

Be vigilant
at all times
and pray
that you have
the strength
to escape the
tribulations
that are
imminent
and to stand
before the
Son of Man.

Luke 21:36



The Last Judgment, from The Small Passion

Albrecht Dürer (German, 1471-1528), c. 1510

Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

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First
Sunday of

Advent

November 28, 2021

How forcefully today's scriptures challenge us to attend to the ominous nature of the Kingdom's definitive in-breaking! The call echoes through Jeremiah's prophecy: "In those days, in that time" and in Paul's letter: "at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen." The theme intensifies toward a crescendo in Luke: "there will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth . . . dismay and perplexity." People will be scared to death—literally—"in anticipation of what is coming upon the world," as "seas and waves roar" and "the powers of heaven will be shaken." And all of this will be just a prelude to "the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." In the face of this "awful" (that is, filled-with-awe) ending, Jesus warns his disciples to guard against two equally debilitating extremes, both of which seem to be trademarks of our contemporary culture: deadening diversion on one hand, and frantic anxiety on the other.

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PREPARATION FOR THE END-TIMES

In light of these predictions of frightening end-times, Jesus advises us to embrace his three-fold "Preparation for the End Program": (1) "Beware!" that is, be aware of what really matters, life's true priorities. (2) "Be vigilant at all times," that is, watchful for Christ's coming not only at the end but in the meantime, in family and neighbor, friend and stranger. (3) Above all, "pray." Prayer, communion with God, will help us to remember that for faithful disciples, The End of this world—or our own lives, whichever comes first—will be The Beginning of a joy no one can take from us, fullness of life that will never end. How lovely if this Advent's renewal prepared us to look forward to the moment of Jesus' coming—in his glory or our death—not as a cataclysmic disaster, but as a reason for which to "stand erect and raise (our) heads (in joyful expectation) because (our) redemption is at hand."

Today's Readings: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14;
1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

PASTOR: Rev. Michael T. "Mike" Snider

Celebration of the Sacraments:

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Tues - Fri: 9:00 AM

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Welcome Visitors!

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us
and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home."*

*Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years,
you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!*

First Sunday of Advent

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Nancy Rasca. Jess Corrigan Jr. Clifford & Frances Jo Moore. Fran & Kathleen Fleming. Jane Davis. Vicki Hauck. Naomi Alfred. Dave Cormier. Judy Smith. Thomas Holzmänn. Jim Hickey. Michael Allen. Joe Fazzio. Rick & Teri Jackson. Ron Emma. Kate Serres. Belinda Flowers. Dona Jordan. Jaye Anderson. Georgette March. Kyle Fabitz. Greg Mooney. Garry Fetsch. Karee Haney. Bollinger Family. Charlie Parker. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Wanda & George Duke. Doris & Jo Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Esther Coronel. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda & Mike Stephens. Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month. We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: Billy Ray Sanford, spouse of Mary Barber & step-father of David Barber. Mary's Address: P.O. Box 144, Hawkins, TX 75765

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

Dawn Quinn, US Army PVT 2nd Class (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 1LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jemigan). Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Lt. "JG" Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

Reflection question:

What righteous deeds would I be able to bring with me if Christ returned this week?

GREATNESS

The measure of greatness is not the number of servants you have, but the number of people you serve.—Anonymous

THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know, His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind.—St. Bernard: Third Sermon for Advent

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalm: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

Gospel: There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Mass—Intentions

Sat. 11/27 Shirley Bonicard+ (M/M Bonicard)

Sun 11/28 Jerry & Vicki Hauck (Ellis Family)

Tue 11/30 Jim O'Neil+ (Ellis Family)

Wed 12/01 Thomas Holzmänn (M/M Murfin)

Thurs 12/02 George Smith+ (M/M Barber)

Fri. 12/03 Jim O'Neil+ (M/M Clymer)

Sat. 12/04 Mike Fleming+ (M/M Clymer)

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts for the month of October, 2021

Expenditures \$ 3,882

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,562

Attendance 11/20 Saturday 49 11/21 Sunday 63

Pope's Intention for December:



Catechists. Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

First Sunday of Advent

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

WATCHFUL CONFIDENCE

We the Church enter into Advent and the new liturgical year with a call for a watchful confidence. Our readings were originally addressed to communities undergoing great loss and confusion. Jeremiah speaks confidently of God fulfilling the ancient promises to Israel, even during a time of foreign invasion. Paul speaks of God leading the Church into holiness, while the community longs for the coming of Jesus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus speaks of powerful signs and of great confusion to come, but emphasizes that we may look forward knowing that God brings not cause for despair, but hope. We celebrate Advent to remind each other of God's faithfulness. We are to be watchful, to see how God is stirring up our world. God disturbs both our pride and our complacency, and brings us healing and justice. We prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus, confident that God indeed fulfills all these divine promises.

Adoration every Tuesday Time: 9:30am—12:30pm & 6:00—8:00pm

All are welcome to attend!

If interested in spending one hour with the Lord. Please contact Cathy Ellis at cathy.ellis@gmail.com. Cathy will need your name, and a one hour time slot on Tuesdays that you would be willing to come to the church and adore our Lord.



