

## **November 27, 2022: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**"Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."**  
**Matthew 24:37**

Preparations for Christmas often involve putting up decorations, purchasing gifts, and making food. But these are not the only things we need to do to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ. We need to prepare our hearts also. The gospel tells us that we must think ahead. Eating and celebrating and being with families are not bad things. But if our hearts are not turned toward God, then we have missed the point. So, as we prepare our homes and our hearts for Christmas, we must remember that the Lord is in our midst. He is in the child who doesn't have any Christmas presents. He is in the homeless man who has nowhere to go for Christmas. So, to prepare for Christ, we need to make preparations for him in all of the places where we will encounter him during this holy season.

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Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man. Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

***The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be. The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.***

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# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**

## Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

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Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

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**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am

**Mass During Week:** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm.  
Friday at 10 am.

**Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather**

**Lohnes Complex** First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex, **closed to public.**

**Bible Study:** Bible study will resume on Sundays at 7pm.

**Holy Hour of Adoration:** Post-poned until further notice.

**Reconciliation:** By request.

**Marriages:** Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

**Baptisms:** Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

**Family Connections:** At [www.rcchurch.com](http://www.rcchurch.com) you will find a link to family connections.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.



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**November 19<sup>th</sup> – November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Regular Sunday	\$1425.25
E-transfer	0.00
Shepherd’s Fund	20.00
Building Fund	30.00
All Souls Day	110.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Tue. 7 pm	Late Serena Callahan
Wed. 7 pm	Special Intention
Thu. 7 pm	Late Bernadette & Anthony George
Fri 2 pm (Lohnes Complex)	Deceased members of Gallant and Hackett family
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Gus & Irene Rumboldt
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>Dec 3</b>	
John Carroll	Barbara Neville Marie Pennell
<b>Dec 4</b>	
Veronica Stone	Wayne Dicks Brian Sparkes
<b>Communion to the Sick – Barb Neville</b>	

**E-TRANSFER:** We think we resolved the problem with the E-transfer, and we encourage you to try that process again.

**SUNDAY ENVELOPES FOR 2023:** They are now being prepared. If you wish to obtain a box of envelopes, please register at the parish office. Boxes will be available for pick up at the church next weekend.

**SUNDAY MISSALS:** Missals are available at the church or parish office for \$5 each.

**CHANGE IN LOCATION OF WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Due to the high cost of furnace oil, weekday Mass will be held in the parish house. Masses will continue to be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7pm and Friday at 10am.

**ADVENT:** Begins today, and it has a twofold nature. It prepares us for Christmas when we recall Christ’s first coming among us. It is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the apostle’s present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** If you would like to donate toward flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one, you may do so by putting your donation in an envelope (envelopes located at the church) with the name of your loved one and drop it in the collection or drop by the Parish Office.

**CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING:**

Lord God,  
let your blessing come upon us  
as we illumine this tree.  
May the light and cheer it gives  
be a sign of the joy  
that fills our hearts.  
May all who delight in this tree  
come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE WORD AMONG US:** These periodicals, which are used as a daily prayer book are costing us more. We regret to ask for a donation of \$3.00 per book per month.

**PARISH OUTREACH:**

1. As you enter the church you will find a container of blank forms that may be used **to ask for special remembrances for that mass.** Please state on that piece of paper the intention you wish prayed for.
2. **A prayer list for the sick** will be reintroduced into the parish bulletin. To have the sick prayed for, you must call the parish office before Thursday 3pm. That name will be published in the bulletin. Please ask the permission of that person to publish that information in the bulletin. That information will only be in the Bulletin for that week. Each week a new list will appear based on those who called in that week. This is meant for those with serious illnesses only.
3. **Parish outreach home visitation** will begin with a committee formed by Marie Pennell (709-338-5090), Pat Moore (709-785-2440), and Gerard Deveaux (709-638-4411). Please call Marie, Pat, or Gerard if you wish them to bring communion and make a pastoral visit to your homes.
4. **Ministry to those in need** is a concern of the parish. There are persons who may need special help in these times of increased cost of living. While there may not be much we can do, please make this need known to our local St. Vincent de Paul or the parish office.

**ROOF CAMPAIGN:** I apologize for any misunderstanding for requesting funds for the parish roof. Any contributions of any size would be great fully received and will help with this major improvement to the church.

**SNOW SHOVELLING:** We are in dire need of a person to provide snow shovelling services at the parish house. If you can provide this service, please call Fr.Jim so we can outline tasks and pay. Thank you.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** There will be a Parish Council meeting December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER STOCKING STUFFERS:** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is once again collecting socks, gloves, caps, scarves, etc as stocking stuffers for their Christmas Hampers. A collection box can be found at the rear of the Church. As well, if you or your family would like to sponsor a hamper or contribute in some way, please call the Society at 638-9010. Thanks for your continued generosity!"

**HAMPER REGISTRATION:** The society of St. Vincent de Paul; will be conducting Christmas Hamper Registrations at the entrance to the Cathedral on Mt. Bernard Ave on the following days and times: 10:00 am to 12 noon & 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Friday November 25<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup>, and Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please bring IDs for each family member and address. You may only apply for one hamper; cross-referencing will be done with the Salvation Army to prevent fraud.

