# **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

"A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust"

October 23, 2022

### | 30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg



# SACRAMENTS

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament is available during Confession hour and after each Mass per request.

### MATRIMONY

Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony must contact a priest of the parish one year in advance of the wedding. Diocesan regulations require that couples begin to work with the parish at least one year prior to a wedding.

### BAPTISM

Families of our parish who wish to have their child baptized should call the parish office to register for Baptism Prep. Please call well in advance of birth of your child.

### **CONFESSION**

Anytime by appointment Tuesday: 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.; Saturdays: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 29

4:30 p.m. Charles & Mary Fiore (Charlotte)

### Sunday, October 30

8:00 a.m. Shawn Teamann (Frazier Family)
10:00 a.m. Our Parish Family
11:30 a.m. Dolores Nese (Family)
Monday, October 31
7:45 a.m. Alex Dezorzi (Family)

### Tuesday, November 1

7:45 a.m. Cynthia Kolesar (Swanson)
Noon Almeda Brentzel (Cindy & John)
6:30 p.m. John Ott (IC Office Staff)

### Wednesday, November 2

7:45 a.m. All Souls
Thursday, November 3
7:45 a.m. All Souls
Friday, November 4
7:45 a.m. Helen Waite (Brothers & Sisters)
Saturday, November 5
8:00 a.m. All Souls
4:30 p.m. All Souls
Sunday, November 6
8:00 a.m. Philomena & Joseph Fontana (Family)

10:00 a.m. Dolly Simon (Family) 11:30 a.m. Our Parish Family



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"But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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308 SECOND STREET • IRWIN, PA 15642 • PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

CLOSED 12:00 NOON • 1:00 pm

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### IC's On The Corner Event Planner

## Coming in November...

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Deacon William Todd Church from the Diocese of Gallup will be speaking at our masses on November 12th and 13th, 2022 supplying us with information on ways that we might help further the mission works in the Diocese. The Diocese of Gallup covers over 55,000 square miles of Northeastern Arizona and Northwestern New Mexico and encompasses seven Native American reservations and pueblos. It serves 107,653 Catholics and this makes it one of our Nation's largest and poorest Dioceses. The Diocese is facing challenges with a third of the community, Native Americans, impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic with the highest infection, death and hospitalization rates in the nation. There will be a second collection the weekend of November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please place envelopes in the collection basket marked "Mission Cooperation Plan" or you can donate online using the following website. https://www.osvhub.com/icirwin/giving/funds/mission-cooperation

Activities for everyone on the horizon so keep a watchful eye open for the following coming in November/December:

- ✓ Thanksgiving Evening Celebration
- ✓ Theology on the Vine
- ✓ Breakfast with Santa
- ✓ Christian Mothers/Women's Guild Christmas Party
- ✓ Advent Penance Service
- ✓ Lessons and Carols

### Christian Mother's/Women's Group Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, November 8th 5:30 PM- Board Meeting in the Carravagio Conference Room



Tuesday, November 15th 7:00 pm

General Membership Meeting in Our Lady's Plaza following 6:30 pm Mass

**Sunday, December 4th** - Christian Mothers/Women's Guild Christmas Party in Our Lady's Plaza following the 11:30 am Mass

**Homebound Ministry** If you know of any family, neighbors, or fellow parishioners who are homebound and would like to have a Homebound Minister come to visit, please call Sharyn Gesmond at the Parish Office 724.863.9550 or email sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

If anyone is in need of the Sacrament of the Sick please contact the Parish Office.

**Interested in volunteering. We have many opportunities to become involved:** If you are interested in volunteering or planning to resume volunteering for our parish ministries and parish activities please contact Sharyn Gesmond at **sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org** or 724-863-9550 to update and/or obtain your

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### This Week on the Corner

### IMG/IWG Men's and Women's Group

IMG Saturday - Nov. 5th 6:30am-8:00 am IWG Sunday - Nov. 6th 6:30 am-8:00 am



Our next sessions will be next Saturday, October 29th for the men's group (IMG) and next Sunday, October 30th for the women's group (IWG) at 6:30am in Our Lady's Plaza. We continue with "The Chosen -

Season 2" watching a video

entitled "Beyond Mountains". All are welcome as we continue following in the footsteps of Jesus! See you there!

