**First Sunday of Advent**
**November 29, 2020**

# St. Theresa of Avila
## Catholic Church

812 West Main
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# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
## Catholic Church

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## Mission Statement

The mission of our two parishes is to be a community that believes and proclaims the powerful and loving presence of Jesus Christ and extends his love to others. We are called and sent to pass down the Catholic Faith we have inherited through our worship, word and work.

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**St. Theresa of Avila & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Churches Welcome you to our celebration of the Holy Mass on this First Sunday of Advent—Sun., Nov. 29, 2020**

St. Theresa 5:00 pm Mass (S), Sat., November 28 ~ +Michelle Iffert

St. Theresa 7:00 am Mass (S), Sun., November 29 ~ Delbert & Mary Nix

St. Elizabeth 9:00 am Mass (K), Sun., November 29 ~

St. Theresa 11:00 am Mass (S), Sun., November 29 ~ J.J. Franczyk Special Intention

**Monday, November 30**

No Mass

**Tuesday, December 1**

St. Theresa 5:00 pm (S) Adoration in GYM

St. Theresa 6:00 pm (S) ~ Hilmes Family

**Wednesday, December 2**

St. Theresa 8:00 am (S) ~ Hilmes Family

**Thursday, December 3**

St. Theresa 8:00 am (S) ~

**Friday, December 4**

St. Theresa 8:00 am (S) ~

**Saturday, December 5**

St. Theresa 5:00 pm (S) ~ +Michelle Iffert

**Sunday, December 6—Second Sunday of Advent**

St. Theresa 7:00am Mass (S) ~ John & Levada Cox

St. Elizabeth 9:00am Mass (K) ~

St. Theresa 11:00am Mass (S) ~ Marilyn Wilda

# IT'S ADVENT

Christ's saving work is celebrated in sacred memory by the Church on fixed days and periods throughout the year. During the different seasons of the liturgical year, the Church, in accord with tradition al discipline, carries out the formation of the faithful by means of devotion al practices, both interior and exterior, instructions, and works of penance and mercy.

Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance direct the mind and heart to wait Christ second coming at the end of time. Advent is thus, a period of devout and joyful expectation.

John the Baptist is 'more than a prophet.' In him the Holy Spirit concludes his speaking through the prophets. In fact, John completes the cycle of prophets began by Elijah. John said, "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." John was the last chapter of messianic prophesies.

John's message is simple as he concludes in the gospel what the prophet Isaiah started in the first reading from the Old Testament, a voice of one crying in the wilderness, "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." It's time for a RESET!

Have you considered whether your mind is open and free to explore the path that God has set for you? Or are you going through life like your brain is chained? My dear, free your mind and you will create a mental and spiritual environment for yourself.

Yes, it's time for a reset! Examine yourself. Know what you believe. Know your ideas. Know what you stand for and know what has shaped your beliefs and ideas.

It may be time to deepen your spiritual roots. Change your spiritual influence. Just because you are religious doesn't mean that you don't need to update your faith intake. Listen, feeding your spirit is much like gassing up for a long trip.

I want to encourage you to begin to hang-out more with people who can help you think and recharge. In fact, I would say, quit taking advise from people you don't want to be. Engage in activities that can really help you mentally and spiritually. Start doing things that add value to your life. Listen, you will never discover what else you are, if you stay in one place. This truth is, people put a "period" where God put just a "comma." I think you are more than you know.

Take a close look at your daily schedule, are you spending your time wisely or are you wasting your time? Why not make a chart and see what you do more, what you do less and what you don't do at all. Remember, every day is a withdrawal from the bank of time.

May the graces of Advent help us realize what really matters in our lives.

