

NOVEMBER 30 - SATURDAY

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Vigil Readings: *See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *John F. O’Keefe*6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**DECEMBER 1 – SUNDAY***Sunday Readings:*

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

9:00 AM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Angela Bausch*12:30 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**DECEMBER 2 – MONDAY**

Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

DECEMBER 3 - TUESDAY

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

7:00 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Miguel**DECEMBER 4– WEDNESDAY**

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Frank Lienhart, Jr***DECEMBER 5 - THURSDAY**

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

11:00 AM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**DECEMBER 6 – FRIDAY**

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Rudy – *Fr. Joe Robinson***DECEMBER 7 - SATURDAY**

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

Vigil Readings: *see Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Fran Klosterman*6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**DECEMBER 8 – SUNDAY***Sunday Readings:*

Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Catherine Lienhart*12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy**English Mass Ministry Schedule: December 7-8****Lectors:**

4:00 PM – S. Heidemann

11:00 AM – K. Gillespie

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM – D. Mercer/T. LeSaint

11:00 AM – S. Orth

Servers:

4:00 PM – Z. & M. Nintrup

11:00 AM – M. Crosby

Offertory Family:

4:00 PM: LeSaint

11:00 AM: N/A

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Due to the holiday print schedule for the bulletin, the financials are not available. They will appear in next week’s bulletin.

Make it easy on yourself. ***Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering.*** To take advantage of this convenience, please call 513-541-1563.

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Tom Lienhart (30), Cynthia Dickman (30), Mary Jo McKenna (01), Mike Maley (01), Beth Kessler (01), Monica Garcia (01), Karen Walsh (02), Norman Bissell (04), Jerry Schnetzer (04), Linda Hughes (04), Ronnie Wermes (04), Terri Hottinger (05), Gina Eilerman (05), Shelby St. Clair (05), Robert Meinerding (06), Sandra Blessing (06), Jack Finamore (06), Justin Wermes (06).

FOUR GRAND CLUB: Congratulations to our Week 14 winners: Rick Sunders, Mary Ellen Yetter, and Dolores Burress. They each won \$25.

FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION:

Today's Gospel, taken from the 21st chapter of Luke, speaks of the end times and the second coming of Christ. It is a passage that might seem out of place during Advent—a season we usually associate with preparing for the birth of Christ. Yet, this reading is crucial because Advent is not just a time of looking back to the historical event of Christ's birth, but also a time of looking forward to His promised return. Luke's Gospel, written around 85 C.E., emphasizes the joy and hope we are to live with, even in the face of the unknown. It is a reminder that our faith is not simply rooted in the past but is oriented toward the future fulfillment of God's promises.

Advent calls us to live in joyful hope, even as we experience the uncertainties, tragedies, and frailties of life. We are, after all, an Advent people—living in the “in-between” of Christ's first coming and His second. While the world around us may be caught up in the materialism and rush of the holiday season, Peter Kreeft, a Catholic philosopher, reminds us that we are meant to focus on the “holy days,” not just the holidays. This is the time to realign our lives, to prepare for the return of Christ, and to order everything around Him. How often do we allow distractions to take priority over our spiritual lives? How often do we neglect to prepare for the most important event of all—Christ's second coming?

The Gospel today urges us to stay vigilant and to not be weighed down by the anxieties of daily life. The Lord is at hand, and we are called to live with that awareness. This isn't a call to live in fear, but in hope and love. The Christian life is meant to be a preparation for the moment we meet Christ—whether it is at the end of our individual lives or at His glorious return. The challenge is to open our hearts now to His presence, His love, and His grace. Will we be ready to meet Him when He comes again?

As we begin this new liturgical year, Advent gives us the opportunity to reflect on how we are living our lives in the light of Christ's coming. Are we spending time with Him in prayer? Are we living out our faith in love and service to others? Are we living with a

sense of joyful anticipation, trusting that God's promises are coming true? Let this Advent be a time of preparation, not just for the celebration of Christmas, but for the ultimate fulfillment of God's kingdom. The darkness may seem overwhelming at times, but the light of Christ is always with us. Let us live in that light, ordering our lives for His second coming, and allowing everything else to fall into place around Him.

MEMORIALS:

The following memorials have been made:

SVDP food pantry:

Barb Luken - \$1,710

Debbie Herbert - \$205

And these to the Church:

John Schwierling - \$450

Pam Hildebrand - \$225

WARM PACKS: The Blaze Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society is proud to partner with the Gaines Foundation to support those who are less fortunate. Our students are collecting the following items to be given to a local warming shelter: socks, hand sanitizer, gloves/mittens, hats/earmuffs, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, wash clothes, shampoo/conditioner. Students will be collecting items through December 6. All donations are welcome.

NOVENA: Every year the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is preceded by a Novena. Beginning on December 3 and every evening through December 11, our Novena will begin at 7 p.m. If there is evening Mass, the Novena follows the Mass.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: This year the Feast will be celebrated on December 9 as the Feast falls on a Sunday. Since this is our National patroness, it is a holyday of obligation. Our Masses will be at 9:30 a.m. with the school children and at 7 p.m. with a bilingual Mass.

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