

# FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT DECEMBER 1, 2019

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LaVonne Dalton Christian Outreach

--If you know someone that should have a card sent to them or is in the hospital or experiencing illness, give LaVonne a call at 970.854.5125

**Young Adults—Going to Denver for a day or two?**  
**Get event updates by texting DCYA to 84576 to see what's going on for YOU!**

**Bulletin messages:** Fr Jerry 720.339.1472 or [jerryrohr@gmail.com](mailto:jerryrohr@gmail.com) by Noon, Wednesdays

**Sacrament Information:**

**BAPTISM/MARRIAGE:** Contact Fr Jerry

**RECONCILIATION:** St Patrick, Sat. 3:00-4:00pm

Christ the King Sat. 4:30pm

St Peter before Sunday Mass *Or by appointment—*



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"A Hundred Thousand Welcomes"

# ST PATRICK

Sunday Mass at 8:00am

Communion Service—Monday at 7:30am

Mass—Tues-Wed-Thurs-Fri at 7:30am

Confessions—Saturday 3:00 to 4:00pm

## CHRIST THE KING

Saturday Mass, 5:00pm, December 7

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

Confessions before Mass 4:30pm to 4:50pm OR by appointment

## ST PETER THE APOSTLE

NO Mass Tuesday, December 3

Sunday Mass, December 8, 10:30am

Confessions before Mass OR by appointment

### Pray for the Sick of our Parishes...

Saul Aviña, Carole Blomme, Frances Boerner, Kathleen & Tom Bornhoft, Marie Bricknell, Kim Clock, Caroline Daise, Mark Dalton, Lucy Dominguez, Grant Ferguson, Ken Fowler, Ruth Guthrie, Dolores Haskell, Karen Hoefler, Joe Kinnie, Lonnie Krueger, Dewey Lindgren, Joanne Lousberg, Shawn Maloney, Carl Morgan, Eliza Morten, Mary Orr, Betty Paquette, Brenda Pauley, Adrianna Pridemore, Leah Pridemore, William Pridemore, Angela Conde Purdy, Maria Rojo, Rob Russell, John Sonnenberg, Bev Susman, Marty Tindera, Lenore Troelstrup, Ruby Trujillo, Frank Unrein, Ivan Venezuela, Mary Lou Waruszewski, Derek Weingardt, Kathy Wolff. Changes? Tell Father. God bless.

Need a wheelchair at St Patrick's? You'll find one you can use for transport into and out of the building by the votive candle stand in the church. Please return when finished with its use so others may use it.



**St Patrick Hall reservations—must be a current registered member of one of our Parishes.**  
**Contact Fr Jerry.**

SACRISTANS:

Jason Depperschmidt—José Leon—Thom Elliott—  
Raymond Brekel—Vince Hoefler

## MINISTRIES FOR DECEMBER 7 & 8

### **Christ the King Saturday 5:00pm**

**Music:** Carolyn Davis & Marie Swan

**Lector:** Barb Wernsman

**Eucharist:** Teri Wernsman & Gary Wernsman

Confessions Before Mass 4:30-4:50pm

### **St Patrick Sunday 8:00am**

**Hospitality:** Tina Krogmeier

**Ushers:** Bill Tomky & Jim Tomky

**Servers:** &

**Lector:** LaVonne Dalton

**Eucharist to sick:** Julie Elliott

### **St Peter the Apostle Sunday 10:30am**

**Ushers:** Tom Boerner & Larry Unrein

**Servers:** Jesse Bornhoft

**Lector:** Bob Schaefer

**Eucharist:** Phyllis Helgoth & Rick Vanderheiden

**Offertory:** Mike McGrath

Confessions Before Mass by Request

--St Raphael Counseling 720.377.1359

*Clinical counseling for individuals, children, teens, couples & families. Outpatient substance abuse counseling. Post-abortion counseling. Tele & Electronic counseling also available.*

