



HOLY ANGELS CHURCH



TOGETHER IN PRAYER AND WORSHIP



Holy Angels Parish walks with you in your journey of faith. We are a community of believers, coming together to pray and give glory to God through liturgy and sacraments. Our Catholic community welcomes you. We pray that each parishioner will be blessed and strengthened by the power of Jesus Christ our Saviour and live a life of abundance in fellowship, joy and love. May God bless you always!

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Saturday Vigil:
5:00 p.m. English

Sunday:
9:30 a.m. Italian
11:30 a.m. English

Weekday Masses:
8:00 a.m. English
(Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri)
NO Mass on Tuesdays

CONFESSIONS/ CONFESSIONI:

4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Saturdays or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS/ ORARIO DI UFFICIO:

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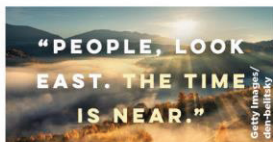
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December 3, 2023 | First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7 | 1 Cor 1:3-9 | Mk 13:33-37

Written by
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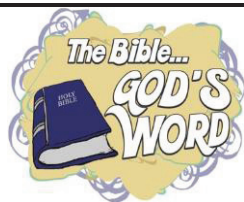
In a nineteenth-century sermon, St. John Henry Newman wrote of today's Gospel: "[Jesus] mercifully whispers into our ears ... not to share in the general unbelief [around us], not to be carried away by the world but to 'beware, keep alert' and look out for his coming." I love the thought that Jesus is "mercifully whispering" to us. Welcome to Advent! We know that Advent is a time of anticipation and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ, but today's readings also speak to me of training ourselves to be alert for God's presence in the small, everyday moments of our lives. In his Letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes that "[we] are not lacking in any spiritual gift" as we await the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are gifted with his grace. Our loving God bestows countless graces on us each day, and with the help of the Holy Spirit we can seek ways to be more aware of these graces. Yes, we can be more "alert" to them, but can also be thankful for these small moments of God's presence with us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Advent is a season of joyful hope. "I hope I can get my Christmas shopping done in time ... I hope I have time to get my house decorated this weekend." We all have "hopes and dreams" for this time of year, and, God-willing we will be blessed with a truly festive and joyous holiday season with our families. For Catholics, though, this season of "joyful hope" is one that has a much deeper meaning. We long for the return of Christ and our eternal union with him with a hope that is built on the promises of Jesus in the Scriptures. Our hope is not passive, but active. We know that God is always there for us, comforting us in bad times and rejoicing with us in times of happiness. Let us give thanks for our Triune God who desires to be in relationship with us enough that he sent his Son to take on our humanity. And let us silence any noise in our hearts so as to hear Jesus' merciful whisper of encouragement to be on the watch for his coming.

SING *People, look east. The time is near / Of the crowning of the year. / Make your house fair as you are able, / Trim the hearth and set the table. / People, look east and sing today: / Love, the guest, is on the way.*



I Domenica di Avvento

Nonostante le difficoltà e le incognite del nostro tempo, iniziamo con speranza rinnovata il cammino di preparazione al Natale, ma anche all'incontro definitivo con Dio.

Gioiosi e vigilanti facciamo spazio nelle nostre famiglie e comunità al Signore che viene.



Thank you for supporting your church. Collection for November 26th was \$2,852.00.

Grazie della generosità per la vostra Chiesa. L'offerta della domenica 26 novembre era \$2,852.00.



Sanctuary Lamp Prayer for the week of December 3rd is offered in memory of Giovanni & Rosalina Menecola and Nicola & Maria Falcone requested by Giuseppina Menecola.

La lampada del SS. Sacramento della settimana di 3 dicembre è stata offerta in memoria di Giovanni e Rosalina Menecola e Nicola e Maria Falcone richiesta da Giuseppina Menecola.

Holy Angels Building Repairs Fund: Second collection for November 26th was \$587.00.

La Seconda Raccolta per la Chiesa: Seconda raccolta della settimana 26 novembre era \$587.00.



Dr. Simone: We will be collecting canned goods for the month of December.

Questo mese accogliamo prodotti in scatola per la missione del Dr. Simone.



Season of Advent: Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and 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. During Advent, each

Sunday's Gospel reading has specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.



Christmas Bazaar: Only one more week for our annual Christmas Bazaar and Spaghetti Dinner! There will be Vendors, White Elephant, Spin to Win, Raffle, and Santa Claus himself will visit between 12noon and 3:00 p.m. for professional photos! It will take place on

December 9th in our parish hall from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The hall will be open on Friday, December 8th between **9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.** for drop-off of gently used items for resale. Baked goods will also be appreciated. *Please do not leave items in the foyer of the Church.* We are also looking for **volunteers** to help on Friday and Saturday. Please call the office if you are able to help.



Memorial Christmas Tree: Once again, this year, we will have a special Christmas Tree to remember our loved ones who have passed. If you would like to participate, you can purchase an angel ornament for \$25. The ornament will be personalized with your loved one's name and will be included in the Mass intention on December 24th at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. You can call the office to order one or we will be taking orders after each Mass.

Christmas Tree Toy Drive at Holy Angels 2023: Back by popular demand, this Advent Season, we will be collecting brand new toys for the less fortunate children. We are asking for donations of unwrapped toys appropriate for children ages 1-12. We will be accepting donations until December 17th.

Advent Sale: There will be articles for sale each weekend in Advent after each Mass. Please take a look and support your church!

St. Anthony Committee: We invite all parishioners for coffee, panettone and Christmas cheer on December 10th following the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses. Santa Claus will also be visiting

Mass Intentions December 4th to December 10th

Monday December 4th

St. John Damascene
8:00 am † Giovanni Paglia by Anna Paglia

Tuesday December 5th

Advent Tuesday
8:00 am No Mass

Wednesday December 6th

St. Nicholas
8:00 am † Filippo Di Franco by Leonardo and Domenica Di Franco
† Antonio, Emidiola, Graziella, Michelina, Annamaria, Agnese Di Carlo by Stefano Di Carlo
† Maureen La Penna by Mary Ellen & Kathy Culkeen
† Gianni e Michael Schiavone by Nicolina Marinaccio

Thursday December 7th

St. Ambrose
8:00 am † Rosa La Penna by Maria & Piero Alcamo

Friday December 8th

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 am Our Lady of the Rosary (Devotion) by Maria Di Principe

Saturday December 9th

St. Juan Diego
5:00 pm † Matteo & Giovanna Farace by Maria Farace

Sunday December 10th

2nd Sunday of Advent
9:30 am † Leonardo Falcone by Wife Elodia and Family
11:30 am † Giuseppe A. Sabatino (3 years of passing) by Wife Giuseppina and children



*Please welcome our newest little parishioner:
Kai Rain Therrien*

*This weekend, we welcome our
Confirmandi
&
First Communicants 2024!
They will be receiving their
Communion pins and Confirmation
crosses.*



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