

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10th, 2023

Mass Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent, Cycle B:

The First Reading is from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11. To help us prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas, the Church recalls the prophecies of the great Isaiah on each of the four Sundays of Advent. The prophet's words of comfort and consolation, addressed to his fellow exiles in Babylon, apply to Christians with infinitely greater force and meaning. The exiles were told that their liberation from enemy captivity was at hand. God would bring them back to Judea, to end their earthly days in freedom, but not without much struggle and strife. These same words have their real fulfillment in Christ. For us they have a meaning which goes beyond the confines of this world and of this limited life. The liberation from Babylon was but a shadow of the messianic redemption brought to all men by the incarnation, death and resurrection of Christ.

The Second Reading is from the Second Letter of St. Peter 3:8-14. "We wait for new heavens and a new earth." That is the principal reason for our existence on this earth. We have a number of secondary purposes to fulfill, but each must contribute toward our attaining the primary and principal purpose: our eternal existence in heaven. We are intended by God to be citizens of the "new universe." He has given us our citizenship papers. He has most carefully mapped the road we should travel. He has given us all the material and spiritual helps we need on the journey but, God though he be, he cannot bring us to heaven unless we cooperate with him.

The Gospel is from the Gospel of Mark 1:1-8 "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." In twelve words St. Mark sums up the initiation of the greatest event that ever occurred in our human history, an event whose culmination would be not on earth but in heaven. God fulfilled the plan he had for us when creation began. He raised us up to the dignity of divine sonship by the Incarnation. The eternal Son of God "humbled himself" and joined our human nature to his divinity, thus making us his brothers and capable of sharing with him the eternal kingdom of his Father. Mark's story was, in fact, the greatest "good news" that man had ever received on earth. It is still the greatest, most astounding and, at the same time, most consoling news for us today. Let each one of us ask himself today: am I for Christ or against him? Am I on the road to heaven or am I facing in the opposite direction?

—Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.



*Peace I  
leave with  
you; my peace  
I give to  
you.*

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**WEEKLY BULLETINS VIA E-MAIL**

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# WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

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*"Forward, always forward, everywhere forward! We must not be held back by debts, bad years or by difficulties of the times. Man's adversity is God's opportunity." - Archbishop Boniface Wimmer, O. S. B.*

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### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday & Tuesday, 9 - 4  
Wednesday, 12 - 5  
Thursday and Friday, 9 - 1

## **Mass Schedule**

Monday - 8:15 p.m.  
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday - 8:15 a.m.  
Friday - 8:15 a.m.  
Saturday Vigil - 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.

*(See the Weekly Schedule for  
changes to Mass times or location!)*

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Tuesday & Wednesday 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.  
Saturday 5:00 - 5:20 p.m.  
Sunday 10:00 - 10:20 a.m.

## **Adoration**

Tuesday & Wednesday - 5 - 5:45 p.m.

For **anointing of the sick**, please see  
Fr. Ondeck after Mass.  
For last rites, please call **304-691-0537**

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### **When Should Catholics Not Receive Holy Communion?**

- If you have a mortal sin on your soul. Some serious sins include (but are not limited to) being married outside the church, being unmarried but living together or purposely not attending Sunday Mass or holy days of obligation. For more info on what constitutes a mortal sin, refer to the Catechism of the Catholic Church 1857 - 1859.
- If you have not observed the Eucharistic Fast one hour before receiving. Mints and gum break your fast.
- If you have not yet received First Communion.

### **Why Can't Non-Catholics Receive Holy Communion?**

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are not admitted to Holy Communion.

For those who cannot receive Eucharist at this time, we welcome you to join in our liturgy, to pray and sing with us. Please remain in the pew during the Communion Procession, offering your heartfelt prayers to our God of love and mercy. We eagerly await the time when you will join us at the Eucharistic table!



## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 9, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, December 10, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for †Paul Eugen Alkire
Monday, December 11, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Francis J. Lydon by family
Tuesday, December 12, 2023	5:50 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, December 13, 2023	5:50 PM	Mass for †Fr. Karl Wohinc
Thursday, December 14, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for Special Intentions of Fred and Donna Wevodau by Frank Renzelli
Friday, December 15, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Hernan Ayala by Mary Hall
Saturday, December 16, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for †Bryan Francis and James Blake by Theresa Francis
Sunday, December 17, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish

**The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of Larry Dodson by Marcie Allen  
December 3 - 16, 2023.**

### Prayer List

**Those who are sick:** Robert and Sophia Anisko, Hernan Ayala, Violet Angotti, Jill Balser, Dan Brannon, Dorothy Butcher, John Butcher, Courtney Clevenger, Brad Curtis, Rose Determan, Bonnie Detamore, Mary Catherine Fallon, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Greg Garton, Marsha Garton, Emily Johnston, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, Alesha Lehman, Rochelle Long, Sophia McLean, Gladys Mann, Shirley Murchland, Susan Murray, Judy Nicholas, Sue Nutter, Mary Oldaker, Rahming, Brenda Riley, Jim Riley, Jerry Stalnaker, Helen Tomaro, Dorothy Valdez, Audrey Westfall

• **Those who have died:** Carol Tierney, Mary Tenney, May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

• **All Veterans, and Military Personnel:**

• **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**

• **All seminarians:** Especially, Joe Derico.

