

December 1, 2024

First Sunday

of

Advent

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Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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Sunday 8:30am
Tuesday 8:30am
Thursday 8:30am
Friday 8:30am

(except 1st Fri. of
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Saturday 4pm at PC

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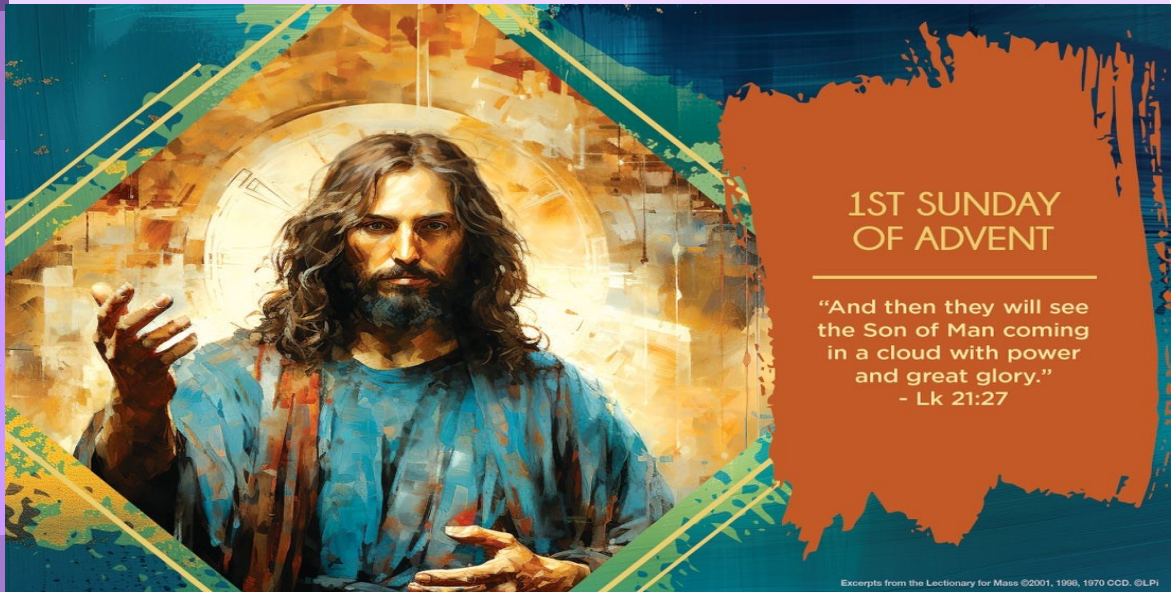
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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"And then they will see
the Son of Man coming
in a cloud with power
and great glory."
- Lk 21:27

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All visitors to our beautiful town of Eureka Springs are welcome to visit our historic Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church, and to pray and worship with us. If you are Catholic, and have recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you are also invited to share in the Holy Eucharist. If you are not a practicing Catholic, we invite you to come forward with arms crossed over your chest to receive a sacramental blessing. Pray that we all continue to grow together into the body of Christ, to which the Lord calls us.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

For Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, contact our Parish Office, and we will point you in the right direction.

MINISTRY TO SICK & HOMEBOUND

If someone in our community is at home or in the hospital, and in need of Sacramental Care, or to be placed on our prayer list, please let us know at the Parish Office.

GIFT SHOP

St. Elizabeth Gift Shop is located behind the Church in a small building. It is generally open five days a week (March - Nov.) and weekends through the Holiday season. We carry a large selection of medals, holy cards, rosaries, crucifixes, statuary and religious art. Come on back and check us out!

TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome to our Parish! If you wish to join our Parish family, please call the Parish Office, T&Th, at 253.2222. Registration forms are available in the narthex at both locations.

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THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Daily Mass 12:00noon at the PC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC
Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC
Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Second Sunday of Advent 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 2:1-5; 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 & 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

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Steve Vitt – 1/2, Jennifer Boardman - 12/4,
Mark Leggett - 12/5

May you have many more!

FULFILL TODAY

If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, surely you have not done much today.