### 2023 Lottery Calendars are available now for



purchase at Immaculate Conception Parish Office. Each calendar is \$30 and offers chances to win each day of the year. Cash or checks (payable to St. Anne Home) are accepted. They make perfect gifts! Their sale expands programs and services for residents as

well as their campus facility. Thanks for your continued support of St. Anne Home. Proceeds benefit St. Anne's Home in Greensburg.

**Thank You!** for participating on World Mission Sunday last weekend! Through your generous contributions to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, you are Christ's witnesses, building the Church in the Pope's missions around the world, feeding the poor, and aiding the missionaries who are sharing the Gospel worldwide. May God bless you for your compassionate missionary spirit!



### **FAITH FORMATION -**

**Grades 1-2 - Faith Formation for Public School Students**, Saturday November 5th, 9:00 am - 10:30 am 2nd Floor of the Administration Building

**Grades 3-6 – Faith Formation for Public School Students**, Monday, November 7th, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, 2nd Floor of the Administration Building

7<sup>th</sup> **Grade Faith Formation**– Class will be Monday November 14th from 5:30-7:30pm in Our Lady's Plaza at Immaculate Conception.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation**– Class will be Monday November 14th from 7:45 to 9pm in Our Lady's Plaza at Immaculate Conception.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON WISH TO SAY THANK YOU

TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS AT THE CASH BASH!!

WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE WITHOUT YOU!

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO PURCHASED A TICKET -YOU MADE OUR EVENT A SUCCESS!!!

### **Grief Share Program**

Monday Evenings 6:30 pm -

The Grief Share program continues each Monday evening at 6:30 pm here at Immaculate Conception in the RCIA Room.

You are welcome to begin attending our GriefShare group at any point. Each session is "self-contained" so you do not have to attend in sequence. The program will run weekly up to Advent. Please register by emailing Deacon Jeff at jcieslewicz@dioceseofgreensburg.org or by calling the Parish Office.



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## Thoughts from the Pastor



### From a letter to the Corinthians by Saint Clement,

**ALL SAINTS DAY** Holy day of Obligation Tuesday, November 1, 2022 Mass Schedule: **Immaculate Conception 8:00 AM, Noon** & 6:30 PM Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton: 8:30AM & 6:30 PM St Agnes: Vigil Mass Oct 31 at 6:30pm Tuesday, Nov. 1 – All Saints Day

7:00am and 6:30pm

Consider, beloved, how the Lord keeps reminding us of the resurrection that is to come, of which he has made the Lord Jesus Christ the



first fruits by raising him from the dead. Let us look, beloved, at the resurrection that occurs at its appointed time. Day and night show us a resurrection: the night lies in sleep, day rises again; the day departs, night takes its place. Let us think about the harvest; how does the sowing take place, and in what manner? The sower goes out and casts each seed onto the ground. Dry and bare, they fall into the earth and decay. Then the greatness of the Lord's providence raises them up again from decay, and out of one many are produced and yield fruit.

In this hope, then, let our hearts be bound fast to him who is faithful in his promises and just in his judgments. He forbade us to tell lies; still less will he himself tell a lie. Nothing is impossible for God except to tell a lie. Then let our faith in him be awakened; let us reflect that everything is close to him.

By the word of his power he established all things, and by his word he can reduce them to ruin. Who shall say to him: What have you done? Who shall stand up against the power of his might? He will accomplish everything when he wills and as he wills, and nothing that he has decreed shall pass away. All things stand in his presence, and nothing lies hidden from his counsel, if the heavens tell forth the glory of God, the firmament reveals the work

of his hands, day speaks to day, and night shares knowledge with night; there are no words, no speeches, and their voices are not heard.

Since all things lie open to his eves and ears, let us hold him in awe and rid ourselves of impure desires to do works of evil, so that we may be protected by his mercy from the judgment that is to come. Which of us can escape his mighty hand? What world will give asylum to one who deserts him? Where will I go, where will I hide from your face? If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go to the limits of the earth, your right hand is there; if I lie down in the deep, your spirit is there.

Where, then, can one go, where can one escape to, from the presence of him whose hands embrace the universe? Let us then approach him in holiness of soul, raising up to him hands pure and undefiled, out of love for our good and merciful Father who made us a chosen portion for himself.

### The History of All Souls

The Church has encouraged prayer for the dead from the earliest times as an act of Christian charity. "If we had no care for the dead," Augustine noted, "we would not be in the habit of praying for them." Yet pre-Christian rites for the deceased retained such a strong hold on the superstitious imagination that a liturgical commemoration was not observed until the early Middle Ages, when monastic communities began to mark an annual day of prayer for the departed members.

