

# First Sunday of Advent

## November 28, 2010

*“You . . . must be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come.”*  
— Matthew 24:44



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### **TODAY'S READING**

**First Reading** — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD'S house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

**Psalm** — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

**Second Reading** — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

**Gospel** — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

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### **HOPEFUL EXPECTATION**

Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ's new day.

Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God's power will have brought universal peace and God's Word will have instructed all people, radiating God's "light" (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks "in the light of the LORD" (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed "in [God's] ways" (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled. The reading from Romans calls us to "awake from sleep" for this final "day is at hand" (Romans 13:11, 12). Together this Sunday's scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God's plan of salvation.

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### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
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:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



**Advent Wreath Volunteers** – We are looking for families, couples, individuals, or groups of friends to light the Advent Wreath at the beginning of each Sunday (and Saturday evening) Mass during the Advent season beginning November 27-28. Please call the Parish Office to tell us which Mass you would like to light the wreath. Don't get scared: you don't have to say a word only light a candle or two or three or four.

**Rosary Dedication November:** For the Poor Souls of Purgatory.

**This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows**  
**Sunday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>**

Rosary, 7:35 am  
 Mass - 8 am  
 K of C Breakfast after Mass  
 PRE - 9 am  
 Mass – 10:30 am, Rite of Acceptance  
 Spanish Mass- 5 pm

**Mon, Nov 29<sup>th</sup>**

Mass- 8:00 am

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

Mass- 8:00 am

**Wed. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> Rectory Closed**

Legion of Mary, 4:30 pm LH  
 Mass- 6:30 pm  
 RCIA – 7 pm KH  
 PTO Meeting 7pm GYM

**Thurs. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Mass – 8:00 am,  
 Bible Study Class 9:30-11:30 KH  
 STVDP Meeting 7pm KH  
 Youth Group Meeting 6:30 pm

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

Communion Service – 8:00 am  
 9 am, Adoration  
 12:00, Benediction

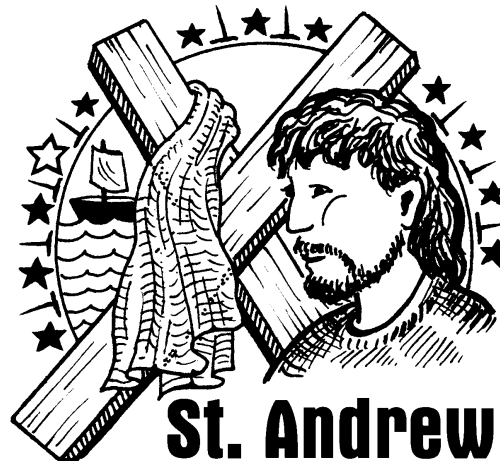
**Saturday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>**

Communion Service -8:00 am  
 K of C Christmas Breakfast for Altar  
 Guild, cafeteria 9 am  
 Confession 3:00 – 3:30 pm

Mass – 4 pm

**Sunday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>**

Rosary, 7:35 am  
 Mass - 8 am  
 Altar Guild Hospitality, after Masses  
 PRE - 9 am  
 Mass – 10:30 am  
 Spanish Mass- 5 pm, Potluck after Mass  
 Bible Study Class, 6:30 pm KH



**St. Andrew**

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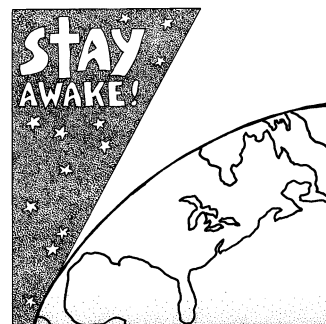
**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday:	First Sunday of Advent
Tuesday:	St. Andrew
Wednesday:	World AIDS Day
Thursday:	Hanukkah begins at sunset
Friday:	St. Francis Xavier; First Friday
Saturday:	St. John of Damascus; First Saturday

**TIME OF PREPARATION**

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

—John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury



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***Ministers & Altar Server  
Schedule for Nov. 27 & 28***

