

First Sunday of ADVENT

November 27, 2016



10:00 am Linda Ruth (+); Lucille Digby (+); Carmen Gaudet (+); Carolyn & Dan Heard

8:30 pm *St. Joseph Parishioners and Benefactors* (Gasper Schiro)

Monday, November 28, 2016—

12:15 p.m. **William Butler (+); Karen Ehrhardt (+)**

Tuesday, November 29, 2016—

12:15 p.m. **Matthew A'Alfonso; Austin D'Alfonso**

Wednesday, November 30, 2016— **St. Andrew**

12:15 p.m. **David Cochiara (+); Souls in Purgatory**

Thursday, December 1, 2016—

12:15 pm **Virginia & John Eckholdt**

Friday, December 2, 2016—*St. Francis Xavier*

12:15 pm **Merrita D. Oldenburg (+)**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 27**One in Faith #956**

Monday.: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tues.: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

Wed.: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Thurs.: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1-27; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-17; Lk 10:21-24

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, WHO ARE IN NEED OF HEALING:

Willie Arnaudville, Stephan Borne, Susan Bassett Bowes, Raymond Berthelot, Anthony Blaise, Clarke Bordelon, Lawrence & Mamie Brown, John Caron, Baby Arlyn Cronk-Gebbia, Sylvia Daily-Powell, Lynda DeMaria, Ben Eble III, Terry Eggleston, Linda Elwood, Heather Faircloth, Frances Fiegler, LaDonna Finch, Fr. Lou Franz, CM, Mark Elserloh, Warren Fraught, Sarah Hollier-Watkins, Shelia Jones, Bennett Joseph, Jr., Tory Kelly, Landy Lanza, Gertie Mayeux, Allen Maldonado, Sara Marino, Priscilla Martin, Karen McCoy, Mike Mullin, Donna Moore, Regina Pichoff, Mark Raymond, Tina Roderfeld, Pippy Sanders, Mel & Gaspar Schiro, Charlie & Joanne Slocum, Jane Tonglet, Isaac Thomas, Marion Vaughn, Juanita Ware, Darrell Walker, Fr. George Weber, CM, Warren Webster, Lynn Williams, and Mary Willis.

SANCTUARY CANDLE AND MASS INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week to pray for the eternal rest of **Fred Boyer**. If you would like to reserve a date to burn the Candle in memory of someone or for a special intention, please call the church office (522-3186). The Sanctuary Candle offering is \$15 for two weeks. The offering for Mass intentions is \$5.00 per Mass.

ADVENT

The New Liturgical Year

Advent is the first of the sacred seasons of the Church year. The word *adventus* means arrival or coming, particularly of something having great importance. The color of the season is violet, a color that emphasizes repentance, or to rid ourselves of sin and renew our faith and hope in God who longs to live with and in us.

The Advent Wreath is a popular symbol of this season. It is made up of evergreen branches, reminding us of the color of life and growth, and the tree of life that connects us through the generations to the men and women of faith in God, all the way back to Abraham and our first parents, Adam and Eve. It is adorned with three purple and one rose colored candles that are lit *one by one* on the four Sundays of the season. Rose marks the half-way point of the season and represents the joy that soon, the Lord will come.

Advent is a season that anticipates and helps us to ready ourselves for the coming of Christ, the coming of the Kingdom, and the celebration of the incarnation and birth of our Lord. The celebrating of this season is an invitation to deepen our spiritual life through prayer, fasting and repentance, accompanied with a sense of anticipation, wonder and joy and hope.

Advent is not only a way to thank God and celebrate the coming of Jesus as a baby, but also for his presence among us today through the Holy Spirit, and our anticipation of his return at the end of time.

Show us Your Love O Lord, and grant us Your Salvation.

Psalm 85:8

PARISH CALENDAR

Dec. 1 **Thursday** RCIA: *the Liturgical year Advent-Christmas* (6:30 pm)
Dec. 22 **Thursday** *Christmas Decorating in Church* (5 pm)
Dec. 24 **Saturday** Midnight Mass; Dec. 25 **Sunday** 10:00 am

TREASURE & STEWARDSHIP

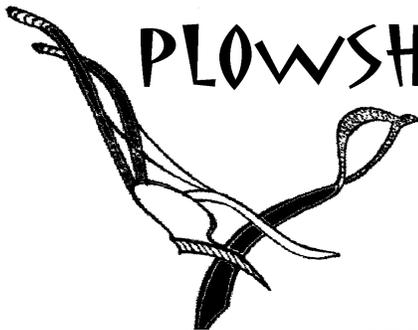
Sunday, November 20, 2016.....\$ 3,854.00
Second Collection CHD..... 760.00

Thank you for your generosity

Angel Tree for Christmas If you or someone you know needs help this year for Christmas, please fill out the Angel Tree gold-colored forms in the back of Church on the tables near the Music Book stands. If the name on the form is not a member of the Parish, please put your name on the form so we will know who to contact when the gifts are ready to be picked up. Today is the last day to sign up. God bless you!

Pray for Those who are preparing to enter the Church: Please keep in your prayers the members of the Catechumenate: Jeff, Kelsey, Jennifer, Gregory, Neomi, Cathleen, Terry, Joshua; and also Jorge and Will who continue their study and discernment.

**THEY SHALL BEAT
THEIR SWORDS
INTO
PLOWSHARES**



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD'S house (Isaiah 2:1-5).
Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).
Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).
Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

BE PREPARED

Be prepared. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes.

We know we can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spirit. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

Pope Francis' November Intentions

Universal: That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

Evangelization: That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to discouragement.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

December 11, Sunday

CHARTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

In response to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Archdiocese of New Orleans continues to make the Hot Line available for anyone who has been hurt or sexually abused by anyone who works for the Church. The Hot Line continues to be available; the number is (504) 522-5019. In continuing our commitment to support and to heal, we invite and encourage individuals who have been hurt or sexually abused recently or in the past by clergy, religious or other employees of the Archdiocese to call our Hot Line. The Hot Line is available 24 hours a day and your message will be received confidentially by a trained mental health professional. In addition, anyone can make a direct call during regular business hours to the Vic-