

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

*I will raise up for David a just SHOOT;  
he shall do what is right and just in the land.*  
— Jeremiah 33:15



**WATCHFUL CONFIDENCE**

We the Church enter into Advent and the new liturgical year with a call for a watchful confidence. Our readings were originally addressed to communities undergoing great loss and confusion. Jeremiah speaks confidently of God fulfilling the ancient promises to Israel, even during a time of foreign invasion. Paul speaks of God leading the Church into holiness, while the community longs for the coming of Jesus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus speaks of powerful signs and of great confusion to come, but emphasizes that we may look **forward knowing that God brings not cause for despair**, but hope. We celebrate Advent to remind each other of God's faithfulness. We are to be watchful, to see how God is stirring up our world. God disturbs both our pride and our complacency, and brings us healing and justice. We prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus, confident that God indeed fulfills all these divine promises..

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (**Jeremiah 33:14-16**).

**Psalms** — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (**Psalm 25**).

**Second Reading** — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (**1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2**).

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**TODAY'S GOSPEL**

— *There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory,  
.Be vigilant  
(Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
**Tuesday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22  
**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; 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 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8  
**Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** First Sunday of Advent;  
Hanukkah begins  
**Tuesday:** St. Andrew Apostle  
World AIDS Awareness Day  
**Wednesday:** St. Francis Xavier  
**Friday:** St. John Damascene;  
First Friday  
**Saturday:** First Saturday

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

*Masks are required to attend.*

- SUNDAY** 8:00 a.m. Mass (Live)  
10:00 a.m. (Live and recorded)  
**WEDNESDAY:** 9:00 a.m. Mass  
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

### First Sunday of Advent

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,  
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ  
with righteous deeds at his coming,  
so that, gathered at his right hand,  
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

### Reflection question:

What righteous deeds would I be able to bring with me if Christ returned this week?

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Starting the first Sunday in December, the First Communion Class will meet on Sundays, in the Ferguson Hall., after the 10:00 a.m. Mass Jenny Gillis, Teacher  
**Ramonda Doakes, Dir. of Religious Education**

## THE DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY- ST. JOSEPH ~

~ is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse: **1)** Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3728 (if the victim is currently under the age 18), and **2)** Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and **3)** After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816- 812-2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcs.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcs.org) if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. **4)** The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care And healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families.

*Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816-392-0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information*

## HOMEGOING

**MS. JUDITH HAYES,,** (sister of Frankie Freeman Wright, and Marcy Caldwell, passed on to be with our Lord, on Saturday, November 20t 2021, at the Truman Medical Center. Frankie was an active member of the 10:00 a.m. Choir, until her health began to fail. Please remember her family in your prayers.

May she rest in peace

**Funeral Service will be held at  
St. Monica, on December 1, 2021  
10:00 a.m. Visitation  
11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass  
Fr. Leonard Gicheru, Officiating**

## OUR SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

*Please notify Father Leonard when you or a family member has become homebound or has been admitted into in a hospital. Call the Church Office, 816-471-3696, or email: [leombuthis@yahoo.com](mailto:leombuthis@yahoo.com)*

**Edith Bolder, Home, Jeanette Hamilton, Home, Rosa Birch, Home, Sandra Cloyd, Home, Delores Bazy, Home, Vera Brown, Home, Kevin Brown, Home, Ray Myers, Home John Johnson, Home, Vauncille Bartlett, Home, Mary Ann Grayson, Home, Donald and Mable Parson, Home, Sergio Mendoza, Home, Michael Lucas, Home, Paris Harrington, Home, Earl Greene, Home, Ovell and Francis Thomas, Home, Dorothy Mustin, Home, Earnestine Nard, Home, Barbara Parks, Home Rehab.\James Davidson, Home, Flora Waddell, Rehab., Elaine Lomax, Home, Dr. James Birch, Providence Rehab., Donna Dupree. Home., Cheryl Warren, Home, Chaunceetta Mize, Home, Michael Mize, Home, Rhea Holloman, Home, Terry Buckman, St. Luke Hospital, Clara Mays. Home, Melva McClellan, Menorah Rehab. Marilyn Hardy, Menorah Rehab**



## THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know, His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind.

—St. Bernard: *Third Sermon for Advent*