In the middle of the 11th century, St. Odilo, abbot of Cluny (France), decreed that all Cluniac monasteries offer special prayers and sing the Office for the Dead on November 2, the day after the feast of All Saints. The custom spread from Cluny and was finally adopted throughout the Roman Church.

The theological underpinning of the feast is the acknowledgment of human frailty. Since few people achieve perfection in this life but, rather, go to the grave still scarred with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification seems necessary before a soul comes face-to-face with God. The Council of Trent affirmed this purgatory state and insisted that the prayers of the living can speed the process of purification.

Superstition easily clung to the observance. Medieval popular belief held that the souls in purgatory could appear on this day in the form of witches, toads or will-o'-the-wisps. Graveside food offerings supposedly eased the rest of the dead.





Observances of a more religious nature have survived. These include public processions or private visits to cemeteries and decorating graves with flowers and lights. This feast is observed with great fervor in Mexico.

**Comment:** Whether or not one should pray for the dead is one of the great arguments which divides Christians. Appalled by the abuse of indulgences in the Church of his day, Martin Luther rejected the concept of purgatory. Yet prayer for a loved one is, for the believer, a way of erasing any distance, even death. In prayer we stand in God's presence in the company of someone we love, even if that person has gone before us into death.

**Quote:** "We must not make purgatory into a flaming concentration camp on the brink of hell—or even a 'hell for a short time.' It is blasphemous to think of it as a place where a petty God exacts the last pound—or ounce—of flesh.... St. Catherine of Genoa, a mystic of the 15th century, wrote that the 'fire' of purgatory is God's love 'burning' the soul so that, at last, the soul is wholly aflame. It is the pain of wanting to be made totally worthy of One who is seen as infinitely lovable, the pain of desire for union that is now absolutely assured, but not yet fully tasted" (Leonard Foley, O.F.M., *Believing in Jesus*).

#### A Prayer for Souls in Purgatory

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

O Lord, who art ever merciful and bounteous with Thy gifts, look down upon the suffering souls in purgatory. Remember not their offenses and negligence's, but be mindful of Thy loving mercy, which is from all eternity. Cleanse them of their sins and fulfill their ardent desires that they may be made worthy to behold Thee face to face in Thy glory. May they soon be united with Thee and hear those blessed words which will call them to their heavenly home: "Come, blessed of My Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

## Candles in a Memorial for our Faithful Departed

If you would like a candle lit for All Souls day for your beloved departed you can reserve the candle by emailing me at: AllsoulsCandles@gmail.com The candle is \$5.00 and you can drop it in the collection basket or at the office. Please indicate which church you would like the candle A Blue Candle will be lit for women and Red for the men.

### ALL SOULS MEMORIAL MASS Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton: Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30 PM Immaculate Conception: Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM St. Agnes: Wednesday, November 2nd 7:30 am & Noon

#### **MEMORIAL MASS IS FOR EVERYONE**

We certainly focus our attention at these memorial Masses on those who have died in the past year. However, we do remember all of our Faithful Departed at this Mass as well. So please try to share with us at the evening Mass in honor of all those who have died.

#### **MEMORIAL CROSSES**

Hanging in the chapel of Immaculate Conception church along the wall near the confessional, and the vestibule at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton are the crosses marking the memory of our latest deceased members of our parish families.

#### **PURPOSE:**

These crosses call to mind the need to remember their faith-filled lives as inspiration; the need to pray for their souls and their families that remain here who mourn them.

#### A FAMILY GIFT:

Every year we celebrate, at the time of All Souls Day, a Mass of memory for all the deceased members buried from Immaculate Conception from the previous year. At that time, we make the crosses available for the families to take with them for their homes. If the family chooses to leave their cross on the wall it will remain there until it is removed to make room for the newest crosses. If your loved one's cross is no longer hanging in the Chapel, you may pick it up at the Parish Office.

I ask everyone to keep all our deceased members in your prayers and their families. May God Grant them eternal rest and a share in the Eternal Kingdom!

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# Congratulations to John Depaulo

on his entrance into the **Order of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher!!** This honor was bestowed on him in a vestiture ceremony on Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. John was Knighted by the Most Reverend Cardinal Timothy Dolan at Sacred Mass.

