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NOVEMBER 30, 2025 –FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Sunday of Advent

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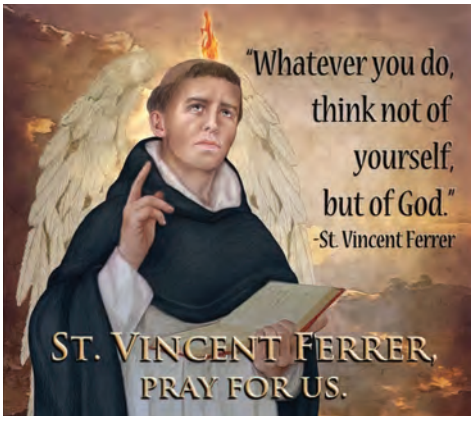

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

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First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, November 29 **5:00 p.m.**
First Sunday of Advent
Margaret F. Bambara — In Memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Sunday, November 30 **8:00 a.m.**
First Sunday of Advent
Immaculate Conception Novena
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish — Blessings

11:00 a.m.
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Monday, December 1 **9:00 a.m.**
Immaculate Conception Novena
Shirley Mercury — Blessings and Peace

Tuesday, December 2 **9:00 a.m.**
Immaculate Conception Novena
Richard Redhead — In Memoriam
Requested by The Redhead Family

Wednesday, December 3 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
Immaculate Conception Novena
Members of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society
— Blessings and Thanksgiving

Thursday, December 4 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Immaculate Conception Novena
The Parish's Extraordinary Ministers of
Holy Communion — Blessings and Thanksgiving

Friday, December 5 **9:00 a.m.**
Immaculate Conception Novena
First Friday
Members of the Ministry of Mercy
— Blessings and Thanksgiving

Saturday, December 6 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Nicholas, Bishop
Immaculate Conception Novena
The Parish's Ministers of the Word
—Blessings and Thanksgiving

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
Gladys Builes — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Barbara Mark — Blessings and Healing

Altar Candles
Patricia Nicholas — Blessings and Healing

Sanctuary Candle
Lidia Patricia Solarte — In Memoriam

Mary's Chapel
Lyn Duplessy — Blessings and Healing

Annunciation Chapel
Lucienne Previl — Blessings and Healing

THE SUNDAYS OF ADVENT AND THEIR MEANINGS

Each of the four Sundays of Advent has a special spiritual focus:

First Sunday: represents **HOPE** and the beginning of active waiting for Christ's coming. The readings invite us to be vigilant and prepared.

Second Sunday: Emphasizes **PEACE** and preparation. John the Baptist calls us to "prepare the way of the Lord."

Third Sunday (Gaudete): This is the Sunday of **JOY**. The pink candle on the advent wreath symbolizes the joy and hope that awaken as Christmas approaches.

Fourth Sunday: Represents **LOVE** and the imminence of Christmas. We reflect on the figure of Mary and her "yes" to God.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 14: **Christmas Mass Remembrance.**
December 21: **Christmas Gift to My Church.**
December 25: **Catholic Charities**
Please be generous.

Lectio Divina

Read the following scripture: John 2:13-22.

Take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Scripture Reflection

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage. What distracts me from prayer and from spending time in the presence of God? What steps can I take to limit these distractions?

They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. When have I avoided noticing the needs and concerns of others? How have I let my own desires and preoccupations carry me away from my life of faith?

So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come. What can I do this Advent to help prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas? How can I live in expectation of Christ's coming at the end of time?

Closing Prayer

I rejoiced because they said to me,
"We will go up to the house of the LORD."
And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, built as a city with compact unity.
To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD.

According to the decree for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
May those who love you prosper!
May peace be within your walls, prosperity in your buildings.

Because of my brothers and friends
I will say, "Peace be within you!"
Because of the house of the LORD, our God,
I will pray for your good. (From Psalm 122)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Sunday, November 30
Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44
Let us rejoice (Ps) in the Lord's peace (1); let us live honorably (2) as we await his return (3).

Monday, December 1
Isaiah 4:2-6 Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9
Matthew 8:5-11
Let us give thanks (Ps) for the great feast prepared for us (2) in which God's glory (1) is revealed.

Tuesday, December 2
Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Luke 10:21-24
The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Jesus (2), the shoot of Jesse (1). He will bring justice and peace (Ps).

Wednesday, December 3
Isaiah 25:6-10a Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Matthew 15:29-37
We are invited to celebrate the Lord's victory banquet (1, Ps), his triumph over sickness and evil (2).