• **All studying for the diaconate program:** Especially, Mike Brumley.

• **Former priests and religious of and from our parish**

• **Those who are homebound, in assisted living or nursing homes.**

• **All struggling with infertility.**

### Mass Attendance

Saturday	108
Sunday	194
Total	302

### Collections

Saturday	\$1327
Sunday	\$1458
Mail/Drop Box	\$250
Total	3035
School	290
Votives	\$212
Maintenance	\$0
Loan	\$0
Organ	\$0
Christmas Flowers	\$240
Giving Tuesday	\$2561.34
<b>Wesbanco Balance</b>	\$54,127.97
<b>Organ Loan Bal.</b>	\$77,599.38

**Religious Retirement Fund  
Collection: December 9 and 10**

### Protecting God's Children

St. Patrick Church takes seriously this 'VIRTUS' pursuit of excellence in our community. With the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, we are committed to making every environment – a safe environment. All employees and volunteers are required to complete VIRTUS Training. Participants of this training complete short video modules to learn how to best protect the vulnerable in our community. These short sessions empower participants to accurately identify and correctly report all instances of suspected child abuse. To create or update your account, please go to [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org).

We thank all of the employees and volunteers for their continued support in making the environment at St. Patrick Church safe for all.

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

# Advent Day of Service

Altar servers prepared for the season of advent by replacing pew missals and cleaning the Church



Father Ondeck visits our OCIA class as we begin discussing the sacraments.



Confirmation classes are in full swing with catechists Missy and J.J. Jordan.



St. Patrick's for Life met to discuss future endeavors to defend life in the womb and care for mothers and children.

## Support Seminarians

### Religious Items Available at Donut Sunday

Items will be displayed at Donut Sunday on December 10. If you see something you like, make a donation to the Catholic Daughters. All donations are then given to seminarians.

### Donut Sunday December 10

Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters

**DONUT  
SUNDAY**  
**AFTER MASS  
TODAY**

## Reflection

Many people scoff at the idea of miracles. Unwilling to believe that Jesus could restore the sight of the blind when He walked on earth, they are unwilling to see the miracles that Jesus continues to work today. If we are open to the guiding touch of God's hand and willing to discover His plan for our lives, miracles will happen. What prevents us from seeing and being a part of God's miracles? Would we rather be blind?

## Prayer for the Advent Wreath

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people.

He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.

He is the Savior of us all.

O Lord,

let your blessing come upon us as we light two (purple) candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation.

May He come quickly and not delay.

We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

## Advent Action

Send a get-well card to someone in the hospital.

## Prayer

Lord, clarify my vision that I may see You in others and sense You within my own soul.





# Eucharistic Testimony

## A Eucharistic Revival Initiative

Holy Mother Church! What wisdom she brings in giving us the Liturgical Calendar. I love that we get a “jump” on the New Year that the world celebrates on January 1st. I so love that when the world is focused on the hustle and bustle of Christmas, Mother Church calls us to Be Still and Watch. And as I grow in my faith, I have come to adore the Bread of Life Holy Mother Church provides in the humble form of wheat and water. I am a convert to the Catholic faith. In high school, I was drawn to the Church when a friend told me about the “succession of Peter”. Yet, what first drew me to the Church is not what has kept me here. What has kept me here is Jesus, fully present in the eucharist.

I had been Catholic for nearly 10 years before I encountered the eucharist exposed in a monstrance. At that time the parish we belonged to had an adoration chapel which was accessible around the clock throughout the year. In that tiny room, so beautifully adorned that it brought to mind the idea of a throne room, I experienced my first deep encounter with my Jesus in the eucharist. I think it took me those previous 10 years, since my conversion to the Catholic faith, to submit to a moment of deep quiet. I am eternally grateful for that blessed moment when my mind and my heart were still enough to hear the whisperings of my Lord and my God. Gazing at the Blessed Sacrament I had a deep awareness of what (or whom) I truly receive when I receive the Host. That moment echoes in my heart still today so deeply that even after 28 years its beauty, truth and goodness can revisit me when I receive communion.