Fr. Abraham

# The First Sunday of Advent

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112920.cfm

## Reading 1 Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

## Reading 2 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Gospel Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

# Offerings

**Last Weekend's Offering** ***Thank you!***

From Sat., November 21 & Sun., November 22, 2020

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton:

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| Envelopes: | $565.00 |
| Loose: | $00.00 |
| Total contributions for the week: | $565.00 |
| Mission Outreach: | $35.00 |
| Immaculate Conception: | $10.00 |
| Christmas Flowers: | $10.00 |
| Retirement Fund for Religious: | $25.00 |
| Christmas: | $50.00 |

## St. Theresa of Avila:

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| Envelopes | $1791.00 |
| Online Giving: | $860.00 |
| Loose: | $22.00 |
| Total contributions for the week: | $2673.00 |
| Capital Campaign: | $175.00 |
| Building/Maintenance: | $500.00 |
| Needy/Poor: | $170.00 |
| Catholic Campaign for Human Development | $143.00 |

**Liturgical Ministers—Next weekend, Saturday Dec. 5 & Sunday, Dec. 6**

Saturday 5:00 pm—St. Theresa

**Lector:** D. Husk

Sunday 7:00 am—St. Theresa

**Lector:** M. Gibson

Sunday 9:00 am—St. Elizabeth

**Lector:** E. Grandt

Sunday 11:00 am—St. Theresa

**Lector:** M. Grill

*Please find a replacement if you cannot serve your assigned time

## Advent Angels

Tags are available for pickup

Attach the tag to the gift. Please return wrapped gifts to the Schomaker Center/GYM by Sunday, December 13th. Questions, please call/text Marcy Gibson at 618-246-3085

**Parishioners, are you or a loved one in the hospital, sick or have any kind of emergency? Please give Father Abraham a call 618-944-8888. He would like to talk to you!**

Please contact Father Abraham if you know of any Parishioner that needs help from the food pantry. If the Parishioner is home bound, we can deliver food once a month.

**St. Theresa Town Hall Meeting**
**For all Parishioners**
Wednesday, December 2
6:00pm in the GYM

## St. Elizabeth Seton Church BCMW

## Adopt a Family Christmas Program

Each year, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church participates in the BCMW Adopt a Family Christmas Program. This program is sponsored by WJBD Radio and BCMW Community Services. Last year, these donations helped 556 children from 227 households have a memorable Christmas. Due to covid this year, we have decided to give a monetary donation for gifts to be purchase by CMW volunteer shoppers instead of buying gifts individually. If you would like to donate, please place your donation in the basket located in the entrance of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hall or you may drop it off or mail it to the parish office in Salem. Please make checks payable to BCMW and designate all cash donations for BCMW. All donations must be in by November 29. If you have any questions, please contact Marcia Diss at 618-322-2860. Thank you for your generosity!

## Stained-Glass Window Fund

The current balance in the Stained-Glass Window Fund is $9,757.04. *Thank You* for your continued support as we strive to work toward needed repairs.

## St. Theresa Food Pantry

Schedule for weekend items to be brought...
For the week of Dec 5/6– peanut butter/jelly
For the week of Dec 12/13-pancake mix/ Syrup
For the week of Dec 19/20-instant potatoes
For the week of Dec 26/27– tuna in can

The Food Pantry is open Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00am-11:00am. Beginning January 2021 the food pantry will be open on Tuesdays only. Donations can be dropped off in the gym at Mass times. Thank you very much for your donations! Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus (Council #6985).

## New website and app for both Parishes!

**www.sttheresaofavilaparish.com**

There is lots of information on the site: Mass times, bulletins, calendar of events, daily readings, Sacraments, From the Pastor's Desk, online giving link, facebook link and all the latest information about the Parishes. Download the app by going to **WeConnect Parish App** in the Google Play store or Apple App store *and* select St. Theresa of Avila Parish.

## From the Desk of …

## The Director of Religious Education

Hello!

PSR: PSR will not be in session on November 29th for the Thanksgiving weekend. Happy Thanksgiving!

CYO: My goal for CYO is to do more service projects for the community. Hopefully we can start something in the Spring! Please be looking for a letter from Father Abraham and I inviting you to join this church organization.

*We are looking for youth lectors for the 11:00 mass on the last Sunday of each month. If you would like to be put on the list, please let me know. Thank you!

