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**Mission Statement:**

Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.

**Sunday Mass: 10:00AM**

**Reconciliation: 1st Sunday 9:30AM**

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**First Sunday of Advent December 2, 2018**

I will raise up for David a just shoot;  
he shall do what is right and just in the land.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

**Psalms** — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Ps.25).

**Second Reading** — Abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

**Gospel** — Stand erect and raise your heads; your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).



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## From the desk of Father Sinoj

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings of the Season on Advent! Advent is a time of waiting for Christ, allowing Jesus to be reborn in our lives. It is also a time for purifying our hearts by repentance and for renewing our lives by reflecting on and experiencing the several comings (advents) of Christ into our lives. Besides his first coming at his birth, Jesus comes to our lives through the Sacraments (especially the Eucharist), through the Word of God, through the worshipping community, at the moment of our death and, finally, in his Second Coming to judge the world.

The Gospel this weekend stresses the need to be upon the watch. A Christian must never come to think that he/she is living in a settled situation. He/she must be one who lives in a permanent state of expectation. A Christian shall always say "I know that some day the great thing will come into my life and I want to keep myself fit to take it." We must live forever in the shadow of eternity, in the certainty that we are men who are fitting or unfitting themselves to appear in the presence of God. There can be nothing so thrilling as the Christian life.

Advent is the time for us to make this preparation by repenting for our sins, by renewing our lives through prayer and penance and by sharing our blessings with others. Advent also provides an opportunity for us to check for what needs to be put right in our lives, to see how we have failed, and to assess the ways in which we can do better. Let us remember the words of Alexander Pope: "What does it profit me if Jesus is reborn in thousands of cribs all over the world and not reborn in my heart?" Jesus must be reborn in our hearts and lives, during this season of Advent and every day of our lives, in our love, kindness, mercy and forgiveness. Then will we be able to give people His hope by caring for those in need, His love by encouraging those who are feeling sad or tired, and His joy by encouraging and helping those who feel at the end of their strength, showing them that we care and that God cares as well. Thus, with His grace, we shall be ready for Him in hope, peace, love,

(☺) Always

(☺) Keep

(☺) Smiling!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath,

## December Birthdays

14—Linda McDonald

16—Yulanda Williams

18—Robert Johnson

20—Cathy Kramer

24—Susan Mutter



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## Mass Intentions:

December 2—Les Bumm

December 7—Michael Carrico

December 9—Donald Moorman

December 16—Jerry Mezur

December 23—Bernice Williams

*Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those who are in the process of dying. Remember to pray for the poor souls in purgatory.*

**Our thoughts and prayers are with: SICK Martha Kramer, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton, Kathi Skidd, Larry Clark, Greta Beal, Shelby Webster, Frank Adams, Rose Chapman, Father Pat Ryan, Charlene Meadows, Larry Leachman, Philip Moorman, Sr., Camilla Greer, Jim Moorman, Louise Johnson, Larry Allen, Phillip Moorman, Jr., Linda McDonald** **If you know of anyone seriously ill who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

## THE HOMEBOUND:

Ruth Coble is at Heritage Place on Buckland Square. Beverly Chilton are in their homes but can no longer join us for Sunday Mass and activities. A phone call or a card can cheer the homebound if you can't visit.

## Advent

### 1st Sunday December 2nd

There are a number of liturgical aides to enhance our Advent. Please pick up the Little Book and/or the Word Among us (readings and reflection for each day.) There is also a copy of At Home With the Word for each family. It has the Sunday readings for the year, a reflection, and some questions to ponder.

# Coming Events CALENDAR



## Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- Dec. 7** Feast of Immaculate Conception  
6 PM Mass at BSC
- Dec. 8** Mass and Celebration of service  
For Deacon Curry 9 AM at SSC
- Dec. 16** Christmas Soulful Concert 2 PM
- March 2** Italian Dinner

## Diocesan Happenings

- Jan. 11-13** Retrouvaille (for cold marriages)  
at Mount
- Feb. 2** Diocesan Men's Conference



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Before Thanksgiving leftovers are gone, society's rush for Christmas is well underway. But the Church's season of Advent calls us to make quiet time for prayer and reflection to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord. Some thoughts to consider:

- For what, and whom, am I grateful?
- ◆ Do I make time for prayer each day?
- ◆ Do I participate at Mass, or do I just attend?
- ◆ What are my God-given gifts? Am I sharing them in service to our parish and community?
- ◆ How can I improve my prayer life in the coming year?