	<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	Deacon Don N.Vinturella	C. Vasquez D.Gohman	Deacon Henry B.Allard	E. Roque Nick Vinturella
Reader:	G.Taulman	B.Plessinger	M.Standridge	D. Marquez
Altar Servers:	C.Sawicki Alyssa Martini	W. Solomon E. Garcia	J. Sterling J. Moreno P. Moreno	A.Roque J. Roque J. Roque

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Communion	Deacon Henry F.Bursi	Deacon Don P.Stavrum	J.DeStefano L.O'Donnell	E. Roque Nick Vinturella
Reader	B.Pettit	B.Williams	R. Henderson	J.Estrada/Benitez
Altar Servers:	L.Carter B. Marquez E. Marquez	K.Owen H.Williams	S.Gilbreath L. Lopez J. Lopez	N. Villanueva J.Rivera

**Please remember the following people in your prayers:** Therese Acklen, Fr. Jack Atkinson, Theresa Baker, Ann Balcom, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Ed Bisner, Deanna Bolgeo, Reno Bolgeo, Johnny Boletta, Thomas Brown, Carole Brunner, Trudi Collier, Monsignor Bill Davis, Abraham Delgado, Danny Dunn, Elena Everroad, Rena Frazier, Alice Fricks, Theresa Greco, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, Shelby Henricks, Ruth Hill, John & Lisa Hutchison, Mike & Donna Jackson, Margaret Jones, Brad Kitts, Butsy Lanigan, Fr. Joe Lattus, Angelo Lobianco, Ericka Lopez, Robert Lutts, Jerry Lynn, Sadie Claire Lynn, Louise Macdonald, Joseph Mangold, Alex Mosby, Bill Nutt, Tony Oliviera, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Nancy Pope, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Bea Remmert, Mary Dorothy Scola, James Spain, Mona Stringfellow, Fr. Bryan Timby, Marie Torres, Keith Trenham, Vera Trudell, Mae Tulip, Henry VanNess, Maria Isabelle Vega, Helene Weiss, Lewis Wilkinson, Angie Wright .

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**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. NEED FLOWERS FOR NOV & DEC, PLEASE CALL



**Breakfast with Santa:** Make plans now to bring your children and grandchildren to Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 11. There will be elves serving up hot chocolate, donuts, fruit and orange juice as the children wait to give their letters to Santa Claus who will have a treat for each of the children. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Watch the bulletin for more information.

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** – Wednesday, 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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sat. Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm**

