Beginning the Church’s liturgical year, Advent (from, “ad-venire” in Latin or “to come to”) is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas). The final time and also to the anniversary of the Lord’s birth on Christmas. The Advent season is a time of preparation for the celebration of the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Baruch 5:1-9
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Luke 3:1-6

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2015

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” Luke 3:4

Sunday, November 29
First Sunday of Advent
8:30 BW Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose
10:30 CW Jim McMahon from the McMahon Family
12:00 CW Marcelline Herman from the Roney Families

Monday, November 30
St. Andrew, Apostle
12:10 Ted Wenstrup from the David Babbitt Family

Tuesday, December 1, Advent Weekday
12:10 Holy Souls in Purgatory from Vince Staley

Wednesday, December 2, Advent Weekday
12:10 Helen Williams from Lucy Davis

Thursday, December 3
St. Francis Xavier, Priest
12:10 Mary Pharo Meldon from Joan Brendamour

Friday, December 4, Advent Weekday
St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
12:10 Peter Wilton (Birthday Remembrance) from the Charles Family

Saturday, December 5, Advent Weekday
12:10 Catherine Uhl from Judy Dyer
7:00 BW Martha Sawma from Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ackel

Sunday, December 6
Second Sunday of Advent
8:30 TH Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose
10:30 BW The Romes Family from Tracy Kuehnle
12:00 BW Marcelline Herman from the Roney Families

Bingo Volunteers for Saturday, December 5—Team 1
Marge & Peggy Coffey, John Connor, Harold Fischer, Ruth Glидеa, Nancy Meirose, Alice Morin, Linda Sawma, Dale & Kim Scheidt, Kim White, Brian & Rose Ann Wirth, K of C Volunteers

Lectors and Lay Distributors for December 5 and 6
7:00 Joseph Christmann, Michael Luehrmann, William Russ, Lou Solimine
8:30 Steve Culbertson, Jon Hemmer, Michael Totta
10:30 Rich Creighton, Bill Pewther, Bob Shell, Joe Sonnelfeld
12:00 Pat Burke, John Flick, Patrick Homan, Barry Savage

From the Pastor’s Desk

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the soul of Zachary Belt whose funeral Mass was on November 21st.

Leo Mattix Borggren was welcomed into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism on November 22nd.

Last weekend’s archdiocesan Capital Campaign in-pew dedication weekend was a great success! This success would not have been possible without the kindness and generosity of the parishioners of St. Rose. If you wish to still make a contribution to the campaign, please mail your pledge to the parish office or place it in the basket during the collection.

This weekend, we will have our quarterly St. Vincent de Paul collection at the doors of church. Next weekend, on December 6th, the St. Vincent de Paul boxes used to provide Christmas dinner for a family in need will be available.

We will be donating toys and clothing again this year to the Hope Emergency Program Christmas Barn for struggling families in the eastern counties of our Archdiocese. Please see the attached page for a list of appropriate gifts. All gifts should be returned unwrapped by Sunday, December 6th—next weekend. Gifts can be dropped off anytime the church is open.

Mark your calendars for the annual St. Rose Christmas Party on Thursday, December 10th from 6:00-8:30 p.m. In addition to a potluck dinner, Paul Welch will lead us again this year in a carol sing-a-long. St. Rose will provide the meat, dessert, and drinks. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite covered dish. Tickets will be on sale after the weekend Masses in the back of church.

The St. Rose Choir, under the direction of music director Trevor Kroeger, will be joining CSO harpist and Xavier University professor Jackie Davis to present The Joys of Christmas, a concert of treasured Christmas music, on Sunday, December 13th at 4:00 p.m. here at St. Rose. Admission is free, and tickets are not required. We hope you will join us for this heartwarming celebration of the Christmas season.

If you and your spouse are celebrating your 25th, 50th, or 60th wedding anniversary in 2016, please let us know by calling the office. We would like to celebrate and honor you during this great event.

Offeratory envelopes, Advent reflection booklets, 2016 calendars, and gifts for parishioners can be found in the back of church. Please take yours today.
Opening Prayer
Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflecting on Living the Gospel
Right now, today, tribulations, wars, natural calamities are upon us. Jesus tells us not to fear what calamities might do to us, but to be “vigilant” for his coming. He comes with redemption not only in glory at the end of time, but right now, today. We are redeemed—renewed and made whole in our relationship with God—by God’s altogether new act on behalf of humankind: our “redemption is at hand.” We are vigilant for Christ’s coming not because of fear of the calamities that might assail us, but because our “redemption is at hand.” God’s love story narrated to us through the divine Son Jesus Christ is not about the kind of love we might read in romance novels, but is a holy love emanating from God’s very being. Holy love is the opposite of selfish love. Holy love is the kind of love we might read in romance novels, but is a holy love emanating from God’s very being. Holy love is the giving of self that brings us to “stand erect” by choosing to be in right relation with God and others.

