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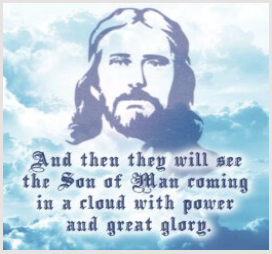
First Sunday of Advent



Sunday Masses
9:15 am & 8:00 pm
Weekday Masses
Thursday, 8:00 pm
Friday, 12:00 pm
Confessions
Sunday, 7:30 pm
Thursday, 7:30 pm
Adoration
Thursday, 7:30 pm

This Week's Happenings

Monday (11/29)
ACC Mtg @ Holy Spirit 5:30pm
Tuesday (11/30):
Peer Ministry Mtg—4pm
CGS—Level 1—5-6:30pm @SEAS
Bible Studies—5:30pm
Music Rehearsal—7pm
Wednesday (12/1):
CGS—Level 1—9:30—11am@ SM
Family Formation—6:30—7:30@ SM
SEND (Newman) - 7—8:30pm
CGS—Level 1—6—7:30pm @SM
Confirmation (SM) - 7pm
Thursday (12/2):
Student Meal—5pm
Discipleship—6pm
Mass—8pm
Friday (12/3):
Mass—12pm (Noon)
Sunday (12/5):
Mass—9:15am & 8pm
Coffeehouse—9pm

Advent

Advent is a season of waiting and preparation. On the Advent wreath, the three purple candles mark the preparation Christians undergo while awaiting the arrival of Christ on Earth. The Pink candle reminds us of what comes with the birth of the Lord...joy!

For many, Christmas begins right after Halloween and then kicks into overdrive on the day after Thanksgiving. While this is often the way Christmas is celebrated, it is very easy for the season to get disconnected from the Child. That's why it's traditional to refrain from putting the Christ Child into a Catholic church's Nativity scene manger until the appointed moment. It is also a tradition to wait until Christmas to play Christmas music.

In the midst of this season the Church gives us Gaudete Sunday or Rejoice Sunday. Where priests may wear pink vestments and the pink candle on the wreath is lit. Christians long for the source of joy not simply to be happy. During a Mass in May at Casa Santa Maria in Rome, Pope Francis talked about the difference between happiness and joy:

> *"To be happy is good, yet joy is something more. It's another thing, something which does not depend on external motivations, or on passing issues: it is more profound. It is a gift.*
>
> *"To be 'happy at all moments, at all cost,' can at the end turn into superficiality and shallowness. This leaves us without Christian wisdom, which makes us dumb, naïve, right? All is joy ... no. Joy is something else; it is a gift from the Lord."*

If joy is a gift from the Lord, then the Lord Himself is our first and greatest gift, and the only one that will never tarnish or break or fade. Gaudete –said "Gow-DAY-tay" –Sunday reminds us that the gift has not yet arrived, but it's very near. It takes its name from the first word of the Introit, *"Gaudete in Domino Semper,"* which is Latin for the introduction of Philippians 4:4, *"Rejoice in the Lord always."*

To continue with Philippians, *"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (portions from catholicvote.org).*

Let us rejoice, for the Lord is near!

Blessings,

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Family Formation / SEND

All are welcome from across our ACC to join **Family Night** on December 1 in the lower church of St. Mary's Cathedral, starting with optional 5:30pm Mass, 5:45-6:30pm Dinner, and ending with a 6:30-7:30pm Talk.

Join us for a great night of growing deeper in our faith together!

Confirmation Fall Session – Wednesday December 1, 7:00-8:30pm in the Mary Center

CGS Level 1- Tuesday, November 30, 5:00-6:30pm at SEAS; Wednesday, December 1, 9:30-11:00am and 6:00-7:30pm at Mary Center

High School Youth Group – no session on Sunday November 28. Next session is Sunday December 5.

Renewal 2022

Please help us to keep our records updated and know if you are still a parishioner, or if you have moved away. Complete the form on the website: www.scsucatholic.org/renewal

You can do it!! :-)

Holiday Mass Schedule at Newman

Wed., Dec 8—Immaculate Conception—Mass at 6:30pm

Fri., Dec. 24—Christmas Eve—Mass at 5:30pm

Sat., Dec. 25—Christmas Day—Mass at 9:15am

Parish Prayers

Anne Fields—Nancy Huber—Penny Zook—Waletzko's grandson Isaac—Kathy Williams— Kevin & Melissa Kruger's brother Mark—Linda Urbik —Dave & Caroline Williams's son Jeff—Courtney Vorell's father Paul Snyder— Grace Bellicot—Doug Nieters—Katie & Amy's Uncle Bill Hoffarth— Mil Voelker—Bob Huber—Ginny Bisek—Tome Keaveny—†Katie Waletzko— †Don Prom—†Renee Miller—†Will Ellenbecker—† Stanley McElhone— † Dorothy Lowe, Barb Pladson's mom—† Bill Schroeder—† Vern Cronin— † Donald Lardy—† Sallie Bellicot— † Deborah Rodriguez—† Valerie Meinz— † Gene Bisek—-† Bette Bartos—† Rich Theisen—+Mike Schmiesing, brother of Sharon—+Carol Reiter—+Ed Schnettler—+Jim Pehler—+Denise Keller—+Mary Kelley, sister of Barb Grachek

Advent Wreath

1st CANDLE – (purple) **THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE** – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

2nd CANDLE – (purple) **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION** – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)

3rd CANDLE – (pink) **THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY** – The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)

4th CANDLE – (purple) **THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE** – The angles announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3:16-17)

5th CANDLE – (white) "**CHRIST CANDLE**" – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1:29)

What would Christmas be without a children's Nativity play?

Please consider signing your child(ren) up to participate in the Nativity play Virtually. Sign up starts this Sunday, November 28th, and will continue until December 1st. Costumes and scripts will be available for pick up at the Newman Center on December 8th-10th. We only request that you record your child(ren) completing their role and send us a video at jspring@scsucatholic.org by December 16th at 12:00pm. Your child(ren) will have their video compiled to form one play which will be made available on Christmas Eve on all of our ACC social media pages. If you have any questions, please contact Jspring@scsucatholic.org.

Visit our livestream! Search YouTube: Christ Church Newman Center

Daily Readings are found at usccb.org

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