-Anonymous



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Jo Elworth

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: The Simmons' Family

Altar Server: Robbie Bartos

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Cassian Heath

EMCs: Mindy Godfrey, Phyllis McGuire, Mike Godfrey

Ushers: Bev Wright, Mark Leggett

Altar Server: Misyy Leggett



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 3

For the Repose of the Souls of Vernon & Lucy Myers

Thursday, December 5

For the Repose of the Souls of Vernon & Lucy Myers

Friday, December 6

For the Repose of the Souls of Vernon & Lucy Myers

Saturday, December 7

For the Repose of the Soul of Kathy Tromburg

Sunday, December 8

For the Repose of the Souls of Vernon & Lucy Myers

Pray for



OUR PARISHIONERS -

Connie Blazek, Sheila Fowler, Florence Giels, Helen Wright and Barbara Witkowski.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Patsy Crawford, Mary Ann Dobrobnolny, Linda Gilmore, Pam Heinzl, Marci Krieger, Chuck Maxwell, Joe McDaniel, Gene Ochrymowich, Eric Pederson, Dale Putrino, Leslie Scroggins, Shari Soukup, Libbie Vesekla and Connie Woolheiser

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Kathy Tromburg, Ernie Wright, Richard Fowler

OUR MILITARY - Tyler Horning, Mathew McClung and Nic Smith.

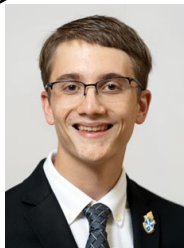


A BIG THANK YOU goes to Gary Finekeldei for cleaning the St. Elizabeth billboard on 62 West..... Looks great, Gary!!

BIG SHOUT OUT to Ted Meyers and Mike Lubbers. Thanks guys for installing a new door on the Bell Tower Shed. Appreciate your good work!

Retirement Fund for the Religious

Support those who have given a lifetime. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service - praying, teaching and caring for those in need - usually for little or no pay. Today their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously.



*Our Seminararians
for the month of
November, 2024*

Luke Parker

Contact address:

House of Formation,

1201 S. Van Buren,

Little Rock, AR 72204

For more information

on our seminararians, go to

www.dolr.org/seminarians



**Andrew
Schaefer**



STEWARDSHIP

As a parish, we are financially dependent on your generous weekly contributions to pay our bills and keep the lights on and our doors open and even more so during these difficulties times. So, as you plan for the weeks and months ahead, please remember your parish family in your prayer and in your financial planning.



GIFT SHOP



December Gift Shop Schedule

Sun., 12/1	9:30-1:00	Stamps
Sat., 12/7	10:00-1:00	Elfter
	1:00-4:00	Szafranski
Sun., 12/8	9:30-1:00	Selleck

ST. ELIZABETH COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER:

- 4 - Decorate Church for Christmas
- 11 - Church Christmas Dinner & Bingo
- 14 - Deliver Gift of Giving Items.



Nice attendance for **Coffee and Donuts** in the Garden for **St. Elizabeth's Day**.

First Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a young priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, “Don’t be afraid.” She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, “Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen.” A few days later she died.

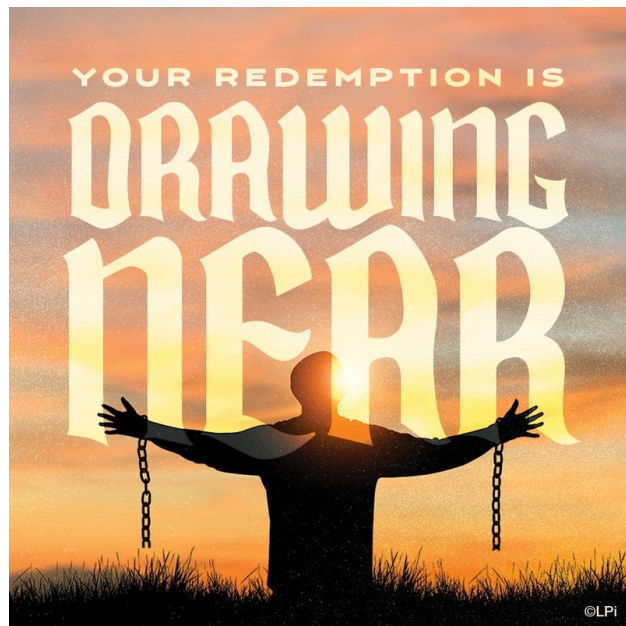
Christians face the ending of our personal various “worlds” in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves **“fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world”** (Luke 21:26). In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to hide our heads in drunkenness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to **“look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”** He then compares what’s coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That’s what the cross and resurrection empower us to do, as strange as it may seem.

Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you’re troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: “Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming.”

-Father John Muir



Blessed Chiara Luce Badano (1971-1990) was an ordinary teenager who freely gave her life to Jesus in joy and suffering. She was beatified in 2010, the first member of Generation X to be Beatified. In 2018, she was one of the patrons of the Synod on Youth.



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FYI: The Funeral Mass for Kathy Tromburg will be on Saturday, November 30th at 6:00pm.



PRAYER FOR PRAYER EXPECTATION

Dear God,

As we prepare for Your arrival, align our hearts and homes to Your will.

Pour into us Your grace, as we wait in joyful expectation.

Amen



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November 24, 2024
Feast of Christ the King

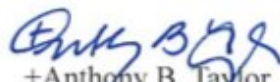
My brothers and sisters in Christ,

The feast of the Immaculate Conception is the patronal feast of the United States and is a Holy Day of Obligation. For a period of time, when this feast fell on a Monday or a Saturday, as it does this year, it was not obligatory. However, the Vatican recently clarified that even when a Holy Day of Obligation is transferred to a Saturday or Monday, there remains the obligation to attend Mass on that day. Elsewhere in the United States a few bishops have made an exception for their diocese, lifting the obligation. We have not done that here. In Arkansas the obligation remains. As with any Holy Day of Obligation, individual priests can exempt individual persons from the obligation for a just reason, but there will be no blanket exemption of the diocese or individual parishes here. One reason is that this feast is the patronal feast of the United States, and our painfully divided country is in need of more prayer and more help from the Blessed Mother's intercession than ever before.

One such area where help from heaven is needed is in the area of immigration, about which there is much division and heated rhetoric about massive deportations. This is not just a political matter as some would have it, but also a moral matter, a human rights matter about which our Catholic faith has much to say. Back in 2008 I issued a pastoral letter on the human rights of immigrants, in which I address what our faith has to say 1) about immigration as a basic human right, 2) about the reason for national borders, 3) about the rule of law and its limits, and 4) about the need for comprehensive immigration reform. An electronic version of this pastoral letter can be downloaded from our diocesan website—dolr.org. The original print version is available by simply contacting the diocese.

This is not the only matter about which we need to pray for the intercession of the Blessed Mother on this our patronal feast of the Immaculate Conception, but it is a big issue about which our faith has something to say. It is my hope that by entrusting to the Blessed Mother this and other matters we face as a nation, we will heal divisions and find solutions truly worthy of the Lord.

Sincerely in Christ,


+Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

It always makes me laugh a little, these apocalyptic Gospel readings that come at the beginning of Advent.

What a funny juxtaposition — all of us stringing twinkle lights and wrapping presents, with Jesus thundering on about the end of the world. It's Christmas! Don't be a downer. Pour me some more eggnog and turn up the Nat King Cole.

Well, except it's not Christmas. It's Advent.

There's nothing wrong with the cultural accessories that have developed alongside this religious holiday. There's nothing wrong with the twinkle lights and the eggnog. But here's the thing: when Satan knows we're watching the front gate, he slips in the back door. And something I've found is that one back door he likes to use in my life is Cultural Christmas.

I love Cultural Christmas. I tend to overdo Cultural Christmas. I overschedule, I overdecorate, I over gift. All this "over" leads to — you guessed it! — overwhelm. "The anxieties of daily life," as Jesus describes in today's Gospel, make my heart drowsy. My spiritual Christmas joy, time and time again, is diminished — all because I embrace Cultural Christmas and ignore Advent. Satan sneaks in with the twinkle lights and the Christmas carols and he snatches The Present like the nasty little Grinch he is. He photobombs my experience of the religious holidays with the anxieties I so willingly embrace because of the production that is Cultural Christmas.

So, remember to rest this Advent, folks. Rest your heart. Rest your hands. Watch the back door and the front. Remember that this is the perfect time to be thinking about the state of your soul and not just the state of your house.

