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# Blessed Sacrament

## 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**

**St. Stephen Cathedral Parish Office:** 270-683-6525

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

**Psalm** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

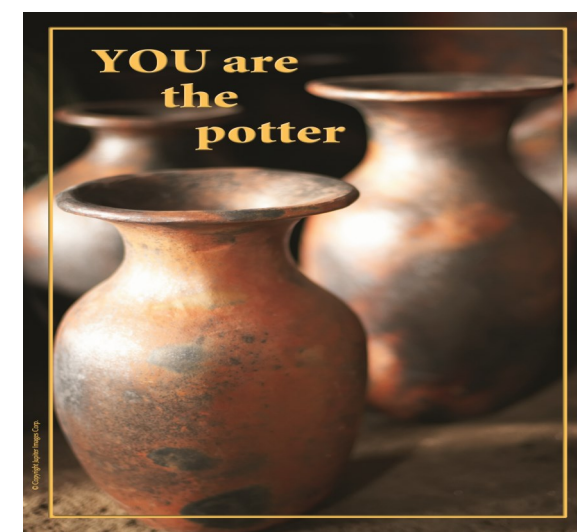
**Gospel** — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).



**1st Sunday of Advent November 29, 2020**

Be watchful! Be alert!

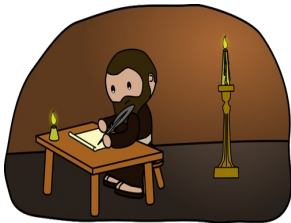
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# We are the clay and you the potter.

## We are the works of your hands.

*From the desk of Father Sinoj*



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! We are in the New Liturgical Year, beginning a spiritual journey through the Mystery of our Salvation, with the Season of Advent, preparing our hearts for Jesus our Lord to be born. The Gospel gives us a warning to be alert, watchful and prepared for Christ’s coming. First Sunday of Advent invites us to prepare to celebrate during the Christmas season the fond memory of Christ’s first coming and experience Christ’s daily coming in the Eucharistic celebrations, in the Holy Bible and in the worshipping community.

Jesus illustrates the need for alertness and readiness by comparing the situation of his followers to that of a gate-keeper in a house when the owner was out of the country. If we are awake and ready, the coming of the Son of Man is an event to be greeted with joy. Thus, our whole life should be a preparation to meet the master. We base this constant watch not on fear but on hope in God’s promise of eternal life.

Let us make an Advent project to be alert and watchful! Every morning when we get up, let us pray “Lord, show me someone today with whom I may share your love, mercy and forgiveness.” Every night when we go to bed, let us ask ourselves, “Where have I found Christ today?” The answer will be God’s Advent gift to us.

(“.””) Always  
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(“.””),’ Smiling!  
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God Loves You!!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, HGN

### November Birthdays

- 11--Jeff Sanford
- 16--Joyce Moorman,  
Greg Gough
- 19--Ron Moorman,  
Barbara Bisel
- 22--Trey Hatchett
- 25--Payton Sanford
- 28--Shirley Schmidt



### BIG AMBITION

Give up your small  
ambitions; come with me  
to save the world.

--St. Francis Xavier

### Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

### Mass Intentions

- November 15--David Thornton Coble
- November 22--Donald Moorman
- November 29--Leon Boarman
- December 6--Grace Medley Ebelhar
- December 7--Charles E. Thompson

*Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those in the process of dying. Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.*

**Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick: Joyce and Bob Springer, Mike Coakley, Andy Evans ,Otha Holbrook, Jason Pierce, Ruth Coble, Gary Moorman, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Larry Allen, Shirley Schmidt, Carol Hatchett, Rachel Mattingly, Nancy Bumm, Camilla Greer, Louise Johnson, Phillip Moorman, Jr. If you know of anyone seriously ill who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

Please remember our home-bound: Ruth Coble and Shirley Schmidt who are at Heritage Park. Georgia Holland lives in St.. Louis but stays active in BSC happenings. Please pray also for all who, because they are vulnerable, cannot attend Mass. A card or phone call can cheer them up.

### St. Stephen Cathedral New Mass Schedule

- 4:30 PM Vigil on Saturday
- 8:30 and 11:00 on Sunday
- 7 :00 AM and 12:05 PM Mon-Fri.



# Coming Events CALENDAR



## Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Dec. 7--Mass 6 PM  
Feast of Immaculate Conception

**Dec. 24--7PM Christmas Eve Mass**

### Diocesan Event

Nov. 30-Dec. 2 Mission at Blessed Mother  
6:30 PM (Advent preparation)  
Hope in the Midst of Pandemic-----  
Book of Revelations (Father Shonis)



November 22--\$1183

Weekly budget: \$952

MTD collection--\$6343

MTD budget--\$3808

YTD collection--\$24,285

YTD budget-- \$19,9992 Candles--\$3

*May each of us give  
according to what  
the Lord has blessed  
us with.*



## Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary During Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

### St. Andrew-- Feast Nov. 30

The Gospel of John states Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John the Baptist stated, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" It is then that Andrew and another made the decision to follow Jesus. It is believed Andrew was one of the closer disciples to Jesus. It was he who told Jesus about the boy with the loaves and fishes. When Philip wanted to speak to Jesus about Greeks seeking him, he spoke to Andrew first.