Thursday, December 4
Isaiah 26:1-6 Psalm 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
Matthew 7:21, 24-27
The Lord is our rock and fortress (1), our Savior (Ps). May our lives be built upon God's holy word (2).

Friday, December 5
Isaiah 29:17-24 Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 Matthew 9:27-31
The Lord, our light and salvation (Ps), is able to cure us of our blindness (1) because of faith (2).

Saturday, December 6
Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Matthew 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6-8
The Lord sends the Twelve to proclaim the kingdom (2); peace and healing of the sick testify to its advent (1, Ps).

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The Christmas wreath is a beautiful symbol of our faith . The circle representing eternal life, the evergreen signifying hope and renewal, and the red ribbon reminding us of the blood of Christ and His everlasting love.

This Advent season, we invite you to be part of our Wreath Dedication. The wreaths displayed throughout the church yard will be lighted, beautifully decorated, and include your dedication message.

The cost to dedicate a wreath is $75. All proceeds will benefit our parish. Thank you for your ongoing support.

The Dedication and Lighting Ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 13, 2025, immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Order forms are available in the rear of the Church.

Please contact the Rectory or any member of the Parish Finance Council with any questions.

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PIZZA WITH THE PROPHETS

An Advent Reflection Series with Father Michael J.S. Bruno

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Scripture Reflection

The End Is the Beginning

We live in apocalyptic times. Only God knows if that means the end of the world or just the end of the world as we know it, but both seem eerily possible at this point. Luckily, the Scriptures for this week were all written in apocalyptic times as well, when the end times appeared to be emerging, and the old order was rapidly falling apart.

Jesus and John the Baptist often preached about the end arriving without warning, and about the need for each of us to examine our lives. How are we living, and what are we living for? What values are guiding us? Are they the values of the Kingdom of God?

Living in apocalyptic times requires a grit and honesty that appears to have lain deeply dormant for decades. When I was growing up, the whole point of life was framed as getting ahead: getting into a good college, getting a good job, buying a big house and a fancy car. Those dreams proved to be illusory and are increasingly out of reach for many young people today.

These days, as we look at the systems falling apart around us, we are invited to let Christ lead us into remaking the old order—the order of swords and violence and "getting ahead"—into the new order of plowshares, peace, and prophetic witness. To do so, we need the tools of the carpenter: the hammer to build and modify the old, and the tools of love, mercy, and humble service to call forth the new.

— Michael J. Sanem

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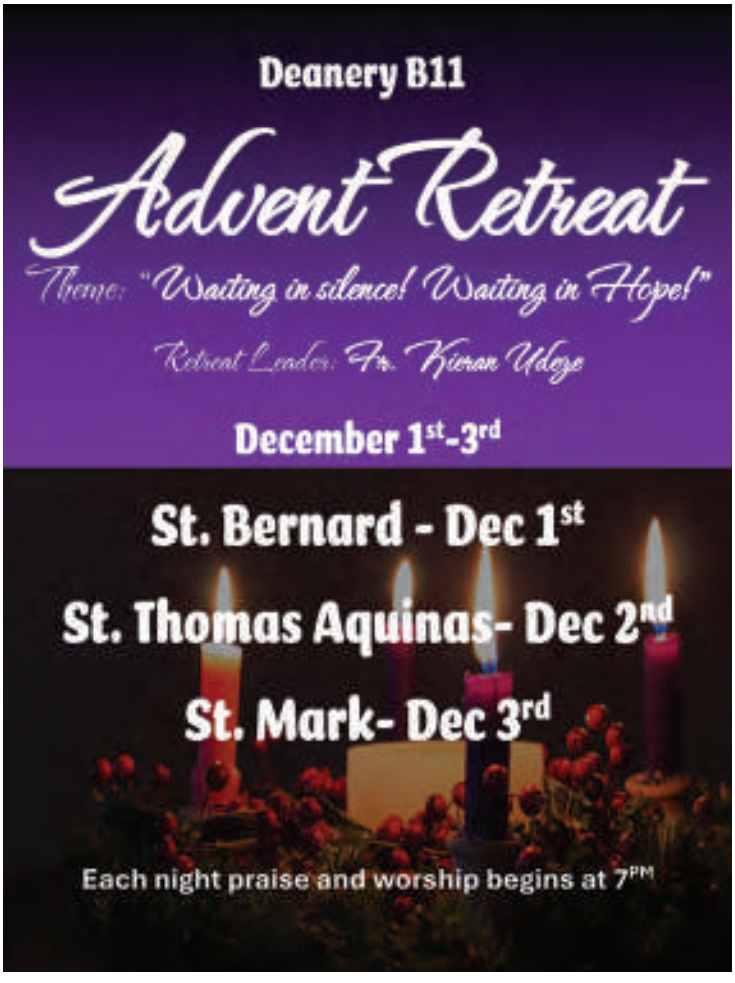

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Week One | Adore: Advent with Fr. John Burns

Join Fr. John Burns as he journeys deeper into the theme for week one: watchfulness.

