

## First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

— Mark 13:33

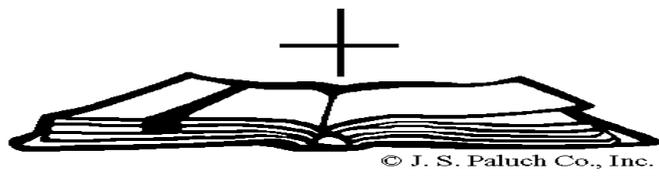
### MARK'S JESUS

Mark's Gospel is the shortest and tersest of all four. The discourses of Jesus tend to be terser as well. Mark's portrayal of Jesus has none of the poetry of the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain as in Matthew or Luke, nor the extensive, reflective "I Am" discourses as in John. Mark's Jesus "cuts to the chase," we would say today. This is reflected quite well in today's passage.

It is no accident that the dialogue of Jesus at this point in the Gospel according to Mark—the concluding words about the end of the world—immediately before his passion, is riddled with exclamation points and an overall sense of urgency.

We would do well to re-tool our own way of living this Advent, for we live in a world urgently in need of hearing the message of Jesus proclaimed. It's time for us to "wake up!" and get out into the world to do it.

## Mass Intentions



Sat., Nov. 28, 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Willo Lindsey Crawford, Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered and for the living: Special Intention, Karge Family and Ken Tassin

Sun. Nov. 29, 7:30 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., Nov. 29, 9:15 a.m. Carol Pieri

Sun., Nov. 29, 11:00 a.m. Marie Duhon, Harold Babin, Joseph Legnon, Ruthi Olson, Pete Morjal, Normie Miller, and for the living: Robert and Dolores Howell, Fr. Otis Young, Sheryl Schiro, Special Intention and Gene Grabbe

Mon., Nov. 30, 8:00 a.m. Louis Perschall Sr.

Tues., Dec. 01 NO MASS

Wed., Dec. 02, 8:00 a.m. Diane Baur (L)

Thurs., Dec. 03, 8:00 a.m. Pat Delaune

Fri., Dec. 04, 8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Armstrong

### POPE FRANCIS' NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

"We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind."

## PRAYER LIST

Rosalind Baham

Fred Kopfler

Kenneth Vicari

Roy M. Piazza

Pam Strander

Debra Vandendorre

Scott St. Romaine

Louise Cashmere

Yolanda Bourgeois

LeLe Kopfler

Roxanne Troxclair

Walter Boroughs

## Weekly Collections

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Envelopes	\$ 2,102.00
Loose	\$ 916.40
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### THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary: Mary Santopadre

Blessed Mother: Viviana Boudreaux

St. Joseph: Ruthi Olson

St. Ann: Buddy Fleming

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle please call 796-3806.

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS ARE IN HONOR OF

## The Brown Family

### 2021 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Next weekend the 2021 Contribution Envelopes will be on two tables at the rear entrances in Jonathan Hall facing the Church.

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The 2021 Sanctuary Flowers Book is now open for reservations. If you would like to memorialize or honor a loved one in 2021 with sanctuary flowers, please stop by the Church Office, or call, to make a reservation. The cost of a flower arrangement continues to be \$50.00. Thank you for your continued support of the Altar Society in its efforts to beautify our church and weekend place of worship.

## PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

### LET US PRAY,

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power, and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in health care and protect them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor hasten to help us. Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us. **AMEN**

### ADVENT MISSION Friday December 11, 2020 A GREAT LIGHT HAS DAWNED: LET US REJOICE (Isaiah 9:2)

The Joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Please join Fr. Michael Luxbacher in Jonathan Hall for a spiritual Advent Mission of Meditation, prayer time and confession.

#### Mission Schedule:

8:00 a.m.	Mass (Fr. Michael Luxbacher)
8:45 a.m.	Gathering
9:15 a.m.	Meditation: Christ our Joy
10:00 a.m.	Free Time/Confessions
10:30 a.m.	Meditation/Rejoice in Him
10:45 a.m.	Free Time/Confessions
11:15 a.m.	Meditation: Tell it to the Ends of the Earth
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### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The Altar Society is asking for donations to help with the cost of the Christmas poinsettias. Any donations will be greatly appreciated and may be placed in the box in the back of Church or in the collection containers on both of Jonathan Halls entrance tables.

### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

If you would like your loved ones remembered at all Masses during Christmas Season, please write their names in the book in the back of Church or the book on each one of Jonathan Halls entrance tables.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

*Saint Francis Xavier, Priest -*

*December 3—Memorial*

Today's great missionary knelt on the floor next to Saint Ignatius Loyola and five other men in a church on Montmartre overlooking Paris in 1534 and took private vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience to the Pope. It was the start of the Jesuits. Francis Xavier would be ordained a priest three years later in Venice and, in 1540, would sail from Lisbon, Portugal, to India, never to return. The thirteen-month sea journey was brutal, but Francis was as tough as bark. He held his own with all the sailors, slaves, and criminals on board who were seeking to start anew for reasons noble and otherwise. When Francis arrived in Goa, India, he and his two confreres found a Portuguese settlement about thirty years old. As was sadly typical, the greatest hindrance to the success of Spanish, Portuguese, and French missionaries was their own countrymen. Slave traders, merchants, pirates, nobles, and crown officials gave a contrary Christian witness, which undercut the priests' own teaching and example. It was said that when the Portuguese whipped their servants, they counted the lashes on their rosary beads.

### ADVENT EVENING ADORATION

Want your Christmas preparation to be more Christ-centered? St. John's Knights of Columbus invites you to participate in an evening of adoration every Wednesday of Advent in our church from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., starting December 2nd.

### REMINDERS

First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

First Friday Adoration Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Men's Study Group in Odilo Hall, Thurs. 7 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Social Thurs., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.

On Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Odilo Hall, our Church history class will begin our study of the rise of the Mendicant orders by viewing a video on St. Francis of Assisi. This will also introduce us to reform movements in the Church.