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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.*

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Nov. 28, 2021 1st Sunday of Advent

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

## TODAY'S READING

### First Reading:

I will raise up for David a just shoot;  
 he shall do what is right and just  
 in the land. (Jer 33:15)

### Psalm:

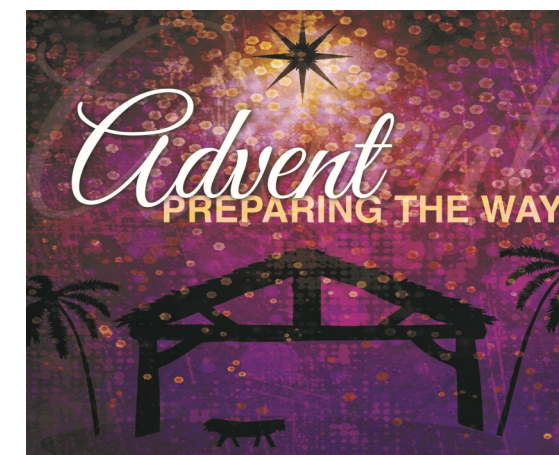
To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. (Ps 25)

### Second Reading:

Strengthen your hearts,  
 to be blameless in holiness before our  
 God and Father at the coming of our Lord  
 Jesus with all his holy ones. (1 Thes 3:13)

### Gospel:

Stand erect and raise your heads  
 because your redemption is at hand. (Lk  
 21:28)



*Your ways, O Lord,  
make known to me.*

## From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! Let me congratulate all of you for the wonderful, generous effort we made to share a Thanksgiving meal with our brethren. Thank you all for your generosity and love for solidarity. May the Spirit of Thanksgiving help us to be open to the needs of others and work for the joy and peace of all!

This Sunday we begin the Advent Season and a new liturgical year. Advent is a season wherein we prepare for the coming of Christ. When we speak about the coming of Christ we often speak about waiting for the Lord. But in the season of Advent we do not merely wait for the coming of Christ, rather we need to prepare ourselves and make ourselves worthy to receive Him when He arrives. Advent is an opportunity given to us to improve our lives and to deepen the sincerity of our religious commitment.

In today's gospel, Jesus prophesies the signs and portents that will accompany His Second Coming and encourages us to be expectant, optimistic, vigilant and well-prepared. Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound frightening. But He wants his disciples to be convinced that they are not to fear but are to stand tall. We must raise our heads in hope and anticipation, knowing that the Lord is coming again.

😊 Always  
😊 Keep  
😊 Smiling!

God Loves you!!!

Father Sinoj, HGN

### Preparing the Manger

Where do you fall in the “Christmas-songs-in-November” debate — do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There's no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it's not everyone's cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season — the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way — that you forget to prepare the manger.

Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It's hard to miss that point — Lent doesn't even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.

It's harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God — and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season — “advent” — encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, “so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap.”

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November Birthdays

22--Trey Hatchett  
25--Payton Sanford  
28--Shirley Schmidt

December Birthdays

16--Yulanda Williams  
18--Robert Johnson  
20--Cathy Kramer  
24---Susan Mutter



.Advent Thoughts

This weeks Scripture passages are peculiar and hard and odd and wonderful, a promise that is big enough to save us. If we open ourselves up to the people and images that shape this season, we may find that Advent is something more than we ever imagined--something different--something a little unexpected, something bright and sharp and wonderful. A perfect time to celebrate coming home--Something worth searching for and waiting for and yearning over and ultimately embracing, regardless of our fears and sins and whatever path that brought us here.

That something is a promise big enough to save us.