Week One | Encountering Emmanuel with Heather Khym

In week one, Heather speaks about the first reason for the Incarnation—Jesus saves us. Heather helps us to give our sorrows to Jesus, and open our hearts to the saving power of Christ.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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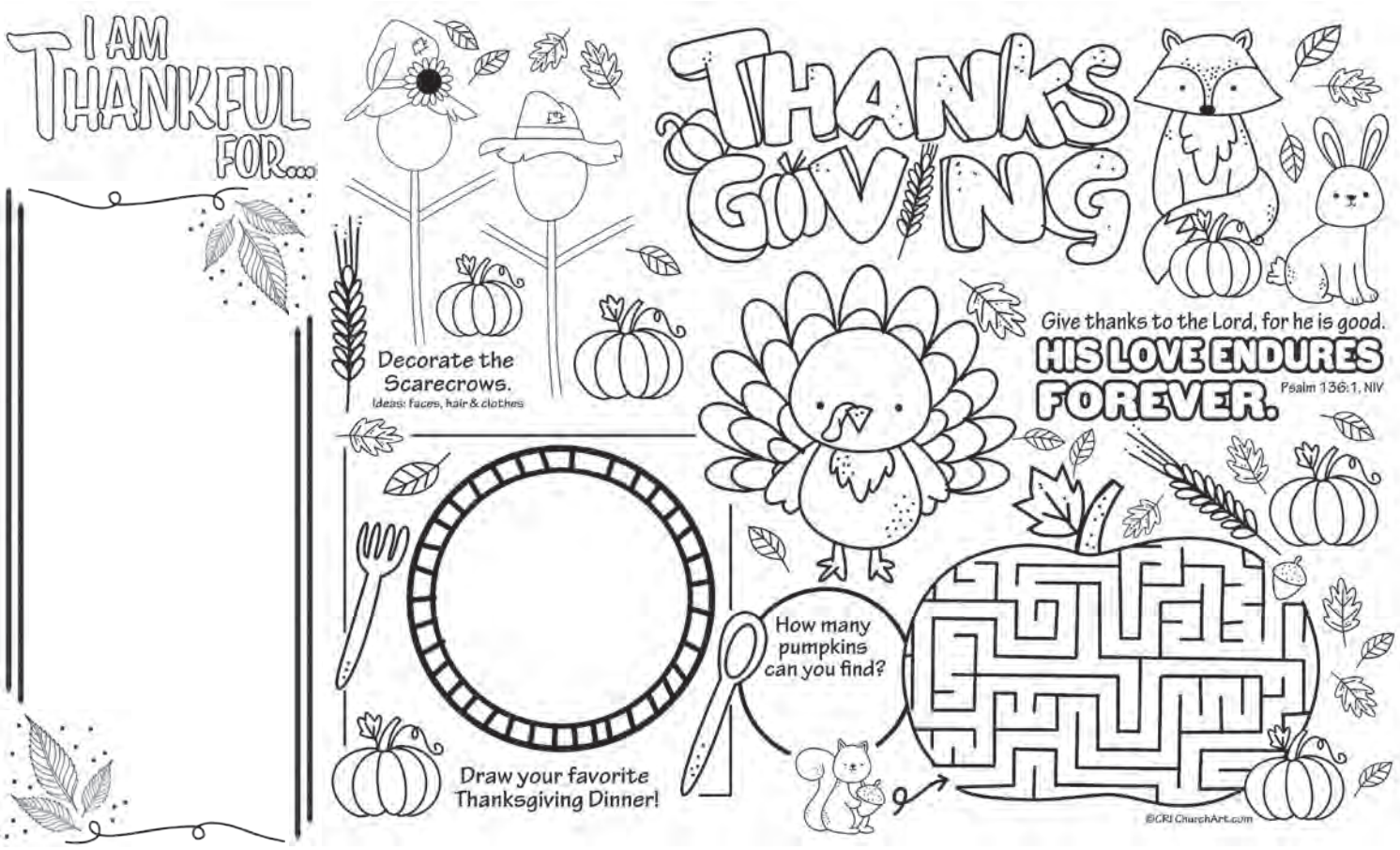

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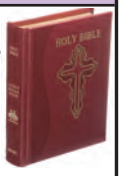

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