John is the Husband of Nancy Depaulo, son of Anthony and Pauline Depaulo. John is a lifetime member of our parish and since he was a boy has always been close to the Church and service to the Parish.

This honor is very becoming to John who continues to be a humble servant of the Church and of our Parish. John takes very seriously his faith and is an instrumental part of our parish life through his involvement of parish council, leader of the men's group and aides as a sacristan and minister for the parish and especially Father Roniel and myself.

We are blessed to have men and women like John in our parish and especially blessed when they are recognized in this fashion.



To learn more about the origins and purpose of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher please read the description below!



The origins of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem date back to the First Crusade, when its leader, Godfrey de Bouillon, liberated Jerusalem. As part of his operations to organize the religious, military and public bodies of the territories newly freed from Muslim control, he founded the Order of Canons of the Holy Sepulcher. According to accounts of the Crusades, in 1103 the first King of Jerusalem, Baldwin I, assumed the leadership of this canonical order, and reserved the right for himself and his successors (as agents of the Patriarch of Jerusalem) to appoint Knights to it, should the Patriarch be absent or unable to do so.

The Order's members included not only the Regular Canons (Fratres) but also the Secular Canons (Confratres) and the Sergentes. The latter were armed knights chosen from the crusader troops for their qualities of valor and dedication; they vowed to obey Augustinian Rule of poverty and obedience and undertook specifically, under the command of the King of Jerusalem,

to defend the Holy Sepulcher and the Holy Places.

Very soon after the First Crusade the troops – including the Knights of the Order of Canons of the Holy Sepulcher – began to return to their homelands. This led to the creation of priories all over Europe, which were part of the Order as they came under the jurisdiction of the noble knights or prelates who had been invested on the Holy Sepulcher itself and who, although they were no longer in the direct service of the King of Jerusalem, continued to belong to the Order of Canons.

The Order first began to fail as a cohesive military body of knights after Saladin regained Jerusalem in 1182, and completely ceased to exist in that format after the defeat of Acre in 1291. The passing of the Christian Kingdom of Jerusalem left the Order without a leader, though it continued to survive in the European priories thanks to the protection of sovereigns, princes, bishops and the Holy See. The priories kept alive the ideals of the Crusader Knights: propagation of the Faith, defense of the weak, charity towards other human beings. With the exception of events in Spain, it was only rarely that the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher ever took part again in military action to defend Christianity.

In the 14th century, the Holy See made an extremely high payment to the Egyptian Sultan so that he would grant the right to protect the Christian Sanctuaries to the Franciscan Friars Minor. Throughout the whole period of the Latin Patriarchate's suppression, the right to create new Knights was the prerogative of the representative of the highest Catholic authority in the Holy Land: the Custos.

In 1847 the Patriarchate was restored and Pope Pius IX modernized the Order, issuing a new Constitution, which placed it under the direct protection of the Holy See and conferred its government to the Latin Patriarch. The Order's fundamental role was also defined: to uphold the works of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, whilst preserving the spiritual duty of propagating the Faith.

In 1949, Pius XII decreed that the Grand Master of the Order should be a Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church and assigned the position of Grand Prior to the Patriarch of Jerusalem. In 1962 Pope John XXIII and, in 1967, Pope Paul VI reorganized and revitalized the Order by adding more specific regulations to the Constitution with the intention of making the Order's activities more co-coordinated and more effective.

In February 1996, the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II enhanced the Order's status. Today it is a Public Association of faithful with a legal canonical and public personality, constituted by the Holy See under Canon Law 312, paragraph 1:1.

The Mission of the Order: its principal mission is to reinforce the practice of Christian life by its members in absolute fidelity to the pope, to sustain and assist the religious, spiritual, charitable and social works and rights of the Catholic Church and the Christians in the Holy land.

# Candles

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Mary Fenton by Family

**Easter Flame Candle:** In Memory of Nicholas Colinear by Family

Divine Mercy Candle: In Memory of Joan Corvino by Family

St. Peregrine Candle: In Memory of Douglas Jordan

### Altar Candles for the Month of October:

In Memory of Langer & Raspotnik Families by Sandy



### October 30th - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2 Thessalonians Luke

ay morum
11:22-12:2
1:11-2:2
19:1-10

#### November 6th - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Maccabees 7:1-2; 9-14

2 Maccabees 2 Thessalonians Luke

#### **Prayers and Sympathy**

Prayers and sympathy for Lindsay Mario whose father Michael Megon recently passed away; for Sharon Decesere whose sister Lori Swope recently passed away, for the family of Timothy Flannery who recently passed away and for the Ott family on the recent passing of John Ott. May they rest in Peace.

