jelly to our shelves (thanks to Agnes Matocha, St. Mary’s in Jackson, TN). Homemade jams and jellies make wonderful Christmas and birthday gifts for family, friends and co-workers. Buy several and put them in a decorative basket or give individual jars decorated for the occasion. Our homemade jams and jellies are a bargain beginning at \$5.00. Paula Deen charges \$7.95 for an 8-ounce jar of her jellies. You might get a fancier label, but you won’t get near as much the love that went into the making of Padre’s jellies and jams!

**Office Closings and December Bulletin Deadlines** – The Parish Office and School will be closed on December 8<sup>th</sup> for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The Bulletin deadline every week in December will be on Monday at 12:00 noon due the many short work weeks. Please be considerate of the office staff and get your bulletin items to Carolyn Roberts **before** the deadline.

**Posadas** – The Latino community of OLS will be celebrating the Posadas beginning Wednesday, Dec. 16. All gatherings will on the parish campus. Please watch the bulletin on Dec. 13 for more details. The Posadas is a spiritual exercise (novena) in which participants come together to reflect on Scripture readings, pray and then share in Advent fellowship for the nine evenings before Christmas Day. Traditionally, after the last gathering on Christmas Eve all the participants go to Midnight Mass.

## Lightening of Advent Candle this weekend:

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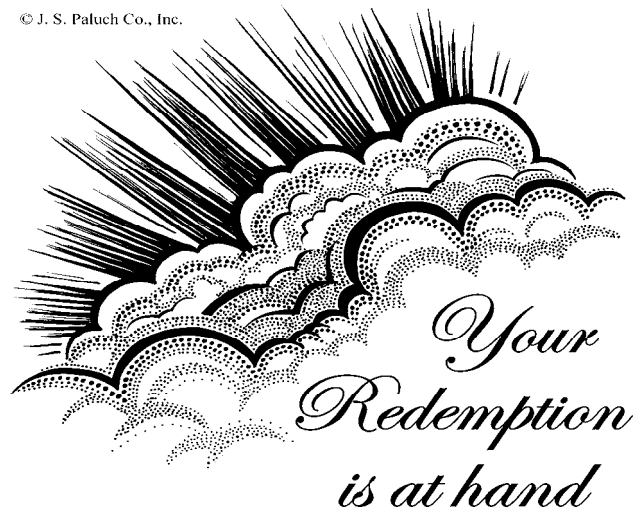


Saturday 4:00 pm Eileen Monroe

Sunday 8:00 am Larry & Janie Hall

Sunday 10:30 am Nick & Janet DeStefano

Sunday 5:00 pm Arturo Lopez



**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** – Tuesday, Dec. 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast of both our nation and our diocese. IT IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION!!! All Catholics and those preparing for reception into the Church are required to assist at Mass on that day. One may fulfill this obligation at a Mass on the evening before the Holy Day at 6:30 pm or on the Holy Day itself. Masses on December 8 will be at 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Evening of Prayer:** Everyone knows someone who has left the Church or no longer practices his/her faith. Most of us don't know what to say or do. St. Ann Church, The Church of the Nativity, St. Francis of Assisi Church and The Diocesan office of Pastoral Services will offer an evening of prayer, information and sharing on Thursday, November 30 at 7:00p.m. at St. Francis Church, for the families and friends of people who have left the Church. The evening will include information on why people leave, prayer, and tips on what you can say and do to encourage someone to return to the Faith. For more information, please call the Office of Pastoral Services 373-1224 or St. Francis at 756-1213.



### **Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal**

In 1830 the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to 24-year-old Catherine Labouré in Paris, France. She commissioned Catherine to have copies of what came to be known as the "Miraculous Medal" produced and distributed for the benefit of the faithful. The medal includes the prayer, "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

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### **SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS (c. 675-749)**

**December 4**

From almost 1300 years ago, John's message for the church's spirituality and mission is surprisingly contemporary. Pope Benedict says that, in our modern culture of images, sacred images often speak more eloquently than words. This "incarnational theology," the concept that visible, tangible elements can give believers access to divine realities beyond, found an eloquent champion in John of Damascus. He challenged the Iconoclasts (image-breakers), whose misinterpretation of the biblical prohibition of idolatrous images (Exodus 20:4-5) led them to campaign for the destruction of all sacred art. Before this controversy, however, John bore witness to Christ in a way that provides a timely example for Christians in today's pluralistic society. Succeeding his grandfather and father, John served as chief financial officer to the Muslim Caliph, professing his Christian faith without compromise, while winning the esteem of his Islamic sovereign by his competence and integrity. No wonder John could eloquently defend icons as "windows into heaven"—he had already learned to see Christ in the living icons of people different from himself yet fashioned in the same divine image!

