

First Sunday of Advent



St. James the Greater
Montague, New Jersey

St. Thomas the Apostle
Sandyston, New Jersey



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ✕ NOVEMBER 29, 2020

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Claire Beemer at the
Request of her Family

SATURDAY, December 5

8:00AM – Charlie Lombaerde
req. by his wife, Carol

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6

8:00AM – Louis & Helen Briegel
req. by their Family

11:30AM – Walter & Norma Journey
req. by their Family

St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Ann Dunn at the
Request of her Children

MONDAY, November 30

9:00AM – Susan Sheaffer
req. by her nieces, Lisa & Laura

TUESDAY, December 1

9:00AM – John Mulhern and Vince Knoll
req. by Ray & Mary Flexer

WEDNESDAY, December 2

9:00AM – Charles & Elsie Lorber
req. by their Family

THURSDAY, December 3

No Mass

FRIDAY, December 4

9:00AM – Kate Olivo
req. by her Family

SATURDAY, Vigil, December 5

4:30PM – Dominick Ioele
req. by George Keshish

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December 6

9:30AM – Robert Fugger
req. by Fran Whitesell
-Rev. Vincent Klim and Deceased Youth & Catechists
req. by Mary Flexer



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First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that “We are all the work of your hands.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God’s grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Just as a servant watching over the master’s house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.

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Sunday

Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

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

First Friday

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

First Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

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“You, Lord, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander from your ways and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down... would that you might meet us as doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!”

A new and special time of prayer has begun. Silently and sneakily, an enemy has redirected our lives since early March. Our lives have been altered and we were summoned to consider what is of real importance – our family, our health, including our spiritual life. This is our advent infected by the virus.

As we begin the period of hope and expectation, may we look to the Word of God, find a time for prayer and reflection each day. We ask, why is this advent to be different? The answer is found in the events of the past months. We need the Lord more than ever. We cannot afford to wander, we need fear, that is, respect for the Lord who saves. We come as beggars, asking that the Lord come down to support and abide with us. Our mantra, the final words of the bible ‘Come, Lord Jesus.’

“You, O Lord, you are our father; we are the clay, the work of your hands.” Remake us during this advent.

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS



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