2:16-3:5

20:27-38

### **Eucharistic Adoration**



is held every Tuesday beginning after morning Mass. If you need to leave and there is no one else in the church during Adoration, please call the church office at 724-863-9550 and someone will come over. Thank you Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet Monday through Friday at 3:00 PM.

### Stewardship Corner

### Weekly Offering

Sunday Offertory Week of Oct 15-16, 2022	\$14,212.50
OSV online giving Oct. 18 - Oct. 24, 2022	\$4,375.02

# **Angels Corner**

following dates:

Queen of Angels will once again be selling Christmas Sarris candy. You can find a brochure on the back tables. Please make note of the



- All orders AND PAYMENTS are due by Wednesday, November 10th
- \* Pickup is Wednesday, December 7th from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- \* Make checks payable to Queen of Angels Catholic School

Please support our local school by ordering sweets for the holidays. Candy makes great gifts for all, including teachers, co-workers, babysitters and **clergy**. If you are interested in ordering, please complete your order form along with payment (checks payable to Queen of Angels Catholic School) and mail to Queen of Angels School or return to the parish office in an enveloped marked, "Sarris Candy Order". Pick up is scheduled for <u>December 7th</u> at the Queen of Angels gym. Any questions please call the school office at 724 978-0144x 2223 or Mrs. Noblick at 724 331-6216. Thank you for your patronage, we appreciate your support!



Don't forget that Immaculate Conception has online giving available to our members.

PEOPLE BACK



**Prayer and Perfect Pairings** Nov. 10 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg

Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick for Prayer and Perfect Pairings, a five-course dinner prepared by priests from the Diocese of Greensburg, Thursday, Nov. 10, at Christ our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Each course is paired with wine. Visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/ PrayerandPerfectPairings for tickets or sponsor information. Proceeds will be used to support Eucharistic Revival efforts.



### "Spirited," the first Diocesan Women's

**Conference,** is set for Saturday, Nov. 12, from 8a.m. - 4 p.m. at Christ our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. The day will feature praise and worship, including Mass with Bishop Larry J. Kulick, plus speakers, witness testimonies, crafts, prizes and lunch. Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/Spirited to register.



### **ST. AGNES SALAD LUNCHEON AND VENDOR FAIR** - will be Saturday,



November 5, from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Salad States at St. Agnes in North Huntingdon in Resurrection Hall. The day will feature a buffet lunch. Basket

Raffles, 50/50, handcrafted jewelry, wreaths, cards, candy, baked goods, holiday items, and vendors such American Girl clothing, ASEA Redox, Children's

Clothing, Color Street, Country Crafts, Damsel In Distress, Garden Flags, Mary Kay, RADA Knives, Recovery Infinite Hearts, Tastefully Simple, That's My Pan, Tupperware and more.

The vendor fair is free. Luncheon tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased in the Parish Office at St. Agnes 11400 St. Agnes Lane, North Huntingdon and at the door. If you have any questions, please call the St. Agnes Parish Office 724-863.2626



TICKETS \$20 Includes Trick or Treat Sack Call Alabaster Box Office 724-516-5189 Or visit AlabasterPerformingArts.org/Tickets

Yinz are invited to come aut (out) and redd up n'at to figure out the mystery of Yinz Nebby Neighbor, who has been seen burying a sack with a secret treasure in their yard in Dahtahn Pixburgh. Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables, Do a Deer, Memory from Cats, I Feel Pretty, You'll Be Back from Hamilton, Oklahoma, Wash That Man Right Out'a My Hair are sung by Nebbie Neighbors on their way to see a Broadway show, filled with confusement, secrets and "who done its."

### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

**Irwin, Pennsylvania** Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

# **THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** October 30, 2022 - Order of the Mass

### VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, raise up from our homes those called by the Father: courageous and humble men to the Priesthood, generous servants to the Permanent Diaconate, faithful people to Consecrated Life, and holy men and women to the Sacrament of Marriage. Holy Spirit, help us to live our universal vocation to holiness by listening to the Father's voice and responding with a sacrificial love. Holy Mary, Model of vocations, pray for us.

