

# Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

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My dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Grace and peace be with you on this Second week in Advent cycle (c). Our theme that guides us and also explains our joyful attitude in these perilous times, “*waiting for the Change!*” Our Advent journey calls to this ideal and by character reminds us of why we can wait and be of joyful Hope! It is a busy time in the world. People are decrying that we only have 19 more shopping days until Christmas. Time is moving quickly and the Church calls us to “wait?” Last week we began our Sunday reveling in the fact that it is a new liturgical year. In the secular new year people generally see the year that is ending a blessing that we have navigated through it. The New Year to come is usually looked at with great promise. The Liturgical year mirrors that same sentiment for upcoming year, one of Hope and excitement. In the new first Sunday of this Liturgical year, we are reminded of the Old Testament Israelites’

plight. They were looking for Justice and a Messiah. Thousands of years later, in the early days of the New Testament the Israelites were and are continuing to look for the Messiah and justice thousands of years later! They are hopeful that the Messiah would come and usher in a new era of vindication and restoration! Christians are well aware that Christ did come. Now we joyfully await His Triumphant return in the parousia. Truly, we are “waiting for the Change.”

Currently, everyone is using the signs of the times of the flooding, conflagrations, civil unrest as signals that we are in the end times. How can we be in joyful anticipation, when we are in fearful escalation of diseases like COVID-19 and all the variants or the increase of murders in the streets and schools. Over 100 people are killed a day via gun violence in our country. On November 29, 2021, in Michigan 3 Killed, 8 wounded by a 15 year old teenager. Our media has barely covered this tragedy, unfortunately. These incidents continue to occur in the United States and there is nothing we can do about it? The Church institution calls herself pro-life, but we are impudent, when it comes to truly protecting life either in the womb or in the school. Culturally, we are about to see the eradication of the state sponsored ability to kill the unborn child as Roe v Wade will be overturned. Many will celebrate this victory, but until we change the hearts and minds of 60% of the American public, then children and poor mothers especially, will be in more danger. We see in the continual fight against the sin of Racism and bigotry legislative measures cannot defeat it. In order to really protect life, to create a world where truly Black Lives Matter, we must change hearts and minds. Prayer plus collaborative action is the only way. One could lose Hope and gain despair, if we did not have this season of Advent.

Advent’s two fold character: the time of preparation for the proper celebration of the Solemnities Christmas mysteries; in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this , minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. (The parousia) [Universal Norms, 39]

Many people attempt to predict the end of the world. An apocalypse may or may not be imminent. Nostradamus, Galileo, “Ms. Cleo”, and many others have tried to predict the end of time. Christians are not called to predict, we are called to prepare. During the Advent season our preparation intensifies, because we see God’s movement throughout salvation history in the Sacred Scriptures. This gives us real Hope. Also we see the need for real preparation of ourselves. Looking at God’s movement through time and space toward us His Creation, we see our Advent journey is not sedentary. Actively through our spirit (and sometimes physically) we move, so that we can joyfully wait for the Change that will come because of our preparation.

Our change will call us to be like John the Baptist so that we and those we minister to and with, can “prepare the way of the Lord.” He will come with gifts of Justice, Peace, & Love! Our Breakthrough!

Advent Blessings,  
*Fr. Bozeman, Pastor*

## Weekly Offering for November 28, 2021

\$7,418.00 Tithe and Offering

### Stewardship

*“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...” (Philippians 1:9-10)*

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that “gift” truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your “obligation” to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less “stuff” and spend more time with those you love.

### Did you know?

#### Start paying attention to TikTok

Keeping tabs on how our children are using social media can seem quite daunting, even for parents who know their way around social media. But if you're not paying attention to TikTok, the newest and most popular platform on the scene, it is time to do so. Check in with children who are old enough to use the platform, and if possible, consider limiting or even eliminating their access. Talk to your children about responsible searching and sharing on all online platforms.

For more information about TikTok, read “Not paying attention to TikTok? It is way past time to do so,” by Charles Camosy for Angelus News, <https://angelusnews.com/voices/not-paying-attention-to-tiktok-it-is-way-past-time-to-do-so/>.

### Thank you

The beautiful **flowers** on the altar were donated by *Cynthia Richardson* in loving memory of **MILTON KEYS, OLA FAYE ARMSTRONG, AND GWYNN WHELLER BRAGGS**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.

### Pray for the Sick

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Helen Argusta, Gloria Bazemore, Vivian Burgess, Brownie Cain, Kathleen Charles, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Cynthia Cyrus, Juanita Davis, Carolyn Didney, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Bobby Eason, Mark Eason, Cynthia Fortier, Sherie Frierson-Chenier, Brenda Garibaldi, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Jennifer Hallman, Barbara J. Jones, Marjorie Jones, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Mercedes LeBlanc, Victor Levi, Vydred Manor, Dorothy Okoye, Tyrone Pitts, Sally Price, Wiley Pugh, Frank Rhodes, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Mike Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Alfred Sterling, Jr., Kay Sterling, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, William Warrior, Alice Williams, Jacqueline Williams, Peggy Wilson and Mechele Yerima.

### Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Bar 5:1-9, Ps 126:1-6, Lk 3:1-6
Monday	Is 35:1-10, Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Is 40:1-11, Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Gn 3:9-20, Lk 1:26-38
Thursday	Is 41:13-20, Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Is 48:17-19, Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Sir 48:1-11, Mt 17:9a-13
Sunday	Zep 3:14-18a, Is 12:2-6, Lk 3:10-18

## TAKE NOTE:

Recently, it has been brought to my attention that individuals are distributing various flyers and selling items on the grounds of Transfiguration Church and School property. This is unacceptable and no one is allowed to distribute **ANYTHING** on our property without the permission of the pastor. All requests must come through the rectory and approved **ONLY** by Fr. Bozeman.

### Advent Schedule for Holy Day of Obligation

*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM Vigil

Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 AM Mass

*Advent Penance Service at Transfiguration*

Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> - 5:30 PM

### Transfiguration Tabernacle Gospel Choir

#### CHRISTMAS CONCERT CANCELLED

Considering how much work the choir had devoted preparing for Fr. Bozeman's Installation and due to the short time to prepare a music program, the decision was made to cancel this year.

### Jr Daughters

The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Transfiguration Court 220 Jr Daughters are hosting a holiday fundraiser. Please support our Jr Daughters by purchasing an appetizer to compliment your pre-dinner menu for your family holiday gatherings. The Jr Daughters will be in the patio area on Sunday, December 5, 2021, after each Mass with pre-order forms as well as a display sample of the charcuterie board of meats, cheeses, fruits and cookies (nuts are optional) for \$25. Pick-up is Sunday, December 12, 2021, 9:00am-12:00pm. Thank you for your continued support of our Jr Daughters. Contact Info: Lady Gloria Bijole, (310) 465-8874.