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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ONE MIGHTIER THAN I IS COMING.

MARK 1:7A

SUNDAY MASS

9:30 a.m.
(Church &
On-line)

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
(Rectory &
On-line)

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Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Second Sunday of
ADVENT



DECEMBER 10, 2023

ON THE WAY....



May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever.

Advent is considered the start of a new liturgical year in the Catholic Church. Each year we tell the story of salvation we have come to know in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Advent serves as the opening act in the drama by giving us some of the backdrop for the saving events. The season begins with an ending. We are reminded by the Bible readings at the beginning of Advent that history is going someplace, that the plan of God is at work in creation. We skip to the last page of the book and find out who dunnit.

This liturgical year upcoming is “B,” the year of St. Mark’s Gospel (with some supplements from St. John’s.) Even though it is second one in the current structure of the Bible, scholars are convinced that Mark actually was the first one written. In fact, we might even say that Mark invented the form “gospel” as he wrote to open his book: “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” Before Mark there is evidence for collections of sayings of Jesus. Also, there were stories which circulated which focused on the events of Jesus’ life, particularly the passion. It was Mark’s genius to weave the sayings and the stories into a coherent narrative. So effective was this method that St. Matthew and St. Luke adopted Mark’s framework wholesale.

Unlike Matthew and Luke, Mark does not start with the birth of Jesus but rather John the Baptist. John is the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies about a messenger preparing the way for the Lord. He is the bridge between the Old and New Testaments. He is the perfect Advent character since his announcement is about the one who is coming. The other featured players during the Advent season are Isaiah the Prophet and the Blessed Mother. Isaiah spoke of the fulfillment of Israel’s hopes that took flesh in the birth of Jesus. Mary, of course, was the one whose “yes” to /God serves as a model for all of our “yesses” as we strive to hear and obey the will of God in our lives.

Part of the problem in our culture is that we have skipped straight to Christmas already. Before Thanksgiving the Christmas carols were on the radio and the stores were all decorated to entice you in with their Christmas sales. Advent gets short shrift. We have to do some extra work if we are to realize the graces of the season. The principal Advent theme that should work its way into our prayers this season is to wait for the Lord. Obviously the coming of a child is all about waiting. You can’t rush the baby. He or she will come when it’s time. The Advent lesson is that we too must wait for the Lord in our lives as well. We have our prayers and hopes and God promises to fulfill those prayers but in God’s time, not ours. Like Isaiah seeing far off, like Mary sitting during her pregnancy, like John the Baptist proclaiming the coming of the Lord, we too put our future in the hands of the Coming One.

In the Most Holy Trinity,
Fr. John Edmunds, S.T

Sun 12/10	Second Sunday Of Advent (Family Mass)	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Toni Koestner by Amy Pelletiere, Rick Nunnery, by Lisa Nunnery</i>
Mon 12/11	7:30 a.m. :†	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <i>Dr. Doris Jean Turner by Cathy Moore</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (On-line)
Tues 12/12	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <i>Andrew Knoell by Earl Summes</i>
Wed 12/13	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <i>Peter and Anna Marano by Mena Marano</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Taize Prayer Service (Church & On-line)
Thurs 12/14	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <i>Virginia Picken by Becky Rebech</i>
Fri 12/15	7:30 a.m. †	Immaculate Mass (Chapel & On-line) <i>Louis Marano by Mena Marano</i>
Sun 12/17	Third Sunday Of Advent	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Peter Marano by Mena Marano</i>
	11:00 a.m.	LGBTQ+ Ministry (Rectory)

Join us for an Advent evening of song and reflection in the Taize tradition

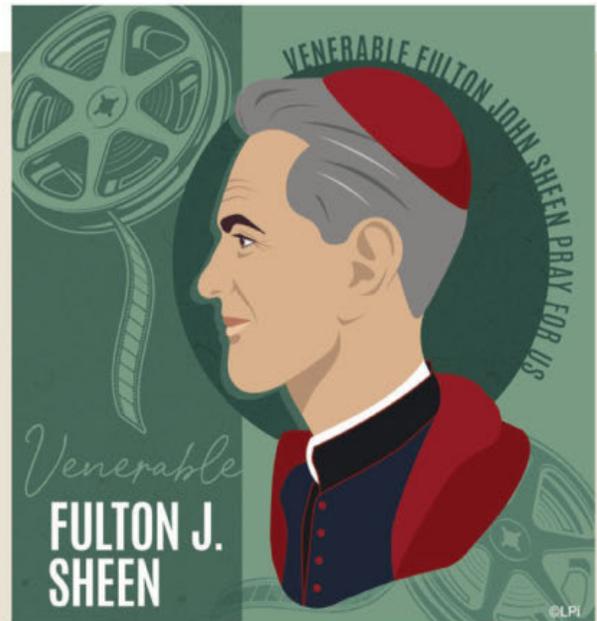
Taize Prayer

Wednesday, December 13
7:00 p.m.
Free and open to all

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Next Meeting will be Dec. 17th 11 am at the Rectory. We will be leading with a reflection on the Advent readings.



Saint of the week

Venerable Bishop Fulton John Sheen was a prominent American Catholic bishop, theologian, and media personality. Considered one of the first televangelists, his charisma and defense of the faith made him a household name for American Catholic families.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, source of all holiness, You raise up within the Church in every age men and women who serve with heroic love and dedication. You have blessed Your Church through the life and ministry of Your faithful servant, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. He has written and spoken well of Your Divine Son, Jesus Christ, and was a true instrument of the Holy Spirit in touching the hearts of countless people.

If it be according to Your will, for the honor and glory of the Most Holy Trinity and for the salvation of souls, we ask You to move the Church to proclaim him a saint. We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://celebratesheen.com/prayers-2/>)



A big thank you to all that that help make the Senior Thanksgiving Dinner a success. Everything went well and all the seniors had a wonderful time!

Sunday Collection Report as of 26 November:

\$198,864 an increase of **\$9,836** a **5.2%** increase.

Thank you for your generosity!



St. James has a google form for submitting prayer requests:

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



In Our Prayers



Our Home Bound:

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