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Lord, Your Mercy Does Extend



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Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless, you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Wisdom 11:22-12:2

Before the LORD the whole universe is as a grain from a balance or a drop of morning dew come down upon the earth. But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things; and you overlook people's sins that they may repent. For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made; for what you hated, you would not have fashioned. And how could a thing remain, unless you willed it; or be preserved, had it not been called forth by you? But you spare all things, because they are yours, O LORD and lover of souls, for your imperishable spirit is in all things! Therefore you rebuke offenders little by little, warn them and remind them of the sins they are committing, that they may abandon their wickedness and believe in you, O LORD!

> The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145 Howard Hughes

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Brothers and sisters: We always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, in accord with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ. We ask you, brothers and sisters, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our assembling with him, not to be shaken out of your minds suddenly, or to be alarmed either by a "spirit," or by an oral statement, or by a letter allegedly from us to the effect that the day of the Lord is at hand.

> The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town.

Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."

> The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



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### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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you take a-way the sins of the world,

grant

us peace.

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# **13** For You Are My God

### COMMUNION HYMN



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**RECESSIONAL HYMN** 

I Sing the Mighty Power of God



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### Growing in Faith™

# **Become new during Advent**

During the Advent season, the Church offers us the chance to prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. It's our opportunity to become the people God intended us to be.

Be mindful. Fulfilling our responsibilities well is how we glorify God. Yet, it can be easy to get lost in the routine of daily life. St. Josemaria said, "Carry out the little duties of each moment: do what you ought and concentrate on what you are doing."



Resolve to do better. "I want to be more considerate," is a great start. Specifics will make it happen. "I'll give others my full attention when they're speaking to me," or "I will be on time to respect others' schedules."

Be flexible. If you struggle to find 20 minutes to pray each day, try two 10-minute sessions morning and evening. If you lack time for an entire Rosary, pray one decade at a time throughout the day. Don't miss this chance to prepare well for the birth of Jesus at Christmas.



The Church calendar is a gift to help us mark the seasons of joy and sorrow, work and rest. We can withdraw from the pattern of the world and remember that we wait in joyful hope for Jesus to come.

Beginning at the end of this month, the season of Advent is a time of warning and a time of preparation. Next month we celebrate Jesus' coming

at Christmas. But he will come twice more: at our own death, and at the end of time. This Gospel reading reminds us that we will never know ahead of



November 2 – All Souls Day. On this day we pray for the dead, especially our loved ones and the souls in Purgatory. Our prayers and sacrifices can help them get to Heaven.

November 16 – St. Gertrude the Great (1301). Born in 1256 in Germany, St. Gertrude was raised by and later joined the Benedictine nuns. When she was about twenty-six, she began having visions of Christ. She was known for her personal holiness, her kindness to the rich and poor, and her prayers for the souls in Purgatory.

### Matthew 24:37-44, Don't be afraid, do be prepared

time just when he will come for us. Advent is the time to ask, "What do I need to do to be ready to greet the Lord?"

Start by examining your conscience and pick one or two sinful practices you want to eliminate. Then try to spend more time in prayer, attend Mass faithfully, and go to

Confession.

Finally, spend a few extra minutes each day in prayer. Then when Christmas comes, you will know you are ready to greet the Lord with joy.

November 27 – First Sunday in Advent. We anticipate Christ's birth and his coming on the last day. Catholics around the world light candles in an Advent wreath to signal the coming of the light of Christ.

November 30 – St. Andrew (1st Century). The son of a Galilean fisherman and brother of Simon Peter, he introduced Jesus to Peter. After the Resurrection, he conducted missions in Turkey, Greece and Macedonia. He was martyred on a X-shaped cross.

# Q How does the& Church decideA who is a saint?

There are many people in Heaven who are saints but whose names we may never know. They are uncanonized saints. Canonization is the formal process by which the Church identifies and



determines whether someone has become a saint.

In its simplest form, official Church procedures detail three steps to recognizing a saint. First, the bishop of the

diocese where the person died begins an extensive investigation. The results are passed to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. If the Congregation approves, the prefect presents the cause to the pope. With the pope's approval, the petitioner becomes "venerable" and is called "Servant of God."

Next, "beatification," may come after further investigation and a miracle has proven to be attributed to the Servant of God's intercession after his or her death. Then the person can be called "Blessed."

Finally, canonization may follow additional investigation and a second miracle also proven to have occurred after the beatification and as a result of the candidate's intercession. After canonization, the "Blessed" is called "Saint."

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