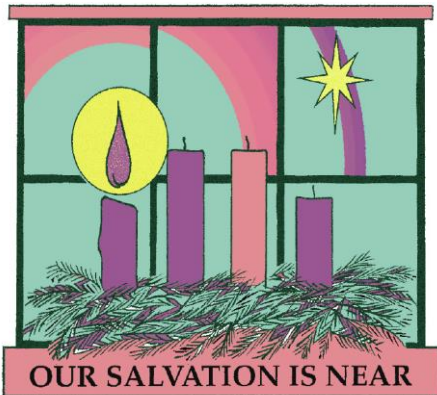


**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2020**

Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come
~Mark 12:33



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MARK'S JESUS

Mark's Gospel is the shortest and tersest of all four. The discourses of Jesus tend to be terser as well. Mark's portrayal of Jesus has none of the poetry of the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain as in Matthew or Luke, nor the extensive, reflective "I Am" discourses as in John. Mark's Jesus "cuts to the chase," we would say today. This is reflected quite well in today's passage.

It is no accident that the dialogue of Jesus at this point in the Gospel according to Mark—the concluding words about the end of the world—immediately before his passion, is riddled with exclamation points and an overall sense of urgency.

We would do well to re-tool our own way of living this Advent, for we live in a world urgently in need of hearing the message of Jesus proclaimed. It's time for us to "wake up!" and get out into the world to do it.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands
(*Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7*).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved
(*Psalm 80*).

Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*).

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Dear Church Family,
Please inform Fr. Leonard when loved one has become homebound, or has been hospitalized.

Call 816-471-3696,

or email: leombuthia@yahoo.com

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TODAY'S GOSPEL ~

Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.
(*Mark 13:33-37*).



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
- Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
- 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:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** First Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** St. Andrew, Apostle
- Tuesday:** World AIDS Awareness Day
- Thursday:** St. Francis Xavier
- Friday:** St. John Damascene
- Friday:** First Friday
- Saturday:** First Saturday



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Must wear mask at all times
- to attend

SUNDAY

- 8:00 a.m. (Live)
10:00 a.m. (Live & Recorded)

WEDNESDAY

- 9:00 a.m. MASS (Live)
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

CONDOLENCE

Mr. Allen McClellan, husband of Melva McClellan, and brother of Elaine Lomax, passed on to be with our Lord on Monday, November 23, 2020, following a long illness. He will be greatly missed by many friends and loved-ones.

May he rest in peace.

FUNERAL SERVICE:

December 12, 2020

Watkins Heritage Chapel

4000 Emanuel Cleaver Boulevard

Visitation: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Funeral: 11:00 a.m.

Please lift up the family in your prayers.



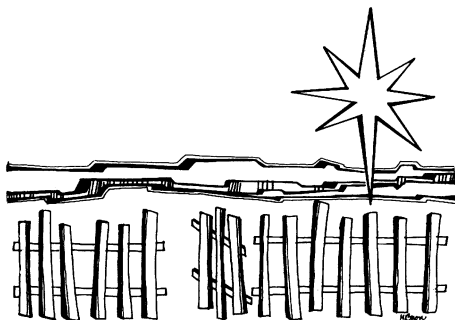
END OF THE YEAR APPEAL

If you did not receive the end of the year appeal from **Catholic Charities** and would like to make a difference for those less fortunate, there is still time. Please contact Patrick Savageau, Donor Stewardship Specialist, to make a donation at psavageau@ccharities.com. We would also ask that you consider making this a monthly gift and see if your employer is willing to match your donation.



CHRISTMAS SHINING STAR

Catholic Charities KCSJ is recruiting angels to adopt children participating in our Christmas Shining Star project. Or more information or to select a child and share the magic of Christmas, contact Linda Hopkins, Volunteer Coordinator at lhopkins@ccharities.com or 816-659-8205.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today we have a modern feast, less than a century old, and placed at the very end of the liturgical cycle of Sundays only in 1969. In 1925, the world was in a sorry state from the vantage point of Pope Pius XI. The winds of war had swept the map of Europe raw, and ancient Christian dynasties had fallen in Russia and Spain. Although the Great War had ended, wars were breaking out everywhere. Fascism was already in control in Italy, and Nazism was on the horizon for Germany. The disorder making its claim on the human race was, the pope felt, an insult to the Divine Order. Pius XI designated the last Sunday in October as a day of universal recognition of the kingship of Christ. Creating this feast was an act of bravery by the pope, who was standing up against idolatry of the state and the dehumanizing forces of the modern world, things that are not hard to detect in today's world as well. In 1969 it seemed fitting to move the feast to a place of honor at the end of the year, a way of summing up the whole movement of the liturgical year toward the perfection of the Kingdom of God. In recent decades, many Protestant churches have adopted this day from the new Roman calendar, so it is shared now with the Church of England, the Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches, and others.

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Bountiful God,

You have been so generous to us,

Help us to be generous to others.

**Your love is unconditional,
help us love others with open hearts.**

Your gifts are bountiful,

Help us pass them on joyfully,

**Your mercy is infinite, help us to
forgive those who have injured us,**

Your grace is never ending,

Help us give glory to you in all we do.

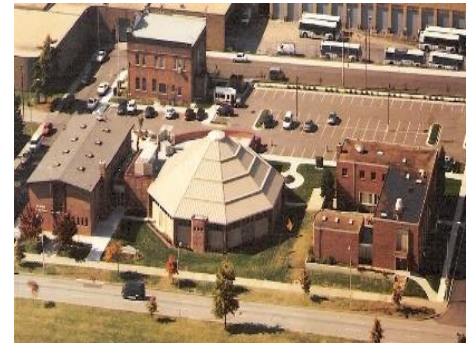
Your wisdom is boundless,

**Help us choose your way in all we do
today.**

We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen

FORWARD IN FAITH



The Stewardship Committee extends a heartfelt thank you to all the St. Monica parishioners for the success of our 110 Anniversary Celebration and Virtual Silent Auction. The Committee worked with precision as a team, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Shirley Thaw, with expert guidance on the auction from Mrs. Angela Curry. Kim Urenda's technical assistance, and Dwight's performance as the announcer contributed to raising a total amount that exceeded our goal! Our success would not have been possible without your support. You donated and bid on many of the 56 available items.

During the process, we added St. Monica Twitter and Instagram accounts to expand our reach on social media. We expect the addition will attract new members as the downtown and 18th and Vine areas expand housing opportunities near the church.

Thank you again and look forward to future events to work on together as our parish moves "Forward in Faith."

Our goal is, to raise **\$150,000** by October 2020. So far, we have received **\$47,411.20**, and **\$102,588.50** still to go.

The goal is huge, but God is faithful.
God bless you all,

Deadline for Bulletin Entries.