

November 27, 2016 • First Sunday of Advent

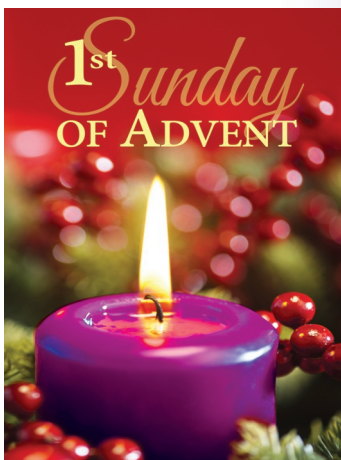
Holy Family

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Parish

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, we begin our season of Advent. The word 'Advent' means 'coming.' In the Church's Season of Advent, we are focused on the 'coming' of God's Son into the world and into our lives. We are called to both prepare for the second 'coming' of Jesus Christ at the end of time and to prepare to celebrate his first 'coming' at Bethlehem at Christmas time by welcoming Christ's 'coming' into our lives today. That is a tall order, but that is what makes Advent Season such an exciting time.



If you asked most what Advent is all about, they would say that it is the time before Christmas when we get ready to celebrate Christ's birth by praying a little harder and getting our shopping done. And that is true, but there is much more. Advent itself invites us to meditate on the way God fulfilled his promise to send a savior to his people.

"To give light to those who live in darkness and the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace" (Luke 1:79)

In Jesus, God fulfilled his promise in sending his Son as our Savior. God can be trusted to keep his promise to us. God is faithful. This is the basis for our faith. We believe Jesus is who he says he is and that the Gospels tell us what Jesus has accomplished for our sake: our ultimate salvation.

The First Purple candle that we light today for our Advent wreath represents HOPE. This Hope is promised in the scriptures to us today. This Hope is something that you and I can actively participate in. This is the Hope we are preparing for during this Advent Season.

In the readings for the first Sunday of Advent, we see in Isaiah 2:1-5, a vision of what heaven might be like: "nations shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again (Isaiah 2:5) and in the Second Reading St. Paul warns that "it is now the hour for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed, the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light (Romans 13: 11-14). In the Gospel, Jesus says we must be prepared like a homeowner would prepare if he knew the hour when the thief was going to break in: "So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come. (Matthew 24:37-44)." Question: If the Lord came back tomorrow, would I be prepared?

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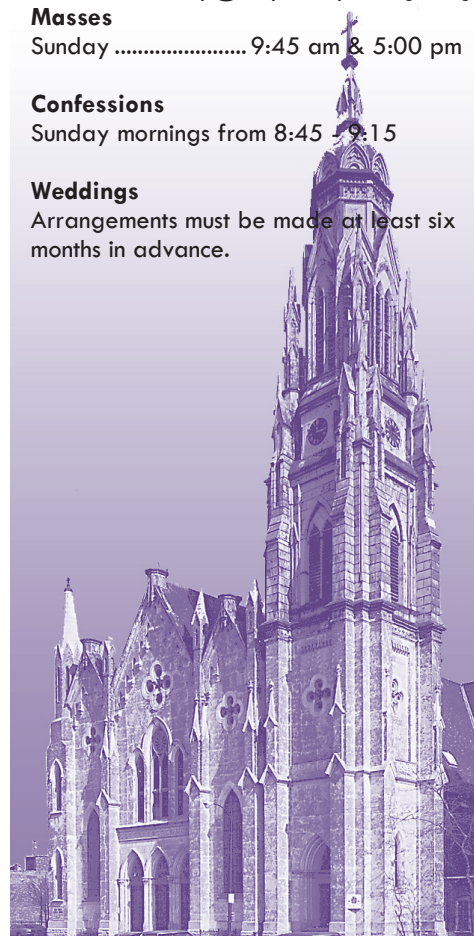
Sunday 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

Confessions

Sunday mornings from 8:45 - 9:15

Weddings

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.



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Special Thank You to all who helped out by providing Food Baskets and Turkeys, to all who brought non-perishable food, and to all those who packed and distributed the turkeys last week.