### **WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS**

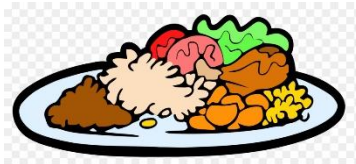
**LUCHEON** All women of St Patrick, Christ the King, and St Peter are invited to the Christmas luncheon,

**Wednesday, December 4, Noon, at St Patrick Hall.**

Entrée, desserts, and drinks

will be provided. We ask you to bring a small salad to share. We will also have entertainment. Fr Devlin, a local priest who has done missionary in Peru for a number of years will be with us. Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. We will also be taking up a collection to assist Fr Devlin in his work. If you need a ride, give a call to Teresa Mailander at 970.520.1939.

**WE HAVE** set up an Evening Meal schedule for folks who would like to help with meals at the Blomme house. Contact Connie Ferguson at [connirrfeg@gmail.com](mailto:connirrfeg@gmail.com) or text at 970.520.7345. Sign Up Link at <https://mealtrain.com/ze4e7y>



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am	<b>December 1</b> +Elizabeth Lousberg by family
<b>Monday</b> 7:30am	<b>December 2</b> Communion Service
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:30am	<b>December 3</b> +Mark Wernsman by family
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30am	<b>December 4</b> +Maggie Burenheide by family
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00am	<b>December 5</b> +Kayla Mae Lousberg by family
<b>Friday</b> 7:30am	<b>December 6</b> +Robert Henry by family
<b>Saturday</b> 7:30pm	<b>December 7</b> NO Neo-Catechumenal Mass



As the year comes to an end, we will all be thinking of taxes and wondering “where is my donation

statement?” We will send out donation statements only by request. Give Fr Jerry a call, a text, an email, or even a letter! Also, if you ever get tired of the delay in getting your information—donate online! You choose when to donate—check to see if you actually gave on a particular date—print up your own tax letter ANYTIME you desire. No waiting! Fr Jerry can walk you through it and get you set up.

*Preparing for Christmas—Yes, shopping, cooking, wrapping, and decorating are all important. But don't*

*forget to get the soul ready to offer a home for the Newborn King. Confessions will be as follows:*

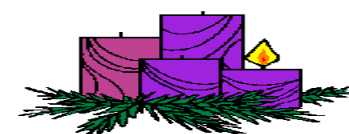
**St Peter the Apostle: December 6, 6:00pm**

**Christ the King: December 13, 6:00pm**

**St Patrick: December 20, 6:00pm**

And as always, Saturdays at 3:00pm at St Patrick and before Mass at Christ the King and St Peter the Apostle.

**Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast today in St Patrick Hall at 9:00am. Plus CDs & Books for sale in the Hall.**





## First Sunday of Advent

One of the endless blessings of positioning oneself in the direction of a spiritual life is that the giants come into your orbit and, through the sheer force of their goodness and faithfulness, pull you into new and scary directions.

In my privileged life I've worked with the Sisters of Loretto, the Daughters of Charity, the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, the Jesuits, the Franciscans, the Vincentians, the Dominicans, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, the Benedictines, the Sisters of Charity, the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Holy Cross Sisters and priests. The most powerful of all the communities, though, are the millions of laity who align themselves with the charisms of these historic orders.

I'm thinking of all those wonderful women and men on this first Sunday of Advent. The religious communities are such a rich and powerful piece of the Catholic experience and witness in the world. They are, more than anything, communities of Advent people.

By choosing lives of poverty, chastity, and obedience, and by being so utterly counter-cultural in their prophetic lifestyles, they are pointing with their lives to a greater reality than what the eye can see. This world is coming to an end. Live as if the day is at hand.

*Wake up. Pay attention to the rampant injustices around the world. Live with intentional kindness. Lead the way in advocating for everyone on the margins. Get to know people who don't look like you. Use your life in preparation for the way of the Lord.*

Every person ever born carries a certain indelible Advent mark, a certain surety that our lives are coming to an end. How, then, shall we live?