Per Christian tradition, Andrew went on to preach the Good News around the shores of the Black Sea and throughout what is now Greece and Turkey. Andrew was martyred by crucifixion in Patras. He was bound, rather than nailed, to a cross. He was crucified on a cross an X-shaped cross. Today this is commonly referred to as "St. Andrew's Cross." It is believed Andrew requested to be crucified this way, because he deemed himself "unworthy to be crucified on the same type of cross as Jesus."

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11;  
Mt 4:18-22

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: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;  
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Andrew, Apostle

Tuesday: World AIDS Awareness Day

Thursday: St. Francis Xavier

Friday: St. John Damascene

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday



### LIKE A CHILD

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's.

### 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.

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Thanks to Colin Nelson (See Mark 12:41-44) 10-05-2007

**DUE TO A MISUNDERSTANDING, WIDOW HARRIS PUT TERMITES IN THE COLLECTION PLATE**

### Lectors

November 29: Jacques Williams  
Sarah Malone

December 6: Layson Brooks  
Kathi Skidd

December 7: Sarah Malone  
Barbara Bisel

## Watch, Wait , Prepare

Today's Gospel reminds us that we are beginning the season of Advent, a time for watching and waiting. *"May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping."* In prayer, we can reflect on what Advent means to us and how we can prepare our hearts to celebrate the coming of our Lord:

- ◆ In what ways can I increase my prayer life for the coming year?
- ◆ Do I express gratitude to God each day for my blessings?
- ◆ Do I make time to participate in Mass (whether in person or via livestream)?
- ◆ What are my God-given skills and talents? How is God calling me to share those gifts to serve our parish and community?
- ◆ Which areas of my life require watchfulness and discernment?

Now is the time to think about our hopes for this Advent Season, to begin to prepare our hearts. *May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.*

## "Be watchful! Be alert!"

Practically every child in the United States can complete the jingle that begins with "You better watch out, you better not pout. . . ." Somebody is coming to town and he is going to have that dreaded "list." Signs of his coming are everywhere. There is great anticipation of the night when he will bring to people around the world the toys, clothing and other material things they most desire. His very popularity surrounds an event that was one of the most important things to happen for the salvation of mankind - the birth of a Jewish child, Jesus, son of Mary and her husband, Joseph, a carpenter from the small hamlet of Nazareth in Galilee. Over the next four weeks we have an opportunity to read and reflect and pray for a greater insight into the true meaning of the Nativity of the child, Jesus. Push aside the hype and the hoopla and prepare a true gift for Jesus - a heart that is more like His and a life that imitates Him in how we treat others. Be watchful and be alert to every opportunity to be like Jesus.

*The Season of Advent is like springtime in nature, when everything is renewed and so is fresh and healthy . Advent is also meant to do this to us--to refresh us and make us healthy, to be able to receive Jesus in whatever form He may come to us.*  
---St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

## What Is the Mass?

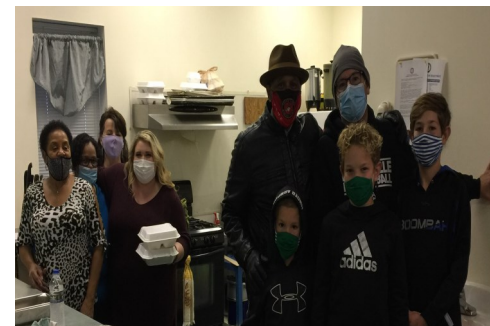
What is the Mass? There is no simple answer to that question. The Church uses many different images and terms to describe our most important prayer. The Mass is the celebration of the Eucharist, a Greek word that means "thanksgiving." It is the Lord's Supper. It is the Breaking of the Bread. It is the memorial of the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. It is the Holy Sacrifice, in which the sacrifice of Christ on the cross is perpetuated. It is the holy and divine liturgy, the sacred mysteries. It is the source and summit of our Christian lives, the new covenant, the work of the Holy Spirit, the paschal mystery. The many different words and images that we use when we speak of the Mass are not signs of confusion, but of wonder at what the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1328) calls the "inexhaustible richness" of the Eucharist. The Mass, our greatest prayer and our deepest mystery, is celebrated every day, many times a day, the world over. The Eucharist is both "bread from heaven" and "daily bread." The Mass is our everyday miracle.



**Thanksgiving dinner Busy at work and the ending crew. Thanks to all who made the dinner possible.**



**Outside crew serving our guests.**



**Thanks to all who brought food and helped serve.**