Vigilance for the many ways Christ is present to us involves self-emptying for the sake of the other. This means that our focus is not on our own wants and needs, but on the Christ who chooses to be intimately present to us. It means that we are able to see the Christ who dwells in the other. Holy love is the giving of self that brings us to “stand erect” by choosing to be in right relationship with God and others.

Closing Prayers
May we faithfully witness in our lives that Christ is already present among us, living us into salvation.
May we grow in discerning the signs of redeeming love within and among us. Our Father . . .

Gospel
Jesus said to his disciples: “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves.
People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.
“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.

For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Readings for the week:

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For Reflection:
The tribulations of my daily living are . . . These keep me from . . . What helps me love as Christ loves and grow in holiness is . . .

Suggestions for group and individual use:
1. Pray aloud the opening prayer (in The Roman Missal called the “collect”);
2. One person read aloud the gospel;
3. Each read prayerfully “Reflecting on Living the Gospel” and spend some time in personal prayer;
4. Share together responses to “For Reflection”;
5. Pray the “Closing Prayers.”

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CHRISTMAS INFORMATION
HOPE EMERGENCY PROGRAM 2015

We hope this "pull-out list" will be helpful in your shopping for the Hope Emergency Christmas Program.

PLEASE NOTE THESE IMPORTANT DATES:

DELIVERY DATE FOR GIVING TREE DONATIONS (SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, ETAL.)
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 2015 FROM: 1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

Because of our "choice" method of distribution, we prefer all gifts be UNWRAPPED, so clients may see their gift selections. If you want to share wrapping paper please just attach it or send it with your gift. We try to give each family some wrapping paper, ribbons & tags so they can wrap their 'Christmas' themselves. Thank you in advance for your generosity & kindness.

CLIENT SHOPPING DATES:
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2015: 1 PM TO 3 PM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 2015 THROUGH SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, 2015: 9:30 AM TO 3:00 PM

We serve families with children ages newborn to 16 (any age if they are Special Needs Persons).

Donations for all age groups are needed and much appreciated by the families.

Below we have listed examples of items we need.

BOYS: Board games; tools; sports equipment such as: footballs, basketballs & soccer balls; race tracks; dump trucks & toy vehicles; watches; building blocks; Legos sets; models; & action figures, fishing and camping gear. Casual Clothing: t shirts; all sizes of jeans, sweat shirts, pajama's & tennis shoes (especially Sports Logo hats & apparel).

Girls: watches; arts & crafts kits; coloring books & workbooks; dolls & new stuffed animals; jewelry; hair accessories: straighteners/curling irons; purses; board games; perfume/body wash kits; pajama's & flannel pants. Clothing: t shirts; all sizes of jeans & pants; hoodies; pullover tops & zip shirts; sweat shirts.

***SIZES (Girls & Boys): newborn/infant; toddlers 2T-5T; early childhood 4-9; preteen 10-12; Teen 14-16; Adult 00-38 jeans/pants & small through extra-large shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, fleeces, sweatpants, & coats.

WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF: New COATS, ZIP-HOODIES, and FLEECE shirts & zip-up items toboggans (for all sizes newborn on up), scarves, & gloves.

Further: We encourage & our Families appreciate: Family Items like: board games & puzzles; arts & craft items kits; coloring books; story books & movies.

Please Do Not Purchase movie passes, itunes, old Navy or Gap Gift cards.

Our clients do not have access to these places/items out here.

However, if you'd like to choose gift cards, we ask that they be from the following: Wal-Mart; Kmart; or Kroger.

If you have QUESTIONS, you may reach us @ HOPE EMERGENCY: Tuesdays – Thursdays: 8:30 ~ 2:30 pm; or @ 937.364.1055 or @ our email: hopeemergency@hotmail.com or billieco@hotmail.com. THANK YOU:

Sr. Lucia Castellini, Billie Napier, Kelly Campbell, Dianne Vollman & Mel Danenberg.