Angelo Bursi+

**Sunday, Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am**

People of Parish

**Sunday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am**

Carolyn Walsh+

**Sunday, Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm**

Int. of Theresa Acklen

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

George Wooldridge+

**Tuesday, Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am**

Kathleen Harley+

**Wednesday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30**

Patricia Chapin+

**Thurs. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:00 am**

Mary Kuenzel+

**Friday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:00 am**

John Viglietti+

**Sat. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am**

Deceased Members of The Altar Guild

**Sat. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm**

Langston/ Bray & Rachel Renee Hooten+

**Sunday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am**

Kathleen Harley+

**Sunday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am**

People of Parish

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

Frances O'Toole+

**PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:**

**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**

**King's Daughters & Sons**

**3568 Appling Rd, room 144**

**Bartlett, TN 38133**

**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**

**Amanda Hall**

**Highlands of Memphis**

**3549 Norris wood Avenue, room 236-1**

**Memphis, TN 38111**

**Moira Kavanagh**

**Mid South Rehab Center**

**2380 James Rd, room 102**

**Memphis, TN 38127**

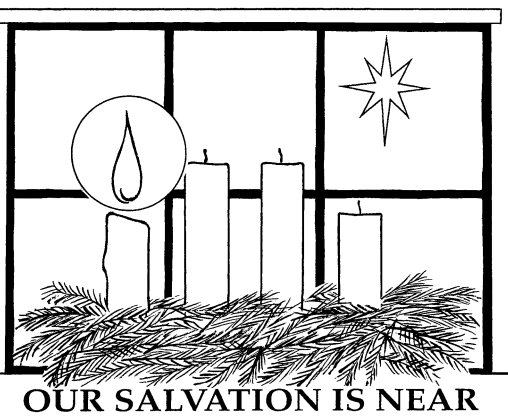
**Vera Trudell**

**Grace Healthcare**

**Room 103 A**

**955 N. Germantown Pkwy**

**Cordova, TN 38018**



**Financial Report  
Weekend of 11/21/2010**

Envelopes	\$3,305.00
Loose Checks	380.00
Loose Currency/Coin	204.80
Improvements	296.00
Debt	171.00
Cycle of Poverty	141.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>4,497.80</b>
Church Budget for the week	- 4,458.38
Collection Diff for the week	\$ 39.42
Collections Revenues Y-T-D	<b>\$ 83,241.93</b>
Church Budget Y-T-D	<u>93,625.98</u>
Collections Deficit Y-T-D	<b>\$ (10,384.05)</b>



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**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.

**Did You Miss the Sacrament of Confirmation along the Way?:** Through no fault of their own, many young Catholics miss the sacrament of Confirmation in their youth. Did your parents move while you were a teenager? Did you miss participation in a religious education program? If you missed receiving the sacrament of Confirmation (or, Eucharist) in your youth, please let us know. We are eager to assist you in becoming fully initiated into the life of the Church. Please call the Parish Office (353-1530) so someone can contact you about rectifying your situation.

**DON'T THROW GOOD MONEY AWAY!!!!** Please clip and save the Box Tops for Education labels from General Mills products and put them in the box in the vestibule of the church. Every label is worth 10¢ to our school. As you prepare to bake for the holidays, please consider purchasing Betty Crocker mixes that have TWO labels per box and doubling your contribution to the school. This is a great way to support the school without having to write a separate check. We've already collected almost 1,000 labels this year and our goal is 10,000.

**Campbell Soup Labels:** We are still collecting Campbell Soup labels. Like the Box Tops for Education, these labels are worth cash money to our parish school. All you have to do is remove the label from the can after you have used it and put the labels in the same box in the vestibule of the church used for the Box Tops promotion. It's another easy way to support OUR parish school.

**Father David Knight**, author of His Way, will be available to sign copies of his many books and to visit with friends at the Sanderlin Centre Holiday Open House in the St Paul Book & Gift Store Thursday, December 9th from 5-8pm. Don't miss this rare opportunity to visit with Memphis' own internationally recognized spiritual writer!

**Christmas Parade:** The annual Frayser Christmas parade will be on Saturday, Dec. 4., at 1:00 p.m. OLS would like to participate if we get enough people to join together. If you would be interested in the parade by riding on the trailer (for children) or walking in the "Procession to Bethlehem" as a shepherd please sign up in the vestibule of the church **THIS WEEKEND**.

**Christmas Flower Collection** – the annual collection for Christmas flowers will be on the weekend of Dec. 18-19. Please use the envelopes that come in your sets or the ones included in Fr. Timby's Advent letter, which you should receive in coming days. Please print the names of those you will remember with your donation so that we can print the names in the weekly bulletin the weekend after Christmas.

## JESUS IS THE REASON

In today's world the Christmas season starts on the day after Thanksgiving and ends on December 25. For many of us this time is filled with baking, sending cards, choosing gifts, attending parties, and setting up a Christmas tree and decorations. Add to this our daily work schedules and the needs of our children and this time of the year can be very stressful. The Church puts a different emphasis on the next four weeks. This is Advent, the season of expectation, with scripture readings and prayers calling on us to prepare in our hearts and lives for the Lord's coming on Christmas Day. According to our heritage, we may



already have Advent customs such as the lighting of candles on the Advent wreath, a Jesse tree, setting up a manger scene ready for the Christ child at Christmas, or special devotions. An Advent tradition from Germany called *Kristkindl* (meaning "Christ child") is suitable for families, small church groups, or even for individuals. The original custom was for the mother of the house to pass a bowl around the family circle containing rolled-up slips of paper with a family member's name on each one. Each would take one slip and carefully looked at the name so no one else could see it. For the rest of Advent the person named on the paper became the *Kristkindl* of the person who took the slip of paper, and he or she would do at least one good deed a day for them, but without them finding out who did it! Even young children could do this. It became a treasured way of preparing hearts to

serve Christ through serving other people. Honor Jesus in the person of your *Kristkindl*: pray for them, save money to send to a good cause in their name, donate gifts to a shelter, do extra chores unasked, adopt a needy family. Copyright © 2010, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

**Deaths:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Frances O'Toole, an OLS parishioner who died this past week. Her funeral Mass was on Thursday. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**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.

