

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass intentions for Nov. 28, 2021 1st Sunday of Advent

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† deceased of Bartus family
By: George & Thea Bratton

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Dolores Leon
By: Adeline Hyder

Wednesday, noon —
Vocations
By: Knights of Columbus

1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16 — The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to raise up a just shoot for David.

Psalms 25:4-5, 8-10, 14 — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2 — May the Lord make you abound in love for one another, so as to strengthen your hearts and be blameless in holiness before God.

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 — Jesus told his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay. They will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Beware that the day does not catch you by surprise. Be vigilant and pray that you

have the strength to escape the tribulations and to stand before the Son of Man."

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1 Thessalonians
3:12—4:2
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



A JUST SHOOT

Judaism, like Catholicism, is a connective religion. This means that individuals do not have to carry the burden of salvation alone. We are saved by our link to others in our faith: we're all in it together. For the Jewish people this is hereditary. God promised to bless Abraham and his descendants. This explains why so many genealogies are in the Bible — Abraham was the father of Isaac, and so on. The most important family tree was that of King David. The "just" or honorable "shoot" would be part of that tree. Jeremiah predicts this and points to Jesus.

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Weekly readings

Monday

Isaiah 2:1-5
Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday

St. Andrew
Romans 10:9-18
Matthew 4:18-22

Wednesday

Isaiah 25:6-10a
Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday

Isaiah 26:1-6
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday

St. Francis Xavier
Isaiah 29:17-24
Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday

Isaiah 30:19-21,
23-26
Matthew 9:35—
10:1, 5a, 6-8

2nd Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9
Psalm 126:1-6
Philippians 1:4-6,
8-11
Luke 3:1-6

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In-person Offertory
Nov. 21, 2021

Regular, \$2,237.35
Campaign for Human
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First Week of Advent

An advent wreath is a sacramental that uses both candles and colors to help us prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus.

During the first week of Advent, light one purple candle (for preparation). It is the candle of hope or the "prophecy candle." We remember that the prophets, especially Isaiah, foretold the birth of Christ. Great expectation is felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

Advent wreath prayer

Blessed are you, Lord God, ruler of the universe and giver of true peace! We gather here to remember your circle of everlasting love as we await the coming of your Son, Prince of Peace. Help us to prepare and guard against our deeds of darkness. Strengthen us; renew us! Give us the power to turn against war and work together for peace. Light up our lives! We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



Meal prayer

Blessed are you, O Father, source of our strength for peaceful living! We long for your peaceful presence at this meal! Make us one with you and with each other. Send your spirit of unity upon us. Amen.

Thoughts for Advent

Plan to enter deeper into prayer. The catechism reminds us that "prayer is a battle," that we must persevere even if we are not perfect in prayer.

The Holy Spirit will guide us to a deeper prayer life, but we must spend regular time in prayer throughout the day.

Consider joining in the rosary before Mass, attending Mass during the week through Advent, praying morning prayer or evening prayer each day or praying a psalm each day.

Saintly Wisdom

"As often I consider the day of judgment, I tremble. Whenever I eat or drink, or whatever else I do, that terrible trumpet appears to sound in my ears, 'Arise, ye dead, and come to judgment.'"

— St. Jerome —

Parish Life

Parish School of Religion — Classes for the Parish School of Religion are canceled this weekend for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Knights of Columbus — The Knights of Columbus will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday. All members are welcome and invited to attend.

Thank You — The Knights of Columbus wish to thank parishioners for donating \$1,220 last weekend to help students with intellectually disabilities. Any additional donations may be given to a Knight at the main entrance to the Church.

Advent and Christmas

Penance Service — The Advent penance service at St. Elizabeth will be at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Advent Books — Advent reflection books are available in the vestibule.

Music for 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass — Anyone who would like to participate in the music for the 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass may contact Jeanie Walker at 502-4226.

Angel Tree — The deadline for bringing in Angel tree gifts is next Sunday, Dec. 5. For more information, please call (after 4 p.m.) or text parishioner Donna Townsend at 342-7254. Gifts will benefit underprivileged children at Harold McCormick School.

Advent Food Drive — The Knights of Columbus are conducting their annual Advent Food Drive through Christmas. They are collecting nonperishable food (no glass, please) as well as money to be given to ARM (Assistance and Resources Ministry) in Elizabethton.