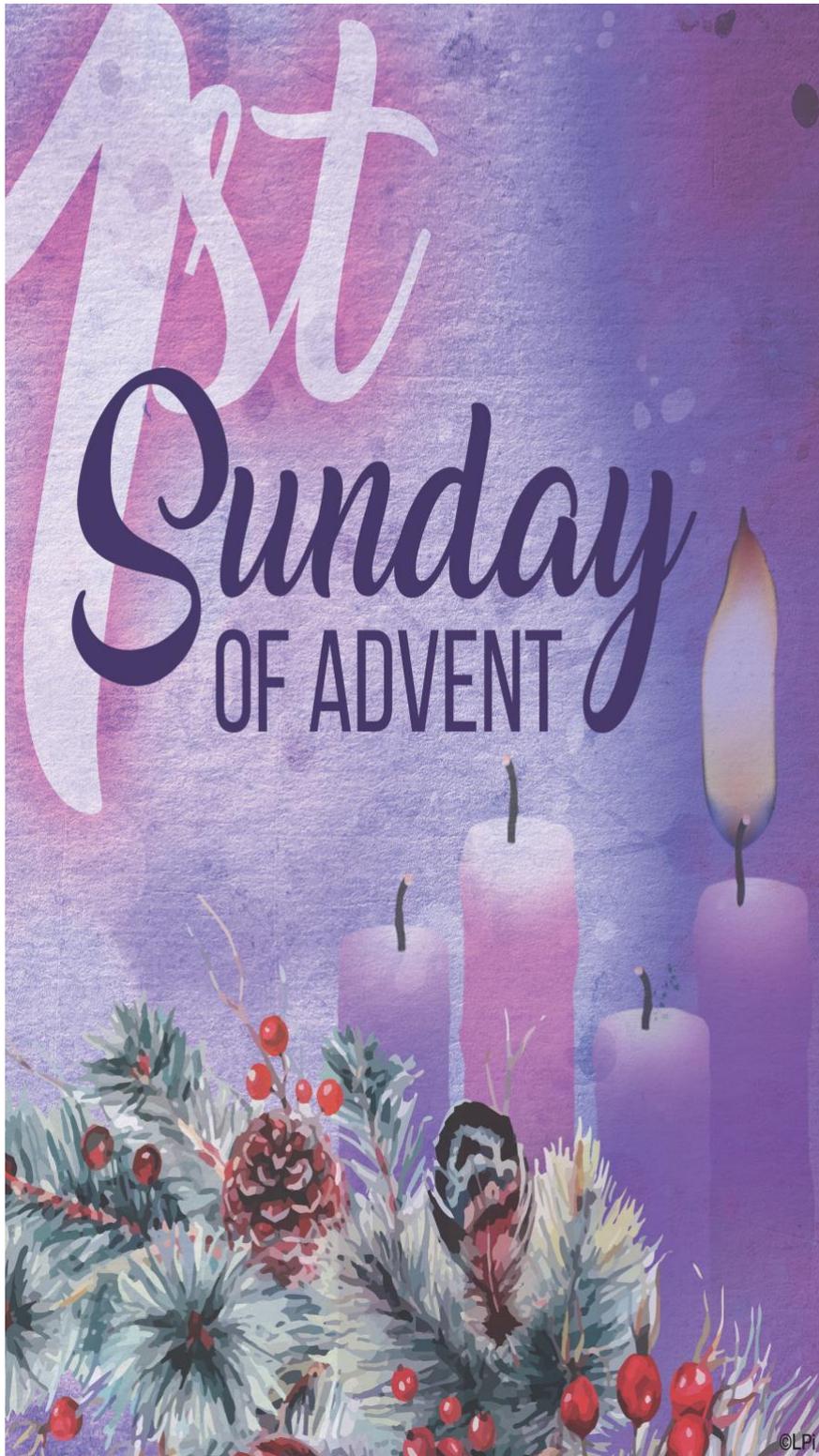


Holy Rosary Catholic Church

Sacred Heart Chapel

November 28, 2021



"Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world."

