

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT      NOVEMBER 28, 2021**

**INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY, November 28, 2021**

- 9:00 am Charles Iles (I)
- 11:00 am Edward L. Simon (d)
- 7:00 pm For the Parishioners

**MONDAY, November 29, 2021**

- 8:30 am Joseph Vinh Nguyen (d)

**TUESDAY, November 30, 2021**

**ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE**

- 8:30 am Lou Bedel (d)

**WEDNESDAY, December 1, 2021**

- 8:30 am Pilgrims (d)

**THURSDAY, December 2, 2021**

- 8:30 am Bill and Nancy Remke (d)

**3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**FRIDAY, December 3, 2021**

St. Francis Xavier

- 8:30 am Ignacia (d)

**SATURDAY, December 4, 2021**

*St. John Damascene, priest and Doctor of the Church*  
*BVM*

- 8:30 am Nancy Spraul (d)

- 4:30 pm Mary Little (d)

**SUNDAY, December 5, 2021**

Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 am Momberg, Allen and Kelly Families

- 11:00 am Tau Nguyen (d)

- 7:00 pm For the Parishioners

**SERVERS**

**December 4/5**

No Servers Scheduled

**LECTORS**

**December 4/5**

No Lectors Scheduled

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**December 4/5**

To Be Determined

November 21, 2021

\$ 6,434.00

*Thank You for your Generosity!*

**Vocation View:** To testify to the truth; this is why Christ came, this is the mission of the priest and religious. Has your life testified to the truth that Christ is King?

**Thought for the Day:** “Trust God that you are where you are meant to be.”

*by St. Teresa of Avila*



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THANKSGIVING TO ALL OF YOU!**

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Eucharistic Adoration will be on Thursday, December 2, from 3:00-5:00pm. During Eucharistic Adoration, I hear confessions from about 3:15pm-3:45pm. By the way, an excellent help in preparation for Christmas is to make a good confession and spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration.

**2022 Church Calendars** are in the back of church this weekend. Please take one per family.

**Sister Helen Julia:** Thanksgiving/Christmas holiday collection of monetary donations for families is going very well. I very much appreciate your generosity so that Sister will be able to assist all those families who are in need. The collection will continue through December 6<sup>th</sup>. Sister's Ministry envelopes will be in the back of church. Thank you for helping Sister help the needy. And thanks to Sister Helen Julia.

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## *On the twofold coming of Christ*

We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of a divine kingdom.

In general, what relates to our Lord Jesus Christ has two aspects. There is a birth from God before the ages, and a birth from a virgin at the fullness of time. There is a hidden coming, like that of rain on fleece, and a coming before all eyes, still in the future.

At the first coming he was wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger. At his second coming he will be clothed in light as in a garment. In the first coming he endured the cross, despising the shame; in the second coming he will be in glory, escorted by an army of angels. We look then beyond the first coming and await the second. At the first coming we said: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

The Savior will not come to be judged again, but to judge those by whom he was judged. At his own judgment he was silent; then he will address those who committed the outrages against him when they crucified him and will remind them: *You did these things, and I was silent.*

His first coming was to fulfill his plan of love, to teach men by gentle persuasion. This time, whether men like it or not, they will be subjects of his kingdom by necessity. Malachi the prophet speaks of the two comings. *And the Lord whom you seek will come suddenly to his temple:* that is one coming.

Again he says of another coming: *Look, the Lord almighty will come, and who will endure the day of his entry, or who will stand in his sight? Because he comes like a refiner's fire, a fuller's herb, and he will sit refining and cleansing.*

These two comings are also referred to by Paul in writing to Titus: *The grace of God the Savior has appeared to all men, instructing us to put aside impiety and worldly desires and live temperately, uprightly, and religiously in this present age, waiting*

*for the joyful hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Notice how he speaks of a first coming for which he gives thanks, and a second, the one we still await.*

That is why the faith we profess has been handed on to you in these words: *He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.*

*Our Lord Jesus Christ will therefore come from heaven. He will come at the end of the world, in glory, at the last day. For there will be no end to his world, and the created world will be made new.*

*by St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop*



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*Through Mary the Father's blessing has shone forth  
on mankind*

*Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you.* What joy could surpass this, O Virgin Mother? What grace can excel that which God has granted to you alone? What could be imagined more dazzling or more delightful? Before the miracle we witness in you, all else pales; all else is inferior when compared with the grace you have been given. All else, even what is most desirable, must take second place and enjoy a lesser importance.

*The Lord is with you.* Who would dare challenge you? You are God's mother; who would not immediately defer to you and be glad to accord you a great primacy and honor? For this reason, when I look upon the privilege you have above all creatures, I extol you with the highest praise: *Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you.* On your account joy has not only graced men, but is also granted to the powers of heaven.

Truly, *you are blessed among women.* For you have changed Eve's curse into a blessing; and Adam, who hitherto lay under a curse, has been blessed because of you.

Truly, you are blessed among women, because through you your forbearers have found salvation. For you were to give birth to the Savior who was to win them salvation.

Truly, you are blessed among women, for without seed you have borne, as your fruit, him who bestows blessings on the whole world and redeems it from that curse that made it sprout thorns.

Truly, you are blessed among women, because, though a woman by nature, you will become, in reality, God's mother. If he whom you are to bear is truly God made flesh, then rightly do we call you God's mother. For you have truly given birth to God.

Enclosed within your womb is God himself. He makes his abode in you and comes forth from you like a bridegroom, winning joy for all and bestowing God's light on all.

You, O Virgin, are like a clear and shining sky, in which God *has set his tent.* From you *he comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber.* Like a giant running his course, he will run the course of his life which will bring salvation for all who will ever live, and extending from the highest heavens to the end of them, it will fill all things with divine warmth and with life-giving brightness.

*by St. Sophronius, bishop*

