

*November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.
First Saturday of the month only 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30–4:15 p.m.
Tuesday thru Friday 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain Pastor
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Pedro Hernandez Custodian
Layne Mire Parish Secretary
Celeste Veillon Music Director
Katie Roettger Mothers' Day Out

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Office closed for lunch 12:30–1:30 p.m.

BAPTISM

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00 am Mass. Also celebrated during Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and Easter Sunday. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in the parish and actively practice their faith.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Inquiries – Call the Parish Office

MARRIAGE

Contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. Preparation program is required. Couples should be actively practicing their faith.

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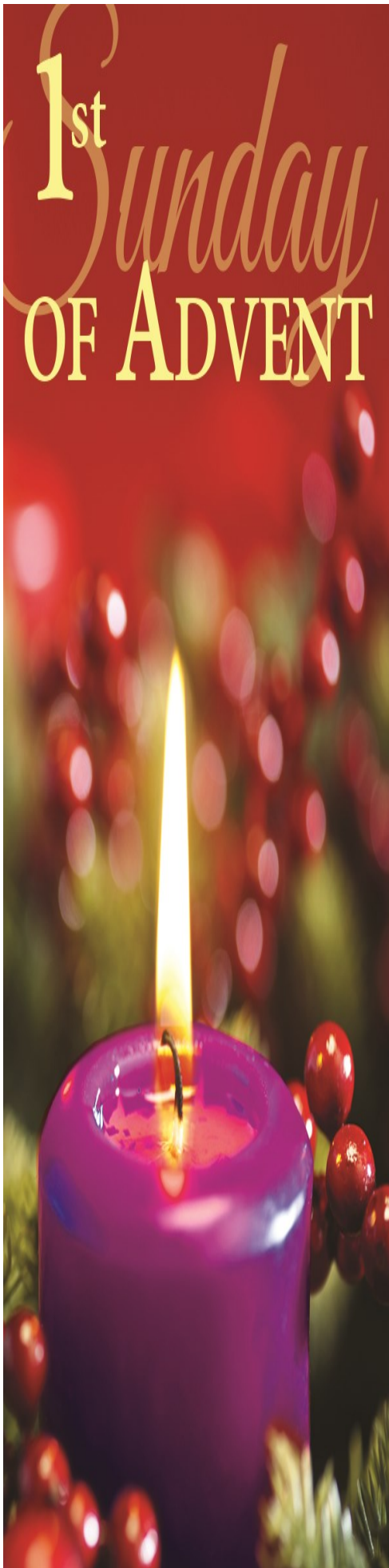
Emergency calls answered immediately, if possible. Communion calls to homebound weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Family should contact the pastor to begin funeral arrangements.

PRAYER LINE

Call the Parish Office



Dear Parishioners,

On this First Sunday of Advent we might take encouragement from the following reflection posted on Creighton University's Online Ministries. I shared this reflection several years ago but it seems even more timely now.

Many of us are in an ideal place to begin Advent, but we don't know it. It can be tempting to think that, because we are struggling these days, we can't enter into Advent without a big change in our mood or without distancing ourselves from our real experience. Nothing could be further from the truth. Advent is about letting God come to us. We do the letting and God does the coming. And, the whole mystery of our faith is that God is not reluctant to come into an unusual relationship (like Mary and Joseph's) or to be born in the poverty of a makeshift stable. We are tempted to prepare for Advent by cleaning everything up first – by, in effect, saving ourselves first. Our opening to Advent is to realize we need saving and to accept the saving love of our God.

I find that reflection comforting because things can easily become hectic this time of year. We are trying to prepare for Christmas in the midst of a pandemic which doesn't seem to be letting up. But salvation is God's work and God's gift, and we begin this new season by renewing our hope in God's saving love. Try not to worry about the messiness of your current situation or the many adjustments we may have to make to our usual family traditions. Focus instead on Advent readings, prayers, and music, either at home or in church, and allow the Spirit to guide your devotion.

This Friday evening and Saturday morning, December 4 & 5, is the monthly all-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament led by our Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus. The twelve hour period begins at 8:00 p.m. Friday evening and ends with 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday morning. A schedule is available in the back of church if you would like to sign-up for an hour of prayer and adoration in the presence of our Lord.

We have a Parish Blood Drive taking place next Sunday, December 6. The Advent season is a nice time to give of ourselves in preparation for receiving God's gifts at Christmas, so please donate if you are able.

Tuesday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and a holy day of obligation. Our Masses on the feast day will be at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The students in our Tuesday night religion classes will attend the 6:00 p.m. Mass that evening instead of class. We honor the Blessed Virgin Mary as patroness of the United States of America under the title of the Immaculate Conception.

Lastly, we welcome seminarian Josh Zelden to our parish as part of his pastoral formation during the fall break from studies.

In Christ,
Father Matt

CHRISTIAN FORMATION MASS

Tuesday, December 8th

6:00pm

All Kindergarten &
8th Grade Students

Please proceed directly
to Church.

NO CLASS on Monday,
December 7th.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION
5th Grade Circle of
Grace Lesson
Wednesday,
December 9th
5:30-6:45pm in the
Activity Center

Carpool drop-off 5:20pm at the Activity Center
Carpool pick-up 6:45pm at the Activity Center



During Advent we await the
arrival of Jesus.

Are you waiting for
God's call?

If you can follow the
teachings of Jesus as a priest,
deacon, brother or sister,
please call Father Josh
Johnson at 225-336-8778
or email him,
jjohnson@diobr.org



O.L.O.L. Blood Drive

Sunday, December 6

7:30am-1:00pm

Blood Bus will be parked near the Church Office.

Blood Supply is Low. PLEASE DONATE!

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

November 15, 2020

157 Identified: \$11,323.33

Loose Collection: 477.00

Total: \$11,800.33

FOOD PANTRY



Let's restock the Food Pantry for the
Christmas Distribution on December 10th!
Please bring these dry goods to the Church
Office by December 7th: Small packaged
quantities of rice, flour, sugar, beans,
pasta, cereal, oatmeal, grits, pancake mix
or biscuit mix.

We can not accept home-made goods or
opened items.

Monetary Donations are appreciated.
THANK YOU for your generosity!



The Sanctuary Candle is
burning in Memory of
Carolyn Milazzo.



The ZIPPERS need your
help with sorting and
organizing all their
donations.

Can you help anytime
8:30am-12:00pm Monday,
Tuesday or Wednesday
morning? Any assistance is
greatly appreciated!



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Please support Catholic Charities, Education
and Vocations through your donation to the
Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Thanks for your generosity!

St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

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Readings for the week of November 29, 2020

- Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
- Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
- 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: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

THE SEASON OF ADVENT
MEANS THERE IS SOMETHING
ON THE HORIZON
THE LIKES OF WHICH WE HAVE
NEVER SEEN BEFORE.

— JAN RICHARDSON