Mass Intentions

.November 21--Donald Moorman  
  
November 28--Patricia Lett  
  
December 5--Herbert Millay  
  
December 7--Jerome and Tom Fenwick

*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:**  
**Shirley Schmidt, Carol Hatchett, Stephen Hall, Colton Braungardt,** Connie Clary, Doris Smith, Debbie Bellwood, Janice Taul , Merle Griffith, Tyler Cruppi, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Larry Allen, Shelby Webster, Louise Johnson, Ruth Coble, Larry Conder, Mike Coakley, Andy Evans, Gary Moorman, Rachel Mattingly, Camilla Greer, Phillip Moorman, Jr. **If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

Please remember our home-bound: Ruth Coble at One Park Place and Shirley Schmidt at Hermitage. Georgia Holland lives in St. Louis 1360 Coppergate Ln., St. Louis, MO 63138 but stays active in BSC.. A card or phone call can cheer them up.

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Coming Events  
CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Nov. 28--1st Sunday of Advent  
  
Drawing for basket winners  
  
December 7--6 PM Mass  
December 8--Feast of Immaculate Conception  
  
December 19--Church decorating



Nov. 21--NA  
  
Weekly Budget--\$962  
  
MTD collections--NA  
  
MTD budget--NA  
  
YTD collection--NA  
  
YTD budget---NA

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



*Advent is a Time to Reflect and Prepare.*

The rush toward Christmas in the secular world has been underway since Halloween. Thanksgiving can be almost overlooked—lost somewhere between the Christmas music that has been playing on the radio for weeks and the commercials pushing us to buy gifts. But the Church gives us the beautiful season of Advent, a time to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord. In prayer and reflection, we can consider:

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

Advent offers an opportunity to focus on hope despite the pressures and anxieties of daily life. Make the most of this beautiful season! Set aside some time for the Lord each day; an Advent wreath can provide a lovely space for prayer.

Lector	
<u>November 28:</u>	Layson Brooks Aubrey Ottofy
<u>December 5:</u>	Greg Gough Barbara Bisel
<u>December 7:</u>	Kathi Skidd
Eucharistic Minister	
<u>November 28:</u>	Barbara Bisel
<u>December 5:</u>	Misty Sanford
<u>December 7:</u>	Vivian Higgs

Laugh of the Week

Their Mothers May Have Said It

"Sampson! Get your head out of that lion. You don't know where it's been!" "

Cain! Get off of your brother! You're going to kill him some day!" "

Noah! No, you can't keep them! How many times do I have to tell you, don't bring home any more strays."

"Judas! Have you been in my purse again?"

"David! I told you not to play in the house with that sling! Go practice your harp. We pay good money for those lessons."

"Jesus! Be careful with those tools; You don't want to put a nail through your finger."

Heartfelt

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

Liturgical Update

As humans, all of our senses are part of who we are as a complete person. Our Catholic faith uses this belief as we worship. Incense, art work, statues, music all help us lift our minds to God.

Bells call us to worship. For centuries, the practice was to ring a bell at certain times of Mass, especially when the Holy Spirit is called down and at the words of consecration.

When the Mass was celebrated in Latin, fewer and fewer people understood the language and the priest had his back to the people. A bell was rung to assist the people. After Vatican II when Mass was again celebrated in the language of the people and many of the complex rituals of the Mass were simplified, the ringing of the bells became optional.

The current rubrics of the Mass allow for a small bell to be rung as a signal and at each elevation. Some people believe that the ringing of the bell is important because of a decline of faith in the holy Eucharist as truly being the Body and Blood of Christ. By ringing the bell, we receive a subtle reminder to "pay attention.. Jesus is here."

Beginning with the new liturgical year, (Nov. 28) the bells will be rung during the Eucharistic prayer. We will also begin in-pew collection at Offertory time.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-9/  
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11  
Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10/Ps 23:1-6/  
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27/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, 5-8

Observances for the week of Nov. 28, 2021

.Tuesday: St. Andrew, Apostle

Friday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Saturday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Congratulations to all of our parishioners who have wedding anniversaries this month--especially Joyce and Philip Moorman --64 yrs.

Church Mice

A New Year is an opportunity to start all over again, greeting each new morning with these words - "Thank You, Lord for the gift of another day, help me to make the best of it!"

MAY GOD GRANT US ALL 20/20 VISION TO SEE THE BEST HE HAS TO OFFER !

Karl Zorowski

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. And so Advent begins with a promise.