Angel Tree

Thank you Holy Spirit parishioners for your generous support in our past Angel Tree projects. It's that time of year again, so with your help, we can make some children of the Hawkins community have a happier Christmas!

Angel tags will be on our tree in the Narthex **beginning Nov. 19th**.

Please bring gifts back by **Sunday, Dec. 5th**, as this will give us time to take unwrapped presents to parents so they can wrap for their children. It is not necessary to purchase everything on the child's list.

Thank you for your support. If any questions, please contact Dianne Laudt. Cell: 918-289-8904

Instructions: Put unwrapped gifts in a white trash bag. Tie Angel Tree tag on the trash bag. Put under our Angel Tree by Sunday, Dec. 5th.

NOVEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

Sun., Nov. 28th: No coffee & donuts.

DECEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

Sat., Dec. 4th: 9:00am Mass & Patriotic Rosary for Peace in America

Sun., Dec. 5th: Coffee & Donuts following Mass in St. Jude's Hall.

Tues., Dec. 7th: 9:00am Mass & Adoration (Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm) 5:00pm Mass of Anticipation of Holy Day. **Confession 6:00-8:00pm. Fundraiser meeting immediately following Mass in St. Jude's Hall.**

Wed., Dec. 8th: 9:00am Mass. **Holy Day of Obligation.** "The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary".

Fri., Dec. 10th: 10:00am Mike Fleming, Funeral Mass at HSCC

Sun., Dec. 12th: 9:00am Mass. Coffee & Donuts in St. Jude's Hall.

Tues., Dec. 14th: 9:00am Mass & Adoration (Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm). **Confession 9:30am—Noon then from 6:00pm—8:00pm.**

Thurs., Dec., 16th: Last day to collect Christmas Food donations.

Sat., Dec. 18th: Delivering Christmas Food Baskets, volunteers needed.

Sun., Dec. 19th: Coffee & Donuts following Mass in St. Jude's Hall. Also, immediately following Mass, Jane Bidlack facilitates "The Bible and Mass Study" Class in the middle classroom.

Tues., Dec. 21st—Fri., Dec. 24th: **No 9:00am Mass or Adoration**

Fri., Dec. 24th: 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass.

Sat., Dec. 25th: 9:00am Christmas Mass. **NO 5:00pm Mass**

Sun., Dec. 26th: 9:00am Mass. **No coffee & donuts**

Mon. Dec. 27th: Fr. Mike's 13th Ordination Anniversary

Tues., Dec. 28th—Fri., Dec. 31st: **No 9:00am Mass or Adoration**

Christmas Schedule

Fri., Dec. 24th: 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

Sat., Dec. 25th: Holy Day of Obligation: 9:00am Christmas Mass

December Second Collections:

4th & 5th: "Building & Maintenance Fund."

11th & 12th: "Retirement Fund for Religious."

24th & 25th: "Retired & Infirmed Priest of the Diocese".

Cenacle of Life: Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:00—4:00pm**. Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki Hauck 817-637-9382**

Legion of Mary—Pilgrim Statue: Our Lady of Fatima Statue is now ready to visit your home. **There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953 or Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749.** If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

DAY OF RECONCILIATION — CONFESSION Tues., Dec. 7th FROM 6:00-8:00pm. Tues., Dec. 14th from 9:30AM—12:00 (NOON), THEN FROM 6:00-8:00PM IN THE DEACONS OFFICE. If you have an emergency and need Fr. Mike call him on his cell # 903-490-3883.

Welcome committee is in need of more candy for the **golf cart parade**. Please place bags of candy on table in front of Bridget's office.

PRIESTS for TOMORROW

Campaign Redemption Report

The following is a report of our parish progress as of the end of September.

Goal:	\$ 205,000.00
Pledges:	\$ 242,495.00
Payments Received:	\$ 149,795.00 (61.8%)
Remaining Balance on Pledges:	\$ 92,700.00 (38.2%)

(Balance as of Sept. 30, 2021)

The Welcome Committee hopes to have **Holy Spirit represented in the "Christmas Wonderland in the Woods"** display through Jan. 8th that is set up along the Fitness/Walking Trail (by the Pickle Ball courts/ Tennis courts) on the west side of HLR. This will be for residents and visitors to enjoy over the holidays. The display "locations" along the trail will be on a first come/first pick basis starting November 14th. Since electricity will not be available we hope to get a sunny spot. We have a nativity scene donated that will be used but need some additional items that we hope parishioners can help with. Since the sunny spots have no trees perhaps a few "artificial trees" to put around the nativity scene would look nice. They would need to be able to be "staked" somehow so they would stay put :) Also, we need some solar spotlights as well as a sign which will show the "owner" of the display - Holy Spirit Catholic Church. If you have any solar spotlights to loan us that would be great! If anyone can make some sort of sign that will not blow away and can withstand wind/rain (no banners and not greater than 18x24) that would be wonderful. The sign doesn't not have to ready immediately but we would like to have the name of our church at the display at some point. Please contact Anna Parker if you can help parkerbiz52@yahoo.com 903.833.7019 (hm) Thanks.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Thank you for your generous support for the thanksgiving food drive. We expect to be delivering food to 20 families this year. This drive is above and beyond our weekly food distribution. Below is a list of food items needed.