Children Christmas Party will be on Thursday Dec 22 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Today at the 5:00 mass we have the Mass of Remembrance for the Victims and Families of the Our Lady of the Angels Fire. May the Angels and All the Saints Pray for Us!

In Mike

WANT HELP DEALING WITH OUR STRESSFUL WORLD?

Have you ever considered counseling, but you couldn't find the time? Maybe the time is now! The Holbrook Counseling Center, a service of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, provides confidential counseling at many locations including our office by Holy Name Cathedral. Our counselors are licensed, and we have convenient appointment times including days and evenings. We have affordable fees, and we accept private pay and/or behavioral health insurance. We are in network with BC/BS PPO. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call us at (312) 655-7725.

Celebration of Giving

Catholic Charities 69th annual Celebration of Giving is underway! Our mission is to provide children and families served by Catholic Charities with gifts and necessities during Christmas. Celebration of Giving brings joy to many families who otherwise would not be able to celebrate. Drop-off at various locations from November 28 to December 14. During our 2015 event, Catholic Charities distributed gifts and toys to more than 25,000 children and families. Help Unwrap the Spirit by donating toys, sponsoring a family, or volunteering in "Santa's Workshop." For more information and for drop-off locations, visit www.catholiccharities.net/celebration or contact 312-655-7401 or COG@catholiccharities.net

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

As the Christmas season begins, so does our Holy Family tradition of reaching out to those in need to help them have a joyful holiday. This morning, in the back of the church, there is a Christmas tree with Christmas wish ornaments. Each ornament holds the Christmas wish of a person in need.

If you would like to participate in this project, please select an ornament, buy the gift noted on the ornament, and then return the new, unwrapped gift to the Christmas Giving Tree on Dec. 4th or Dec. 11th. The Christmas Giving Tree will be located on the right side of the altar at the front of the church on those dates. Before placing the gift under the Giving Tree, please tape the ornament you chose from the Giving Tree to the gift so that we can identify the recipient.

NOTE: There are only 2 weeks for the gifts to be returned: Dec. 4th and Dec. 11th. Please keep this in mind before you take a Christmas Giving Tree Ornament.

Year after year, we hear from parishioners about the happiness they feel knowing that they have helped a struggling family enjoy the holiday season. So come, all ye faithful, and fulfill the Christmas wish of a stranger.



Catholic Charities Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer? Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago is looking for helpful, friendly volunteers to serve as greeters at the hospitality table at 721 N. LaSalle St. in Chicago. Volunteers welcome guests and help with the intake of clothing donations. Volunteers serve a 2 or 3 hour shift on a Monday, Thursday, or Friday of their choice between 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. For more information, email volunteer@catholiccharities.net or call the Volunteer Relations department at (312) 655-7322.

Readings for the Week of Nov 27, 2016

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 23/Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Observances for the Week of November 27, 2016

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday: St. Andrew, Apostle
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

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Prayer Service of Thanksgiving for the Elevation of Archbishop Cupich to the College of Cardinals SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

With praise and thanksgiving to almighty God for the recognition of the honor given the Archdiocese of Chicago by His Holiness Pope Francis in naming Archbishop Blase Joseph Cupich to the College of Cardinals, a Thanksgiving Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated on Sunday, December 4, 2016, at 7 p.m., at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street in Chicago. Cardinal Cupich will receive guests immediately following the Liturgy of the Word at Holy Name Cathedral. A ticket must be presented for admittance to Holy Name Cathedral. Doors open at 6:40 p.m. Please register to receive a ticket: <https://thanksgivingliturgycardinalcupich.eventbrite.com>

Nov 27 at 9:45 am

Presider.....Reverend Michael Gabriel
Cross Bearer.....Heinrich Wasner
Candle Bearers.....Betty Ferguson
& Donna Raclaw
Banner Carrier.....Josephine Aguilar
Responsorial Psalm.....
Lectors.....Alexandria Wilson
& LaShonya Wilson
Communion Ministers.....Dianne Allen,
Betty Ferguson, Jacque Hale, Easter
Booker, Jim Bruton, Dawn O'Holleran
Altar Servers.....Xavier Rios
& Daveion Hightie
Greeters.....Minnie Lee Moore
& Christine Pugh