**A Reminder from Father Jerry:** If you have returned a *Time, Talent, and Treasure* pledge, thank you! If not, please pray about your offerings of financial support and ministry service, then return your pledge this week. Since God calls **all** of us to share our gifts, I am asking everyone to participate. I am grateful each day for your generous offerings of prayer, service, and financial support. May God's blessings be with you during this season of hope!

**DISCIPLESHIP:**  
**PRAYING. GIVING. SERVING.**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: First Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins
- Monday: St. Francis Xavier
- Tuesday: St. John Damascene
- Thursday: St. Nicholas
- Friday: St. Ambrose; First Friday Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- Saturday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## HEARTFELT

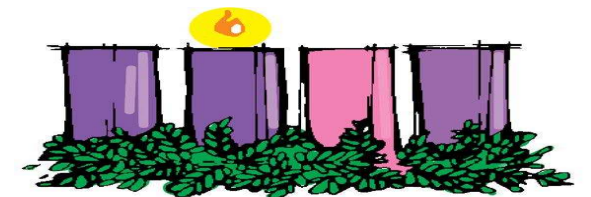
Remember that God prefers the poverty of our hearts to the most sublime thoughts borrowed from others.

## THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement.



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## THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know: His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind.

—St. Bernard: *Third Sermon for Advent*

### Lectors

Dec. 7 (6 PM.) Connie Clary

Sister Jeannette

Dec. 9: Gloria Adams

Greg Gough

Dec. 16: Marsha Allen

Von Williams

### Eucharistic Ministers

Dec. 7: Marsha Allen

Vivian Higgs

Tina Gough

Dec. 9: Rita Moorman

Cindy Clark

Cathy Kramer

Dec. 16: Charlene Meadows

Misty Sanford

Karen Leachman

### Ushers

Dec. 7: Volunteers

Dec. 9: Burnell Hamilton

Barbara Hammond

Dec. 16: Cindy Clark

Wonet Taylor



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We have just celebrated Thanksgiving when we count our many blessings. During Advent we have a chance to share those blessings. There are boxes in the back of church where you may put items that we can donate to the homeless shelters (hats, gloves, socks, umbrellas...) and food items for families in need. Thank you for your outreach.

### **Advent Penance Services**

There seems to be a hundred things to do in December as we get ready for the holidays—plan, shop for gifts and food, entertain..... Please put time in for getting closer to God by going to Reconciliation.

December 10—Our Lady of Lourdes 6 PM

December 16—Blessed Mother 2 PM

St. Mary Magdalene 6 PM

December 18 Immaculate 6 PM

December 19 Sts. Joseph and Paul 6:30 PM

December 20 Precious Blood 6 PM

December 23 St. Stephen's 2 PM

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Occasionally, someone raises a surprised complaint that while Christmas arrives on Santa's sleigh at the Macy's parade on Thanksgiving Day, the Church doesn't catch on too fast. They may even say that Advent is a newfangled idea. Not so. To trace its beginnings, we have to go back to the fourth or fifth century in France (then Gaul), when Epiphany was the favored day, next to Easter, for baptism. The old pagan structures of Rome were collapsing then, and many people sought to be baptized. Since adults always prepared for baptism by fasting, folks counted back a few weeks for a kind of retreat. Before too long, bishops were advising everyone to attend church frequently beginning on December 17. Soon, artists were imagining ways of expressing the Advent mystery, and in Italy this gave rise to beautiful mosaics of empty thrones awaiting the arrival of the Lord of all creation.

Advent as we know it develops on two separate tracks: the first having to do with our spiritual preparation for celebrating the Christmas feast, and the second having to do with the way this is organized and expressed in the liturgical readings and prayers every day of the season.

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### **Mark your calendar: Sunday December 16 2 PM**

We will have a Soulful Concert here. There will be religious Christmas music and the younger members of our parish portraying the nativity scene. Invite your neighbors to join us. There will be fellowship following the gathering in church.

### **Immaculate Conception**



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Saturday December 8th is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Under this title the United States has her as our patron. The Basilica in Washington, DC is dedicated to her. Pray to Mary, especially under this title to bless the USA. There is a 6 PM Mass at BSC on the vigil.