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Blessings,
Denise
denisemccormack67@yahoo.com
618-322-1310 (call or text)

**Your Change can Change a Life– Baby Bottle Fundraiser November 22-December 20**

Please join in supporting the work of the Pregnancy Care Clinic with your gift to reach the unborn and those facing pregnancy decisions. Because of Covid the churches were closed from Mother's Day to Father's Day when we typically have our fundraiser. **When you take a bottle to fill with check, cash, or coin you are helping to provide free counseling, testing, ultrasound, maternity and baby supplies and a hand of friendship to a woman in crisis.** "If someone would have just been there to offer me another solution I would have never gone through with my abortion." By providing help to local women in crisis pregnancies we have found this to be true. Thank you for your tax-deductible gift of life.

St. Theresa of Avila restroom

The single stall restroom is now open in the GYM during Mass for your convenience.

Thank you to our

Bell Ringing volunteers for

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On Saturday, November 28

# Saint Cecilia

**Saint Cecilia** is the patron saint of musicians. Saint Cecilia sang songs of love for Jesus. Listen to the music in church today. Do any of the songs sing about love?

**When you sing, pray to God and tell Him that you love Him!**

Year A: First Sunday of Advent

# Catholic Kids Bulletin

November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent
Color: Purple

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Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

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USSEEYOURFACEANDWESHALLBE

Find the advent wreath in your church.

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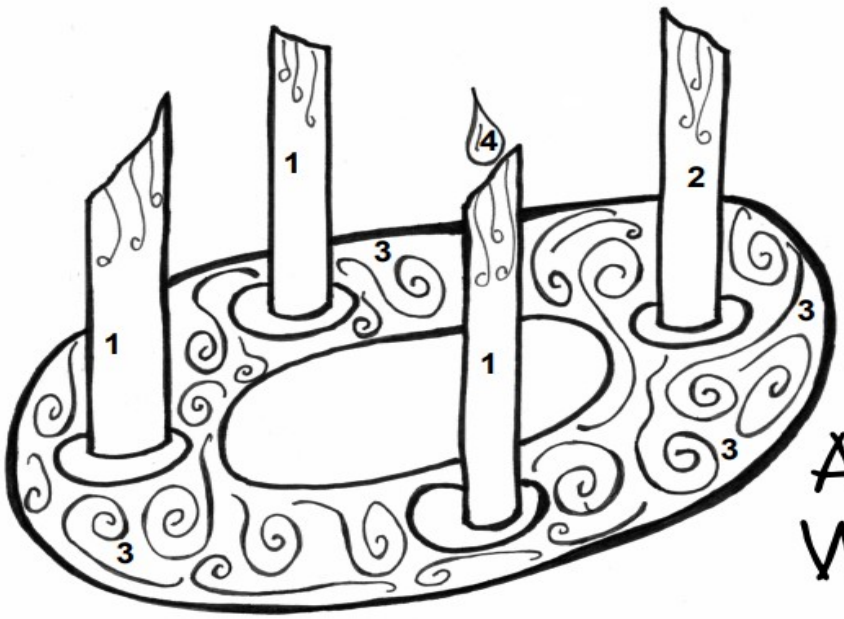
Color the Advent Wreath.

1: Purple
2: Pink
3: Green
4: Yellow




Countdown to Jesus' Birthday...

**4**

Sundays!

# Advent Wreath

## Gospel

Jesus told the disciples that He will come back to earth! We should always be ready for Jesus to come back. We practice waiting during Advent while we wait for Christmas.

Year A: First Sunday of Advent

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# Advent is Here!
## Jesus is coming!

Advent is here! It's time to begin preparing for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Jesus came the first time long ago in Bethlehem. Now He comes to us every time we go to Mass, in Holy Communion. But we celebrate Jesus' coming in a special way at Christmas time.

Advent is the time to get ready for Christmas. We get our houses ready by cleaning and decorating. We get our souls ready by cleaning out our sins when we go to confession, and by learning and thinking about Jesus.