Stuffing mix; gravy packages; can cranberry sauce; can yams; cake mix & frosting; biscuit/muffin mix; instant potatoes; \$ 10/\$ 20 gift cards for meat; pudding; jello & fruit cups, etc.

Thank you in advance for your continued support for this food drive and our weekly food baskets. Please place donations in the K/C box just outside Bridget's office on or before **12/16/2021**.

If you are unable to deliver your donations, please call or text **Robert Mailliard at 503-559-6022**

We are also looking for volunteers to deliver the food boxes on **12/18/2021**.
MANY BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS FOR THIS PROJECT

Article for the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. 24 November 2021 Edition
(Submission date: 19 November 2021) Submitted by Randy Munoz.

So what about “Black Friday”? From a History article (<https://www.history.com/news/black-friday-timeline-photos>) we learn the following. Every year, more than 100 million Americans hit the stores the Friday after Thanksgiving in the hopes of finding a great deal on a TV or the latest toy craze. Although Black Friday has practically become a holiday of its own, it hasn’t always been this way. For a century, “Black Friday” was associated with a 19th-century financial crisis. In 1869, two scheming Wall Street financiers bought as much gold as they could with the hopes of artificially driving up the price and selling at an astronomical profit. Instead, the gold market collapsed and took the stock market with it, bankrupting millions on Friday, September 24. Black Friday kept its negative connotation through the early 20th century, when business owners complained about workers calling in sick Friday after Thanksgiving, sapping productivity and wreaking havoc on the economy. It wouldn’t be tied to post-Thanksgiving shopping until the late 1950s, when Philadelphia police gave the derisive nickname to the flood of rowdy tourists that descended on the city before the Army/Navy game, snarling traffic and overwhelming retailers.

1924: The First Macy’s Parade – Though held on Thanksgiving Day, the very first Macy’s parade on November 27, 1924 was advertised as a “Christmas Parade” with the arrival of Santa Claus signaling the official start of the holiday shopping season. The original parade, promoted in full-page advertisements as a “marathon of mirth,” included live animals from the Central Park Zoo. In 1927, the live animals were replaced by giant balloon animals.

1939: FDR Creates ‘Franksgiving’ – Thanksgiving used to be celebrated the last Thursday in November, but in 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt caved to pressure from the National Retail Dry Goods Association and moved it a week earlier to extend the holiday shopping season. “Franksgiving,” as it was mockingly called, triggered widespread controversy and confusion. Only 23 states adopted the change, creating a de facto double holiday that was finally rectified in 1941, when Congress officially proclaimed Thanksgiving to be the fourth Thursday in November.

1950s & 1960s – Philadelphia cops dreaded the day after Thanksgiving, when a throng of suburbanites would flood downtown Philly in advance of the Army-Navy game and shop for pre-holiday discounts. The police couldn’t take the day off like the rest of the city and instead had to deal with nasty traffic and opportunistic shoplifters. In 1961, the city’s department stores tried to shake the negative name and call it “Big Friday,” but the rebranding didn’t stick.

1980s & 1990s: America’s Shopping Holiday is Born. “Black Friday” took on a new meaning in the 1980s as the day that stores sold so much merchandise that their annual revenue went from being “in the red” (loss) to “in the black” (profit). As Black Friday grew in popularity in the 1990s, stores began opening their doors at midnight or the early hours of Friday, so people started to camp out. Some states declared Black Friday an official holiday for government employees and the shopping phenomenon began spreading worldwide. Today, at least 20 other countries observe some kind of late-November launch to the holiday shopping season.

2005: Cyber Monday – In the early 2000s, retailers started noticing the trend of shoppers going online the Monday after Thanksgiving weekend. With the spread of high-speed home internet and mobile connectivity, retailers jumped at the chance to extend the holiday shopping weekend and Cyber Monday was born. By 2017, Americans were spending \$6.6 billion online during Cyber Monday sales events, just shy of the \$7.9 billion spent on Black Friday itself, both online and in stores.

2006: Black Friday Mayhem Turns Violent – At a mall in Utah, 15,000 shoppers overwhelmed security and employees, tearing through merchandise looking for the best “doorbuster” deals. At a Virginia Best Buy, shoppers got in fistfights over line-jumping. 10 people in California were injured scrambling for 500 prize balloons. The first death came in 2013, when frenzied shoppers in Long Island tragically trampled a Walmart employee. 10 deaths and 111 injuries since 2006.

2010: And What About Saturday? – The transition of Thanksgiving weekend from a cozy family get-together to a full-on shopping extravaganza neared completion in 2010 with the creation of Small Business Saturday. The idea came from credit card company American Express, which promoted the new shopping day by offering small businesses free online ads in 2011. Riding the consumer trend of buying local, total Saturday sales soon overtook Black Friday numbers. By 2015, 95 million shoppers spent a total of \$16.2 billion at local shops and restaurants on Small Business Saturday.

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