### Giving Tree 2010 –



Once again, we will help support the Monastery of St. Clare (Poor Clare Sisters) on Dellwood, Birthright, OLS School Emergency Tuition Fund 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.

**Advent Penance Service :** The annual Advent Penance Service will be at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. This year, those participating may choose to have a ham dinner in "Café Cathedral" beginning at 5:00 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$5.00/person and reservations ARE REQUIRED. To make reservations, call Sandy Rosseau at 725-2700 or e-mail her at [sandy.rousseau@ic.cdom.orf](mailto:sandy.rousseau@ic.cdom.orf) BEFORE DECEMBER 10.

## Lightening of Advent Candle this weekend:

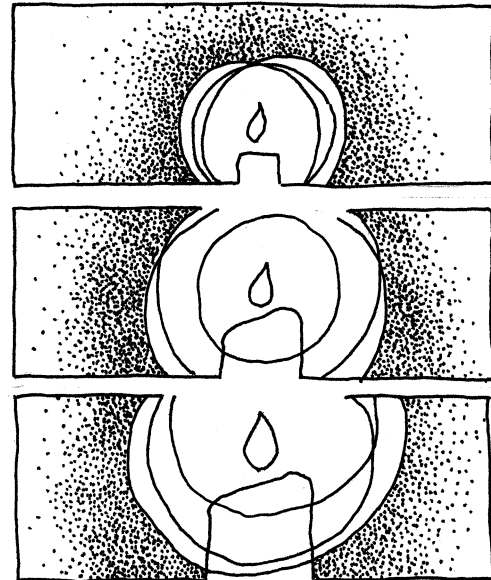


Saturday 4:00 pm Jamie & T.J. Sawicki & Kids

Sunday 8:00 am Larry & Janie Hall

Sunday 10:30 am Carol Maher & Erick Foote

Sunday 5:00 pm Wanda Rivera & family



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**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 school family in particular need this Christmas, please call Carolyn at the Parish Office by December 13 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.

## FEAST OF FAITH

### What Is the Mass?

What is the Mass? There is no simple answer to that question. The Church uses many different images and terms to describe our most important prayer. The Mass is the celebration of the Eucharist, a Greek word that means "thanksgiving." It is the Lord's Supper. It is the Breaking of the Bread. It is the memorial of the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. It is the Holy Sacrifice, in which the sacrifice of Christ on the cross is perpetuated. It is the holy and divine liturgy, the sacred mysteries. It is the source and summit of our Christian lives, the new covenant, the work of the Holy Spirit, the paschal mystery. The many different words and images that we use when we speak of the Mass are not signs of confusion, but of wonder at what the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1328) calls the "inexhaustible richness" of the Eucharist. The Mass, our greatest prayer and our deepest mystery, is celebrated every day, many times a day, the world over. The Eucharist is both "bread from heaven" and "daily bread." The Mass is our everyday miracle.

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**Youth Group News:** Teens4Christ will meet next on Thursday, December 2, at 6:30 p.m. We will make plans to assist at the Breakfast with Santa on Sat., Dec. 11, plan our participation in the Christmas Parade, Christmas caroling on Sunday, Dec. 19, discuss a "Living Nativity" for Christmas Eve. Our Christmas party will be on Thursday, Dec. 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory.

**Posadas:** In Hispanic culture it is customary to keep a novena leading up to the celebration of Christmas. Beginning on Dec. 16, members of the community gather for prayer, scripture reading and food or refreshments. Then, on the evening of Christmas Eve (Dec. 24), they come together for Mass and a festive dinner afterward. If you are interested in participating on the Posadas this year, please sign up in the vestibule of the church. Be sure to put how many family members will participate. The Mass for Christmas in Spanish will be at 6:30p.m. on Friday, December 24, with a dinner following in the gymnasium.