**Here are some things that will help you get ready for Christmas:**

~ Light a candle on an advent wreath when you say your prayers every day.

~ Read a book about Advent or Christmas.

~ Do nice things for people. Remember that anything you do for someone else you do for Jesus!

~ Go to Confession before Christmas.

Answers to Fill in the Blanks: know, man, servants, each, watch, therefore, you, lord
WATCHFUL!

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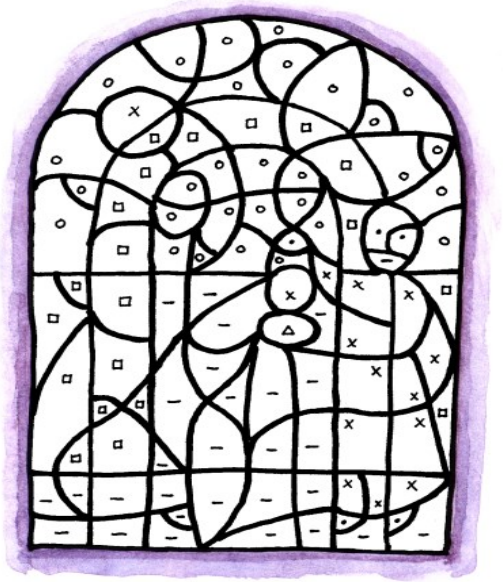
# The Kids' Bulletin

**First Sunday of Advent**
**November 29, 2020**



*In the Gospel, Jesus tells us to always be ready.*
*Here's someone waiting*
*for his master to return...*
*Use this code to colour the picture in:*

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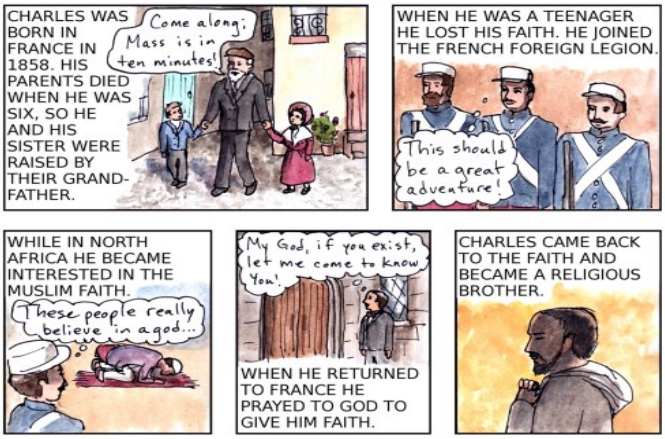
# Blessed Charles de Foucauld
## December 1




WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER BLESSED CHARLES CARED ONLY ABOUT HAVING FUN. BUT GOD PUT IN HIS HEART A DESIRE TO KNOW HIM. THEN WHEN CHARLES PRAYED, GOD GAVE HIM THE GIFT OF FAITH. DO YOU KNOW PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW GOD? CAN YOU PRAY AND DO A SACRIFICE FOR THEM TODAY?

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# Fill in the Blanks

*In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the people to be ready for His next coming.*
*Fill in the blanks with the words at the end and use the letters in sqares to fill in the blanks at the end, in the order they come.*

You do not __ __ __ [_] when
the time will come.
It is like a __ [_] __ traveling abroad.
He leaves home and places
his __ __ __ __ __ __ [_] __ in charge,
__ __ [_] __ with his own work,
and orders the gatekeeper
to be on the __ __ __ __ [_]
Watch, __ __ __ __ __ [_] __ __ __;
__ __ [_] do not know
when the [_] __ __ __ of the house is coming.
Be __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ !

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| THEREFORE | KNOW | MAN |
| EACH | WATCH | |
| SERVANTS | LORD | YOU |

## Please pray for the sick, their caregivers, residents in nursing homes** and the homebound…

Alex Aguilar
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John Buerster
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