



Advent is a time for waiting, preparing and hoping. Too often our waiting is spent in shopping lines and post offices; our preparing means rushing around to get cards addressed and gifts wrapped, and our major hope for the season is that we get everything done in time for the big day. Probably not exactly what those wise folks had in mind when they set aside four weeks of preparation. Each year we tell ourselves, "This year it will be different." Well perhaps this year it actually will be.



We light the first **PURPLE** Candle, which symbolizes hope. For many years the faithful looked forward to the coming of the Messiah. We look forward with the eyes of faith and hope.

**ADVENT** designates the present day coming or final coming of Christ. The English term advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming" and is primarily to designate a period before Christmas during which Christians prepare for the Christmas season and reflect on the meaning of the coming of Christ.



### Mass Intentions

Sunday November 28

10:00am In Thanksgiving -  
Paiment & Finley Family

Tuesday November 30

7:00pm Heather & Joe Holtfoster

Wednesday December 1

7:00pm †Julia & Jose Espirito Santo

Saturday December 4

6:00pm †Peter & Desmond Dewhurst

Sunday December 5

10:00am †Macelinda Donayer

Please Note

*Due to the COVID-19 restrictions again this year, we are unable to have our Angel Tree for Christmas gifts. Instead, we are asking you to please consider gift cards from either WALMART, NO FRILLS, SUPERSTORE or FRESHCO. We will give these out to families (either through the Schools or Parish) so they may purchase items needed.*

**-PLEASE MARK AMOUNT ON EACH GIFT CARD.**

**-PLEASE PLACE IN COLLECTION BASKET OR TURN IN AT OFFICE.**

**-PLEASE DO SO BY 1<sup>ST</sup> WEEKEND IN DECEMBER IN ORDER THAT THEY BE DISTRIBUTED IN TIME.**

**AGAIN, THANKS FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING & GENEROSITY**

*Fr. Keith*

**YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE**

We are approaching the end of the fiscal Year (December 31<sup>st</sup>) for which Income Tax Receipts will be issued.

If you wish, you may check your envelope boxes to see how you are doing and if you happen to notice any unused envelopes and wish to get an Income Tax Receipt for them, **PLEASE** feel absolutely free to return them with whatever amount you wish.

We will **GLADLY** welcome them to the fold.



**Christmas Is Coming!**

**Please read carefully**

**You can help with...**

canned vegetables with pop tops, meats/fish, rice, canned pasta & fruit, soups and stews, brown beans, oatmeal, cookies, gravy, pasta & sauce, instant coffee, hot chocolate, tea, peanut butter, sugar, salt & pepper, spices, boxed stuffing, boxed mashed potatoes, baby food, boxed milk, tuna & crackers, cake mix, dishwashing detergent.

Please place your donations at the steps of the Altar.

Thank you!





## WELCOME TO ADVENT

Once again, we begin the story of our salvation. In our northern hemisphere when the darkness comes early in our evenings and leaves later in our mornings, we light a simple candle to remind us that Christ is our light that dispels the inner darkness of our sinfulness, anxiety and troubles that sometimes torment us. In the rush and 'hurly burly' of excitement to celebrate the "BIG DAY" we are invited to step back and savour the exquisiteness of this season. We are invited to reflect on the tremendous love and patience that our God has had over the years with recalcitrant, stiff necked, rebellious and stubborn people of whom God has been the Creator. We are invited to listen to the sounds of silence and the constant pleas of a God who urges us to return and listen to His Son who in the fullness of time was not only born but will also come again in majesty and power to reclaim finally what has belonged to God – CREATION.

May this be a time of prayer, hope and reflection for us all.

Fr. Keith

### 2022

#### Mass Intentions

We are now taking bookings for Mass Intentions. Please come in or call the Office during Office hours and book a Mass for your own particular intentions.

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#### MASS BOOKS

**DUE TO COVID, WE REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT FOR THE TIME BEING, THERE WILL BE NO MISSALS AVAILABLE FROM THE CHURCH.**

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#### Calendars

Calendars for 2022 are available in the of the Church.



## PLEASE NOTE

*For those students who have registered for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Communion last year and were unable to receive due to the COVID-19 restrictions, please note that we will contact you to set a date for your child.*

### **We pray for all those who are ill especially:**

Ernest Landry  
Sharron McKeever

Ed Hopper  
Jo Craigen



### CWL MEMBERS OF HOLY CROSS PARISH

#### Reminder Membership Dues

*Holy Cross CWL is having a Membership Drive!*

*Members, please renew by December 26, 2021*

*We welcome ladies to join us as members.*

*Dues are \$26.00*

*For more information, please contact Kim Beatty,*

*President at: 905-579-8184 or*

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**It is once again that time of year.**

### **SECURITY ALERT!!!**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS. ALSO PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING VISIBLE IN YOUR CAR – LOCK EVERYTHING IN YOUR TRUNK.**