

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



## PARISH STAFF

*Pastor:* Very Rev. Rob Adams, STL

*Deacon:* Dcn. Joe Jacobs

*Administrative Assistant:* Becky Griffith

*Custodian:* Lisa Scalf

## MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Mass: Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Mass: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Adoration: Tuesday, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Daily Mass: Tuesday - Friday - Noon

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

## BAPTISM - 2 WEEKS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.

## MARRIAGE PREP - 6 MONTHS NOTICE

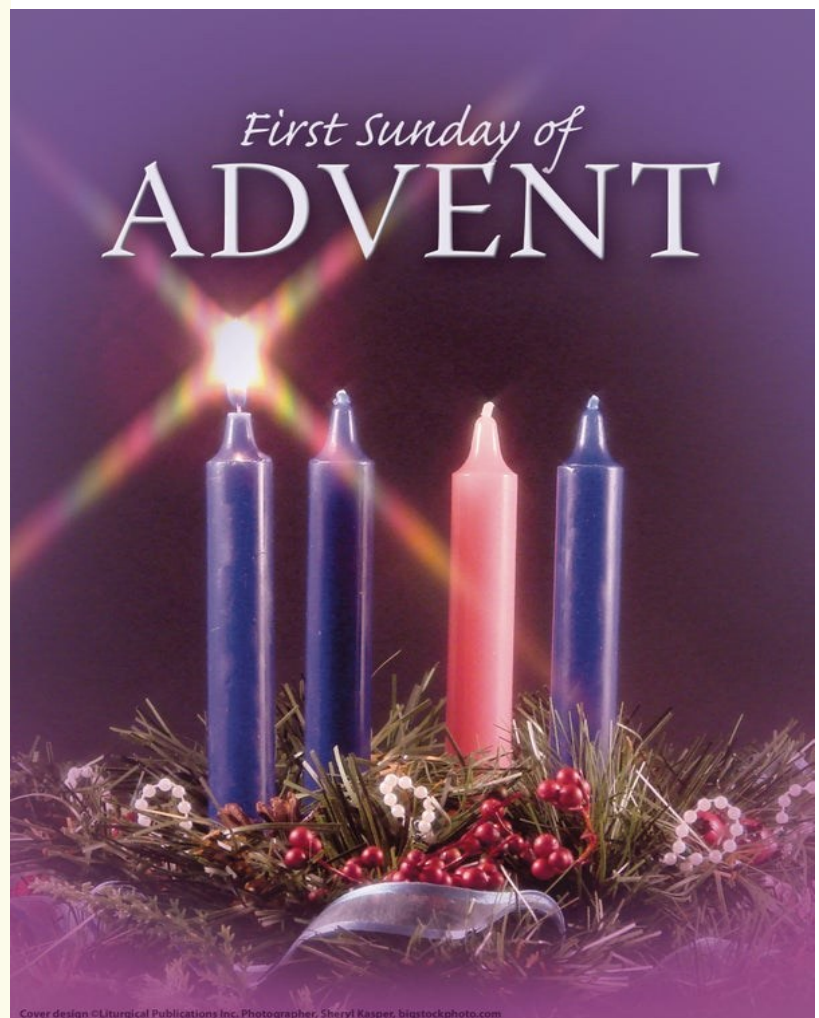
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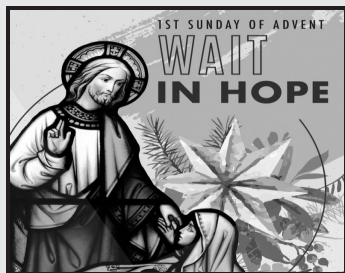
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### Sunday Offertory

11-23-2025.....\$  
 Weekly Budget.....\$3,000  
**Surplus**/Deficit.....\$466  
 YTD  
 Offertory.....\$65,244  
 Budget.....\$57,000  
**Surplus**/Deficit.....\$8,244  
 Food Pantry .....\$25

Offering will be updated in the  
December 7 bulletin.



Isaiah 2:1-5  
 Romans 13:11-14  
 Matthew 24:37-44

Let us rejoice in the Lord's peace; let  
us live honorably as we await his  
return.

Readings may be found in  
 the Saint Augustine  
 Hymnal Number 907

## From the Pastor's Desk....

Hi everyone,

It's hard to believe that it is the first Sunday in Advent again! I would really encourage you to find a way to celebrate the Advent season in your daily life. It's not just about changing the color at Mass or moving a few things around in church! Advent is a time for silence and for waiting. Maybe this Advent is a time to spend some extra time in prayer, or if you can't do that, maybe some extra time in silence. Maybe this Advent is a time to do a little fasting and give up something small to remind you that you are waiting for Jesus just as the ancient prophets!

Fr. Rob

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, November 29	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Howards Walls
Sunday, November 30	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, December 1	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday, December 2	Noon Mass	+Alvina Suprenant
Wednesday, December 3	Noon Mass	+Dr. Mary Fox
Thursday, December 4	Noon Mass	+Jean Billips
Friday, December 5	Noon Mass	+Daniel McKasson
Saturday, December 6	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Charles Cokley
Sunday, December 7	10:30 am Mass 1:00 pm	For the People +Sidney Tackett

## Parish Calendar & Announcements

**LECTOR ROTATION:** Below are the names and dates of the lector rotation:

11/30 David Hicks

If you **cannot** make your assigned date, feel free to contact a fill in for yourself or contact Sidney Cline at 606-424-8118.

**ADULT CHRISTMAS/WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE:** Be on the lookout for a post from Sandra May on our Facebook page. A week out she will be making a post to see who plans to attend and the food items that you intends to bring. If you plan to participate in the gift exchange, the item shouldn't cost no more than \$10 - \$15.

### **GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos will come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he. — Father John Muir ©LPi

### **WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER**

#### *Readings for the week of November 30, 2025*

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 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 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12 ©LPi

### **PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY**

#### *Prayer for Advent – Arise*

Bless God's Holy Name!

Prepare our hearts for Your coming, Lord. Awaken them from any places that have become sleepy or despondent. Inspire us with new visions. Be with us as we climb closer to You. Amen. ©LPi

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** - The first Thursday of each month at **7:00 pm** at Bank 253.

**ROSARY** - The first Saturday of each month at noon.



Pray For...

Lakeisha Therese Tucker, 3rd stage colon cancer

Ray Buchanan

Cecilia Newman, Kenny Schmidt's sister

Dana Cantrell, Anna Gomez's friend and co-worker

Jimmie Goss

Chona Curry

Sharon Collins, cancer

Wilson Vanzant, Lisa Scalf's stepdad

Sister Kathy Avery

Ransom McCoy, Lindsay May's dad

Tim Deskins

Melba Schmidt, Kenny Schmidt's mother

Wanda Baker

Jeffrey Scalf, Lisa's son

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Ron Saros

Helen Altman

Fran Sykes

+Peggy Anderson

+Kenny Blackburn

+Mary Anne McNamee

+Sidney Tackett

### **VOTIVE CANDLES:**

Suggested donation: Large votives \$3.00 and small votives \$0.50