Nov 27 at 5pm

Presider.....Reverend Michael Gabriel
Eucharistic Minister.....
Lector.....Erin Shields

Dec 4 at 9:45 am

Presider.....Reverend Michael Gabriel
Lectors.....Judy Neafsey
& Terry Conway
Altar Servers.....Alexandria Wilson
& Amanda Wilson
Greeters.....Minnie Lee Moore
& Christine Pugh

Dec 4 at 5pm

Presider.....Reverend Michael Gabriel
Eucharistic Minister.....
Lector.....

November Ushers

Eastside.....Paul Canino
East Center.....Joyce Addu
Westside.....John Blythe
West Center.....Mike McIntyre

December Ushers

Eastside.....Bill O'Brien
East Center.....Maria Vega
Westside.....Leslie Archer
West Center.....Michael Bivens

December Entrance Procession

Cross Bearer.....Virginia Clayton
Candle Bearers.....Maria Vega
& Kellee Athens
Banner Carrier.....Deborah Gausselin
Responsorial Psalm.....



Please Remember in your Prayers:

Brenetta Barrett, Monica Belby,
Sandra Smith Bell,
Mary Ellen Castroverde,
Mary Cleveland, Alicia Kramer,
Lettece Lee, Octavia Miller,
Phillip Miller, Marla Moore,
Felice Morales, Patricia Morris,
Jim Sweeney, Endy Turner, and
Phillip Young

Mass Intentions

Julia M. Puccini Glomb
Susan Lynn Hartman

Looking for service hours, building your resume, meeting new folks, or wanting to make a difference? The Women's Center (pregnancy help center) is looking for new volunteers to join Mondays-Fridays at our N. Cicero Ave. location. **1)** We are looking for **bi-lingual in Spanish volunteers** to help Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays, particularly with translating. **2)** We are looking for self-starters with flexible availability to be **"on-call" Lobby Desk subs on occasional weekdays 1-4pm**. **3)** We are looking for new Lobby Desk volunteers: Wednesdays 9am-12pm and on Thursdays 1-4pm to greet guests and help with projects. **4)** We have a weekday opportunity to prep bottles for our Spare Change Campaigns (great for a small group or service hours!). *For more info, contact Paige at 773.794.8807 or pscarlett@womens-center.org.*

"Oh house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!" As we begin the anticipation of Advent, let us give thanks and walk together in the love of God by participating in a World-Wide Marriage Encounter weekend on December 9-11, 2016, February 17-19, 2017 or April 7-9, 2017, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwwme-chicagoland.org>.

Sunday Collection

Goal: \$3,500.00

November 13	- 9:45.....	\$1,513.00
	- 5:00.....	\$469.79
Give Central.....		\$395.00
Difference	-	\$1,122.31
November 20	- 9:45.....	\$1,151.50
	- 5:00.....	\$671.00
Give Central.....		\$870.00
Difference	-	\$807.50

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offerings	\$55,778.71
*Budget	<u>\$73,500.00</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$17,343.50)

*((\$3,500 a week for 21 weeks.)

Contributions can also be made at givecentral.org Call Sharon in the office with any questions or for help with online donations.

You can click on the 'Donate' link on our web page at www.holyfamilychicago.org Thank you for your support.

Today's second collection is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

"If every one of us, every day, does a work of mercy, there will be a revolution in the world!"
- Pope Francis



Calendar

- Nov 24** - **Thanksgiving Day Mass**
9:45 am
- Nov 27** - **Advent Reflection**
After 9:45 Mass
- Dec 4** - **Women of the Spirit**
11 am Parish Center
- May 7** - **First Holy Communion**
9:45 mass

July 16, 2017 - Save the date
160th Anniversary celebration of Holy Family and the Jesuits in Chicago - more information to follow.