

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

**November 29, 2020**  
*First Sunday of Advent (B)*  
 Is 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7  
 1 Cor 1:3–9  
 Mk 13:33–37



*Be watchful! Be alert!  
 You do not know  
 when the time will come.*  
 MARK 13:33

## Hurry Up and Wait!

**W**e've all had this experience. We rush to get ready...and then we wait: at the doctor's office, for a train, at a restaurant. For what do we hurry up and wait this Sunday? Some might say we are waiting for the birth of Jesus. But today's readings don't say this. The first reading describes people waiting for relief from the guilt of their sinfulness. Paul talks about waiting for "the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ" at the end time (1 Corinthians 1:7). The people in the Gospel are waiting for the return of the householder to settle accounts. There's no waiting for Christmas—yet.

For what should we wait if not Christmas? Isaiah tells us to hurry up and change our lives of pettiness, selfishness, and arrogance, and then to wait for the graciousness of God to "rend the heavens and come down" (Isaiah 63:19). Paul tells us to hurry up and

embrace "the grace of God bestowed on [us] in Christ Jesus" (1 Corinthians 1:4), and then to wait for the final revelation of his glory. The Gospel tells us to hurry up, be alert and ready for Christ's return, and then to wait for it to happen.

If we don't prepare ourselves for the coming of God in the reality of our own lives, we might not recognize this salvation when it comes. We're not waiting for an event that happened in the past; we are waiting for the grace of God that is calling us into the future. So, hurry up and wait!

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ✦ *If you are waiting for salvation, from what weakness or sin must you be saved?*
- ✦ *How are you readying yourself for that salvation to take root in your life?*

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### 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
Nov. 01	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	<b>Postponed</b>
Nov. 08	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	<b>Postponed</b>
Nov. 15	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	<b>Postponed</b>
Nov. 22	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	<b>Postponed</b>
Nov. 29	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	<b>Postponed</b>

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Advent Day by Day

A MISSION TO REJOICE IN POSSIBILITIES  
MARY KATHARINE DEELEY

First Week of Advent

**SUNDAY** Find Your Mission Statement (Leviticus 19:34)  
In the beginning of our spiritual year, we should ask, what is my mission? Let us enter this season of preparation in a deeper way. What does the coming of the Messiah mean for us? We find answers in a myriad of strange images: valleys raised, mountains made low, peace between lions and lambs. We hear the answers in commands to not evade and keep watch. Our mission in Advent is to embrace what God says is possible and to give witness to these possibilities. Light can shine in our darkness, and a stable can be the birthplace of a king.

**MONDAY** Rejoice in the Season (Isaiah 12:2)  
How can the mere act of waiting be joyful? Any pregnant woman can tell us. We dream about what the baby will look like, we anticipate the first words and laugh. Suddenly we realize our hearts have chosen to be joyful—to overlook the discomfort, inconvenience, and even uncertainty in favor of what is to come. This is how Advent is for Christians: it is a step by in the face of occasional discomfort, inconvenience, and uncertainty. We know this God who came to Bethlehem, and we know God will come again. Then, as before, the whole world will expect!

**TUESDAY** Adapt to God's Schedule (John 1:9)  
The signs of God's presence are here and now. Christ is born in the hearts of emergency workers who rush to the aid of those caught in disasters. Christ is born in those who share what they have—in every season of the year—with those who have less. Christ is born in any place where service to others and the praise of God is a way of life. The question is not whether we're ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 25. It's whether we see where Christ is being born right now.

Advent is the season to get our priorities straight—no matter what is important to us and we need to figure out how to let go of what we want so we can embrace with joy what we really need. Mary Katharine Deeley's Scripture selections and reflections help us find the peace during the hustle and bustle of the season so we can prepare the way of the Lord in a way that's guaranteed to enhance our faith.



Our CWL has put a Christmas paper-wrapped box in the foyer, labelled Men's Shelter, beside the Soup Kitchen baskets. Yes, we are still collecting non-perishable items for them.

So, now we are asking parishioners to donate to both. The new Men's Shelter is in need of toques, mitts, socks or underwear.

More than ever, we must care for our most vulnerable citizens. This Christmas season, please be as generous as you have always been. Blessings from Assumption Catholic Women's League.



Catholic Women's League

Rachel's Corner

"... You will give me life again, You will raise me up again from the depths of the earth." Psalm 71:20

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Weekly Revenue

\$1,313.81	Collection
\$1,500.00	Canada Helps Website
\$2,813.81	Revenue Total
\$1,831.00	Expenses Total
<b>\$982.81</b>	

Dear Padre,

My husband of fifty years has no medical issues with his hearing, but he still doesn't listen to me in conversation. How can I feel heard?

I humbly suggest that your husband read this edition of "Dear Padre." You might leave this bulletin someplace where he will see it. "Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice," wrote Shakespeare in Hamlet. Likewise, the Bible reads, "Everyone should be quick to hear, slow to speak" (James 1:19).

Good listening skills require effort and discipline. Researchers say that only about 10 percent of us listen effectively. Generally, people hear only a fraction of what someone says. Moreover, during an emotional conflict, we tend to hear even less of what another is saying. Nevertheless, Pope Francis said, "We are called to meet others and listen to their life, their cry for help." He called listening "an act of love!" In other words, being available to listen to someone in need is an expression of charity, and being present to others—a spouse, a friend, the bereaved, for example—may actually speak louder than words.

In conversations, people feel heard when their feelings are validated and restated by the listener. But often the listener finds it easier to give advice, fix the problem, or win an argument, than to actively hear what the speaker is trying to communicate. It's advisable to eliminate distractions when someone wants to engage in an important conversation. People don't feel heard when a listener's short attention span wants to resume watching television. Nor do they feel respected during a serious phone conversation while the click of a computer mouse or yawning is overheard!



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

Take time, quality time. This means being ready to listen patiently and attentively to everything the other person wants to say...Often the other spouse does not need a solution to his or her problems, but simply to be heard, to feel that someone has acknowledged their pain, their disappointment, their fear, their anger.

—AMORIS LAETITIA, MARCH 19, 2016

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Calendar

Monday  
NOVEMBER 30  
St. Andrew, Apostle  
Rom 10:9-18  
Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday  
DECEMBER 1  
Advent Weekday  
Is 11:1-10  
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday  
DECEMBER 2  
Advent Weekday  
Is 25:6-10a  
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday  
DECEMBER 3  
St. Francis Xavier, Priest  
Is 26:1-6  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday  
DECEMBER 4  
Advent Weekday  
Is 29:17-24  
Mt 9:27-31

Saturday  
DECEMBER 5  
Advent Weekday  
Is 30:19-21, 23-26  
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday  
DECEMBER 6  
Second Sunday of Advent  
Is 40:1-5, 9-11  
2 Pt 3:8-14  
Mk 1:1-8