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**Advent Begins on the Last Sunday of November** – Be sure to have your Advent supplies ready for the start of the “season of preparation” for Christmas. The Altar Guild has Advent wreaths and candles available. The “Little Blue Books” of daily prayer and reflection for the Advent-Christmas season will be available the weekend before Thanksgiving.

**New Church Roof** – Work will begin on our new church roof in the weeks after Thanksgiving. Due to all the rain, the roofing company is behind in its commitments. Once work begins it should take 6-7 working days to complete, depending on whether there is damage to the decking that needs to be repaired and the weather.

**Giving Tree 2009** –



Once again, we will help support the Monastery of St. Clare (Poor Clare Sisters) on Dellwood, the Christian Homeless Mission on Thomas Street, and the St. Vincent De Paul Society with gifts from the Giving Tree. Please take an ornament from the tree for each gift you wish to provide. Do not send private checks or deliver individual gifts to the organizations for which you take ornaments. This is a parish project and we want to deliver the gifts as a parish. If writing a check, please make the check out to OLS and

indicate what organization you wish to assist. When you deliver your gifts in fulfillment of your ornaments selection, please take a red or green leaf ornament and place it on the tree so that the parish can see the generosity of our community bloom before our eyes.

**Our Latino community at Our Lady of Sorrows is in DESPERATE NEED** of representation on the Diocesan Hispanic Ministry Committee. Our parish is the only parish with representation on the committee and in the procession of flags at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession on Dec. 12. PLEASE come forward and volunteer to represent our community at these meetings!!!!!!!!

**HOMEcomings OLS 2010** – Saturday, February 6th, 2010 will be a very special day at OLS as we reunite all the people whose lives have been touched by the Catholic ministry of Our Lady of Sorrows through the years. We need your help to be able to contact as many past teachers, students, secretaries, principals, cafeteria workers, maintenance people, librarians, school nurses, workers, guidance counselors, etc. as we can. We are also looking for those who were married here, baptized here, played sports here, made first communion here, met here, ministered here, were part of a club here, whose name is on the church pews, even those involved in building the school/church. Homecoming OLS is looking for postal and email addresses of all the people named above and anyone else who wants to take a trip down OLS memory lane. We also need people to come in and sort and organize 40+ years of OLS history. Be amazed as you look through pictures, programs, photos, trophies, old contracts and even the original architect’s plan! Names and numbers can be submitted to Mrs. Willhite, OLS Principal, at the school office (358-7431) or at [julia.willhite@ols.cdom.org](mailto:julia.willhite@ols.cdom.org). Volunteers can come whenever they are available, even on weekends. Some work can even be taken home.

**Do You Know a Family in Need This Christmas?** – The parish staff is not always aware of people in need, even among parishioners because people are ashamed to call. Friends know the real situation, however. If you know a parishioner or neighbor in particular need this Christmas, please call Carolyn at the Parish Office so they may be offered as a family to be adopted this year. Your call will be kept in the strictest confidence as we tend to our brothers and sisters. Last year, parishioners were so generous in adopting families that we didn’t have enough families for everyone with a desire to help. Let’s see if we can be as bold this Christmas ... even if these aren’t the best of times for us.

**Christmas Baskets for the Needy** – The St. Vincent De Paul Society is building 75 baskets to be distributed to the needy at Christmas. They are asking for donations from the parishioners of Our Lady, especially **BOX INSTANT POTATOES** and **POWDERED MILK**. Please bring the items with to Mass over the next several weeks and place them in the containers in the vestibule of the church. Your kindness will be returned to you many times over.