*What is your Advent prophetic witness this season?*

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## Primer Domingo de Adviento

Una de las tantas bendiciones que conlleva el adentrarse en una vida espiritual es que los gigantes entran en tu orbita y, por fuerza de su bondad y su fidelidad, te lanzan a terrenos nuevos y desconcertantes.

En mi privilegiada vida he podido trabajar con las Hermanas de Loreto, las Hijas de la Caridad, las Oblatas de san Francisco de Sales, los Jesuitas, los Franciscanos, los Vicentinos, los Dominicanos, las Hermanas de San José de Carondelet, los Benedictinos, las Hermanas de la Caridad, las Hermanas de la Virgen María Santísima, y los sacerdotes y hermanas de la Santa Cruz. Sin embargo, la comunidad más poderosa de estas es, los millones de laicos que se alinean con los carismas de estas ordenas históricas.

Pienso en todos esos maravillosos hombres y mujeres durante este primer Domingo de Adviento. Las comunidades religiosas son una muestra rica y poderosa, así también como un testimonio de la experiencia católica en este mundo. Son, más que nada, comunidades de gente de Adviento.

Al elegir vidas de pobreza, castidad y obediencia, y al ir totalmente en contra de la cultura en la forma profética en la que viven, con sus vidas nos señalan una realidad más grande de lo que podemos ver a plena vista. Este mundo se está acabando. Vive como si el último día estuviese por llegar.

*Despierta. Pon atención a las desenfrenadas injusticias alrededor del mundo. Vive con bondad intencional. Abre el camino en abogar por la gente marginada. Empieza a conocer a personas que no se parecen a ti. Utiliza tu vida para preparar el camino del Señor.*

Toda persona que ha nacido lleva consigo cierta marca imborrable del Adviento, cierta garantía de que nuestras vidas se acercan a su fin. ¿Cómo, entonces, deberíamos vivir?

*¿Cuál es tu testimonio profético de Adviento durante esta temporada?*

## ***Upcoming Events !!!***

- December 2 Salvation Army Bell Ringer Campaign, Holyoke Marketplace
- December 2 Parade of Lights, 6:30pm, Interocean Avenue, Holyoke
- December 2 Knights of Columbus meeting, 7:00pm, St Patrick, Holyoke.
- December 3 Confessions at St John, 6:00pm, Yuma
- December 5 Confessions at St Andrew, 6:00pm, Wray
- Through December 6 Fall Coat Drive. Bring your gently used adult & kids' coats to the Viaero Office.
- December 6 Blood Drive, First Baptist Church, E Johnson, Holyoke.
- December 6 Advent Penance Service & Adoration, 6:00pm, St Peter the Apostle, Fleming.
- December 9 NOT A DAY OF OBLIGATION, but a Solemnity. This Monday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a doctrine of the Catholic Church. Join us for Mass at 7:30am in Holyoke at St Patrick.
- December 13 Advent Penance Service & Adoration, 7:00pm, Christ the King, Haxtun
- December 15 Men's Advent Discernment Retreat, St John Vianney Seminary, Denver. 9:30am to 5:00pm. For men 18 and over. Register at [www.denverseminarians.org](http://www.denverseminarians.org)
- December 18 Religious Education Christmas Program, 6:00pm, St Patrick, Holyoke
- December 20 Advent Penance Service & Adoration, 7:00pm, St Patrick, Holyoke
- December 24 4pm Mass at St Patrick, 6:30pm Mass at St Peter the Apostle, 8:30pm Mass at Christ the King
- December 25 8:00am at St Patrick
- December 31 Anticipated Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, 5:00pm at St Peter the Apostle, 7:00pm at Christ the King
- January 1 Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, 8:00am
- January 11 March for Life, 1:00pm, West Steps of State Capitol, Denver
- January 12 Priesthood Discernment for High School Boys, Grade 9-12. 9:00am to 4:00pm, St John Vianney Seminary, Denver. Register at [www.denverseminarians.org](http://www.denverseminarians.org)
- January 25 Caring Pregnancy Resource Center Annual Banquet, 6:00pm, Phillips County Events Center Phillips County Events Center, Holyoke