(Even though, yes, I know, the guests are coming any minute.)

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What's the story behind the Advent wreath?

Answer:

Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreaths adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love.

Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas.

"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."
- Lk 21:27-28

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of God's promise to save Jerusalem so all can "dwell safely" in the land. Where in your life do you feel the safest?

Second Reading:

In preparation for the return of Jesus, Paul prayed that the believers in Thessalonica would love one another and conduct themselves in a way pleasing to God. As we enter the season of Advent, what could you do to actively prepare for the return of Jesus?

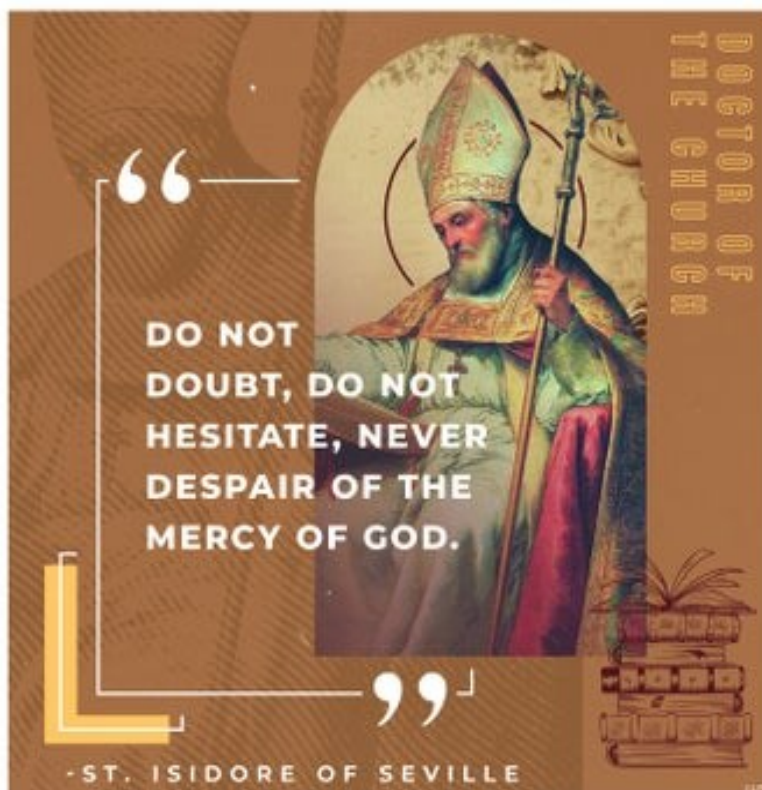
Gospel:

Jesus forewarns his disciples not to let the daily anxieties of life distract them from the coming day of his return. Who helps you when you are overcome with anxiety?



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**THREE WAYS
TO CELEBRATE
ADVENT OUTSIDE
OF MASS:**

**CELEBRATE
ADVENT
IDEA 1:**

**If you need to wait
in a line, don't
immediately pull
out your phone.
Experience the
feeling of waiting
and offer up a
prayer for someone
you know in need!**

**CELEBRATE
ADVENT
IDEA 2:**

**Set up a nativity
scene in your home
but don't set it up all
at once. Put a
different piece out
every day or every
week until the whole
thing is finished by
Christmas!**

**CELEBRATE
ADVENT
IDEA 3:**

**Bake cookies to
secretly drop off to
your neighbors.
Include a Christmas
card with an Advent
prayer or an
invitation to
Christmas Mass at
your parish!**

Grinch Breakfast at the Crescent Hotel

Saturday Dec 14, 2024

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

1886 Crescent Hotel

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Buffet Cost:

Adults \$17.50

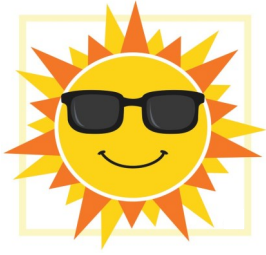
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The [1886 Crescent Hotel & Spa](#) welcomes a special guest during this holiday breakfast in the Crystal Dining Room. The Grinch will make his appearance at 10 AM-11 AM. Surprise the kids with green eggs and ham while parents can enjoy our scrumptious buffet. Perfect for a family photo.

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