



God Is Near

Be prepared! But for what? Since we’re entering the season of Advent, we might think that we’re called to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Advent is certainly the time to prepare for Christmas, but it’s much more than that, for God comes into our lives in many different ways, even today. We see evidence of that when, working together, we rebuild not only cities, as Isaiah describes in the first reading, but relationships in families, parishes, and countries.

Remarkable changes take place in our lives when, as Paul bids us, we “throw off the works of darkness,” works of rivalry and jealousy (Romans 13:12). God comes to us every day with the power we need to improve ourselves and our world. God often comes quietly in ways so ordinary we might miss them. That is the point of Jesus’ insistence to “stay awake” and “be prepared” (Matthew 24:42, 44).

God certainly came long ago as a human being. That was a one-time-only event. We believe that God will come again at the end. That, too, will happen only once. But God comes more often than this. God comes every day to help us be our better selves. This is what the Advent readings tell us.

What can we do? How are we to prepare for God’s coming? Today’s readings tell us. We must work for the peace that Isaiah describes; we must throw off the works of darkness, as Paul instructs; and we must do as Jesus tells us: stay awake and be prepared.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



Editor’s note: Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA, is pleased to join you at Mass over the next three liturgical years, beginning with today’s reflection. A sister of St. Agnes, Sr. Dianne earned a master’s degree and a doctorate from Saint Louis University, and honorary degrees and accolades from many organizations. She is professor of biblical studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Where do you see people’s goodness that tells us God is near?
- ★ What can you do to make that goodness present to others?

Assumption of Our Lady



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December 01, 2019

First Sunday of Advent—Year A

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Mon. Tues. & Wed .12:10 pm

Thurs. & Fri. 5:30 pm

Reconciliation time: Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45pm; Sunday, 9:45-10:15am or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Innocent for any other sacraments or funerals

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Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Dec .01	Grace Engen Marie Kopp-van E.	Darm Crook Tony Whittle	Liz Buckley & Family	Susan Bouchard Andrew Cassidy Doris Caudron	Lennie, Debbie Jaigene, Kelly
Dec .08	Doris Caudron Sheila Ryan-Hachey	Doug Swallow Andrew Cassidy	Gagnon Family	Marie Kopp-van E. Bea Lepine Theresa Swallow	Brigitte Stephens Jenn Touesnard
Dec .15	Gerry Engen Andrew Cassidy	Dee dee Leoine Darm Crook	Stephens Family	Doug Swallow Susan Bouchard Shirley Gutierrez	TBP
Dec .22	Youth-Led Participation Mass	Youth-Led Participation Mass	Youth-Led Participation Mass	Doris Caudron Andrew Cassidy Dee dee Lepine	Christmas Potluck

The Announcement for the First Sunday of Advent; December 01, 2019.

----- We are always delighted to welcome each and everyone who has come to worship with us here at Assumption parish. If you're a new member, please take time to introduce yourself to the pastor and fill out a registration form found at the bulletin board at the entrance of the church..

----- We're sincerely thankful to our parish maintenance person, Tony Whittle for always working around the clock in making sure that everything is in proper order in and around the Rectory and the church building. We thank him more also for making out time to mount the Christmas lights and display the Nativity status. To the team who assisted him and even donated material resource, we are grateful to you too. May you be bountifully blessed at this season and beyond. THANK YOU!

-----Youth Club/Youth-Led Mass: Our next gathering will be our Christmas party, which will be held on Friday, December 13 at the church basement at 6:30pm. This will be a sleepover(for those who are interested but not obligated) and the Youth-led Mass youths are also invited. We will continue with our learning of virtues with virtue of Generosity. For more information or if you have any questions please contact Brigitte Stephens at 306-714-7530.

----- Youth Club: There will be Faith based crafts, games, music and friendships for all the youth starting from age 7 to 12 in the church's basement every second Friday; Time is 6:30 to 8:00pm. For the remaining part of this year, 2019, it will be held on October 11th and 26th; November 8th and 22nd and December 13th. Parents are encouraged to mark their calendars and help make their kids available. For more information, please contact: Brigitte Stephen @ 305-714-7530 or Diana Smith @ 867-875-2855.

----- Parishioners are encouraged to recite the 'Our Father prayer' in their native languages whenever it is intoned during mass; if it makes them connect more to the creator who is the Father of all

----- The CWL devotional rosary for the sick and the needy every Tuesday is still ongoing. More members are encouraged to participate and the time is 11:45am. We're also moving our Wednesday mass to 12:10 as from next week.

----- Communion to the sick and home bound: Do you know of anyone who is sick and/or home bound and would like to be visited and given communion by the church, please let us know.

Rachel's Corner

I am so happy I have been able to receive Communion after so many years! I am not more than God to not forgive myself and I need to learn to see myself as God does." -Testimonial

Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and let God show you how He sees you, loves you and wants to restore you to the person He created you to be.

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	\$1,088.10	Collection
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	-\$742.90	
Expenses are based on 2018 Q1		

Dear Padre,

A eucharistic minister at a parish we were visiting refused my eight-year-old granddaughter Communion from the cup. Her father asked if this was parish policy, and the minister replied, “No, I refuse!” My grandchild receives both species in our home parish. Can a eucharistic minister refuse the Blood of Christ to anyone?

According to the United States Conference of Catholic bishops, “It is the choice of the communicant, not the minister, to receive from the chalice. Children are encouraged to receive Communion under both kinds, provided they are properly instructed and that they are old enough to receive from the chalice” (Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds, 46–47). Children who have reached the age of reason—normally about age seven—are usually advised on this matter of reception by their parents or guardians before they step up to the chalice at Mass. In addition, first-Communion instructions provide adequate preparation on the proper and reverent reception of holy Eucharist.



Essentially, children eligible to receive this sacrament are entitled to participate in the same manner as other members of the ecclesial community. “Sacred ministers cannot deny the sacraments to those who seek them at appropriate times, are properly disposed, and are not prohibited by law from receiving them” (Code of Canon Law, 843). While this canon specifically pertains to ordained ministers, it’s applicable for all ministers at the service of the faithful who have a right to receive holy Communion by reason of their baptism.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

We can ask ourselves: Is this sacrament fulfilled in me? More concretely: Do I just like to be served at the Lord's table or do I get up to serve like the Lord?...And as a Church let us ask ourselves: After receiving Communion many times, have we become people of communion?

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Calendar

Monday
DECEMBER 2
Advent Weekday

Is 4:2–6
Mt 8:5–11

Tuesday
DECEMBER 3
St. Francis Xavier,
Priest

Is 11:1–10
Lk 10:21–24

Wednesday
DECEMBER 4
Advent Weekday

Is 25:6–10a
Mt 15:29–37

Thursday
DECEMBER 5
Advent Weekday

Is 26:1–6
Mt 7:21, 24–27

Friday
DECEMBER 6
Advent Weekday

Is 29:17–24
Mt 9:27–31

Saturday
DECEMBER 7
St. Ambrose,
Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

Is 30:19–21, 23–26
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6–8

Sunday
DECEMBER 8
Second Sunday
of Advent

Is 11:1–10
Rom 15:4–9
Mt 3:1–12