- Pope Francis, Angelus, 2018

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1st Sunday of Advent

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and



First Sunday in Advent

diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so

much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-

time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love. ©LPI

Advent Readings

Don't forget to pick up your "Daily Reflection for Advent and Christmas: Waiting in Joyful Hope 2021 - 2022" which will be available the first Sunday of Advent. This little book contains short readings and reflections for the entire season of Advent. What a great way to prepare for the birth of our Lord. Living Faith and the Word Among Us booklets will be available by the doors as well.

Advent Wreath

We light the candles on our wreath in the sanctuary to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. Why not continue this tradition in your own family? Make a wreath and pray or sing while lighting your wreath. The whole family can be involved!

Mass at WVWC

We will be celebrating mass at West Virginia Wesleyan College on Sunday evenings beginning on December 5. This 8 p.m. liturgy will be held in the Meditation Chapel at the college. This mass is based on the WVWC schedule and will not be held when the students are on breaks. Masses are scheduled for December 5 and 12, then not again until January 9, 2022. Father Ed and Father John will begin the college campus ministry soon.

Looking for Couples to Lead

We are looking for one or two couples to lead a marriage program at Holy Rosary Parish. We are just in the planning stages, and this program will be based on the program: "Together in Holiness." This diocesan program could be carried back to the parish as an important ministry to our couples here. Give it some thought, and talk to Father Ed if you are interested.

Praying the Rosary Before Mass

We will begin saying the Rosary before the weekend masses starting the first weekend in Advent. The rosary will begin at 6:30 pm before the Saturday Mass, and 8:30 am before the Sunday Mass. We are still looking for volunteers to lead the Sunday Rosary once a month. If you are interested in helping, please contact Diana Thompson, 304-472-1947, or email dianathompson222@hotmail.com.

We hope to continue this practice throughout the year.

St. Joseph Sunday Missals

The 2022 St. Joseph Sunday Missals are available for purchase in Marist Hall. The cost is \$3.50, and you may place your payment in the manila envelope provided by the missals.

Need Quiet Time for Prayer in the Church?

Please, if you need quiet time with the Lord in the Church, do not hesitate to call the Parish Office or Father Ed.

Holy Rosary Church's listening sessions for Pope Francis' Synod on Synodality are set for:

Questions 1-5: 6:30, Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Questions 6-10: 6:30pm, Thursday, December 9, 2021

Questions 1-5: 1pm, Tuesday January 11, 2022

Questions 6-10: 1pm, Thursday, January 13, 2022

Snow Day Makeup Sessions: 1pm, Tuesday, January 18, & January 20, 2022

All sessions will be held in the Holy Rosary parish hall.

Questions are available on the HolyRosaryWV.org website, in your Flocknote email, in the bulletin, and in the church vestibule. You may attend any or all the sessions.

REMEMBER: Decisions are made by the ones who show up!
Your opinions are important and will be documented for the Diocese.

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season or whenever they are ready. Sessions started on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, in the parish hall at 6 p.m. but you are welcome to join anytime. Additionally, more sessions will be held in the parish center at 10:30 am on Wednesdays.

Please remember in your prayers:

Bertha Small, Kate Deasy, Rosemary Austin, Phil Halligan, Randy Trent, Macyah Riley, Karen Trent, Matthew Linger, Seth Poling, Cathy Lipscomb, Freddy Caimotto, James Barton, Darell Hyre, Diane Hyre, Vicki Dibble, Eric Harkness, Pat Daigneault, Duane Lohr, Jeff Ball, Jane Baxter, Shaelyn Posey, P.T. Garton, Jalen Welcome, Dennis Cortes, Kay Sienkiewicz, Danny

Morgan, Gene Zara, Paula Ball, Janine Robinson, Elaine Katai, Terry McKisic and Tori Odom, Andrew Schmidt, Gay Little, Denise Karlen, Jim Hawkinberry, Sandy Derico, Tim Dewitt and Family, Ellie McCarthy, Linus Deasy, Shanna Ericsson, Linda Coyner, Donnie Cox.