In the adoration chapel the Host was exposed on a small altar. This particular evening, I was by myself in the chapel, but not alone. So very not alone. On this occasion I brought with me a host of my “enemies”: my sins. I carried these enemies with me even after visiting confession because of my shame and frustration of never being able to “get it right”. That evening, as I was delivering in “prayer” my litany of faults and failures, I heard deep in my heart, “shhhhhhh.” It was a not the sharp shushing of a tired, frustrated mom, but a gentle shushing of one who knows the source of the pain, the depth of the wound and the way to being free of both. For a time, I really don’t know how long it was, I felt the peace of His True Presence. The reality of that moment has never left me. I am so thankful my heart remembers, because my mind is too often forgetful of the Truth that moment professed.

Awhile back I noticed some young people kneeling quietly and remaining in the church for a little bit after Mass. I wondered why I never thought to linger just a little longer myself. Taking up that simple practice myself has helped me revisit the blessings of long ago in that adoration chapel. I love to take a moment just to wrap His gentle “shhh” around my heart again after communion. I love to imagine His Flesh enveloping my ragged heart and making it like His own, little by little with each eucharistic meal. I hope my heart looks to Him like a sort of patchwork quilt of His Love. It is glorious to know God desires to transform my heart! For a moment I am in my own little adoration chapel!

It has been nearly 30 years since I had the good fortune of visiting a perpetual adoration chapel on a weekly basis and I so miss that practice. It is true, though, that Jesus abides within me acutely in the moments after receiving communion. He is present and His presence makes my very being a sort of tabernacle, a throne room. He is my King and has come to the home of my heart! Would that I could stop time (and the chaos of my thoughts) to keep His Presence always in the fore of my life like it is in this moment! I am deeply thankful to enjoy this feast along with the family of believers gathered around the table of the altar! “Jesus meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine.”



## ***Patience is a Virtue***

November Virtue Winners were Evelyn Benedum, Jilly McCartney, and Emmy Marsh. These young ladies excelled in the virtue of patience. The virtue for the month of December is generosity!

*Merry  
Grinchmas!*





## Advent Reconciliation Opportunities

### Monday December 18

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. - continued  
during & after Mass  
(Father Maghsoudi)

### Christmas Flower Fund



Donations are being  
accepted **NOW**. Please  
consider making a  
donation.

## Christmas Mass Schedule

**December 24th: 4:30 PM**

**December 25th Midnight**

**December 25th: 10:30 AM**

*Reminder: morning Mass on the  
24th does not count as your  
Christmas obligation, nor does the  
4:30 Mass on the 24th count for  
your Sunday Mass obligation. Time  
should be made to attend both  
Sunday Mass and Christmas Mass.*

## Christmas Pageant

**Friday, December 15**

### Show Times

**1:00 p.m.**

**6:45 p.m.**

## ON DECK

**December 9 & 10:**

Religious Retirement Fund Collection

**Sunday, December 10**

Donut Sunday & Cookie Exchange,  
Sponsored by Catholic Daughters

**Friday December 15**

St. Patrick School Christmas pageant  
1:00 p.m., matinee performance  
6:45 p.m., evening performance

**December 16 and 17**

Drive thru food drive before and after  
Mass

**Monday December 18**

### Confessions

- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

### Mass

- 6:00 p.m.
- Fr. Maghsoudi will hear confessions  
during and after Mass

## Drive Through Food Drive

The Catholic Daughters will hold a Drive Through Food Drive before and after Masses on December 16 and 17. A member of the Catholic Daughters will come to your car, unload your donation and take in in the school. Suggested items are, boxed dinners, (Homestyle bakes, hamburger helper, tuna helper, etc.), Assorted canned vegetables (green beans, corn, peas, carrots, sweet potatoes, etc.), Baked beans, Assorted canned fruit (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, etc.), Applesauce, Canned chili, Chef Boy-r-dee ravioli, beef stew, Chunky soups, Stuffing, Gravy. All food donated will be used for our Christmas food baskets.

## Our Neighbor Collection

**December: Toilet paper and tissues**

Items can be placed in the cabinet on  
the back porch of the parish office.

## Names for Christmas Food Baskets

If you know someone who could benefit from a food basket this Christmas, please call the St. Patrick Church parish office at 304-269-3048 or email [secretary@spchurchweston.net](mailto:secretary@spchurchweston.net). Please ask the person or family if it is okay before adding their name to the list. Please do not add someone who is already receiving a food basket from another church or organization. By doing this, we are able to help more people who otherwise might be overlooked.

When you add someone to the list, you are responsible for distributing the basket of food to them or for making sure they are able to pick up the basket themselves.

We need the following information when you add someone to the list.

**Family name**

**Family size (broken down by the number of adults and number of children)**

**A contact number for the family.**

**Your name and phone number.**

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