Please pray for men and women in the military.

Please pray for our Homebound:

Mary Stump, Anna Stalnaker, Ron Frye, Rocena Asbury, John Sneberger, Lorraine McLean, James McCartney, Nancy Beverlin, Shirley Linger, William McLean, Anna Powell, Barbara Elmore, Helena Bessinger, Virginia Cerullo, Alan and Jimmie Jo Simmon, Barbara Hillberry.

Celebrate With your Parish Family!

Now accepting November celebrations!

November 8 Carroll Westfall

November 9 Kristen Sayre

November 10 Patty Sayre

November 16 Amelia Derico

November 17 Ed Poach

November 17 Mary Kriner

November 19 John Kriner

November 20 Reese Allbright

November 24 Sarah Ziems

November 25 Mary Derico

Stewardship

Last Week's Collection
Envelopes: \$2,974
Loose: \$168

Attendance:
11/20 - 43
11/21 - 92

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Donna and Joe Broslawsky!

They welcomed a sweet new granddaughter into the world on November 17. Little Kennedy Faye Sutton is a gift from God and we offer prayers and good wishes to her entire family!

Anniversary Congratulations!

Sincere congratulations are in order to Libby and Charlie Anderegg! They celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary last week. May God continue to bless you and your marriage.

ARE YOU MISSING OUT?

We send out a Flocknote email every day to our parishioners--uplifting Bible quotes, stories about Catholics in American History, the bulletin, online Mass from Elkins, FORMED.org programs. We email prayer requests and prayers answered. If you're not getting Flocknote, you're missing out on important information about your parish! Let us know if you'd like to be on the email list by calling the parish office at 304-472-3414 or emailing HRCCWV@gmail.com.

Christmas Craft Show

There is still time to attend the 38th Annual Christmas Craft Show, which will be held at the Randolph County National Guard Armory in Belington, WV. Over 50 artists will be there to show their wares and help you with your Christmas shopping! The Craft show continues on November 28th from 12 pm to 4 pm. All are welcome!

The Year of St. Joseph is almost over. Have you placed your rock in our St. Joseph Garden yet? We would like everyone to place their rock by December 8. We hope to have a special dedication soon. Thanks for participating!



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Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday, Nov. 27 - 7 p.m. – +Freda Cawthon (Holy Rosary)
Sunday, Nov. 28 - 9 a.m. – Parishioners (Holy Rosary)
Monday, Nov. 29 – no mass
Tuesday, Nov. 30 – 7:30 a.m. +Clara Zulian, +Charity Manspeaker (Holy Rosary)
Wednesday, Dec. 1 - 6 p.m. Holy Hour (We pray in thanksgiving for all of God’s blessing throughout the year) 7 p.m. – +Elizabeth Lanham (Holy Rosary)
Thursday, Dec. 2 – 9 a.m. - Gabriel Rosenburg (Holy Rosary)
Friday, Dec. 3 (FIRST FRIDAY) 6 p.m. Holy Hour – 7 p.m. – +Patsy Ricottilli, +Amelia Derico (Holy Rosary)
Saturday, Dec. 4– 7 p.m. – +Katherine Jack (Holy Rosary)
Sunday, Dec. 5 – 9 a.m. – Parishioners (Holy Rosary)
 Noon – Kaitlyn Luterek (Sacred Heart)

	Nov. 27	Nov. 28	Dec. 4	Dec. 5
Lectors	John W.	Lori P.	Rachel W.	Virginia C.
Greeters	Nancy & Tony	Frank G.	Mary B.	Charlie M.
Servers	volunteers	volunteers	volunteers	volunteers

Psalm Response:
“To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.”

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