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WEEKEND MAGAZINE

Second Sunday of Advent

Prayer to be watchful during Advent

Philip Kosloski



Advent is a season to be redouble our efforts to reform our lives, so that Jesus' second coming isn't a surprise.

One of the central spiritual themes of Advent is “watchfulness” or “attentiveness.” It is a time to be ready and watch patiently for the coming of Jesus into our hearts, but also for the second coming of Christ at the end of time.

We do not know the day nor the hour of Christ’s coming, and so **Advent reminds us to bolster our spiritual life** so that we are not caught off-guard when Jesus comes again.

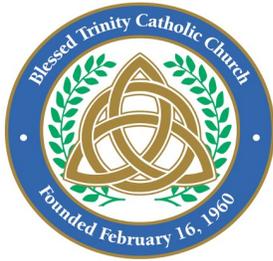
Here is a prayer adapted from the 17th-century *A guide for passing Advent holily*, asking God to **increase in us a watchful spirit.**

*Oh that I might say Lord with as much truth did the kingly Prophet, “My God early before the sun rises will I arise to seek you.” I long after you, my soul thirsts for you with burning desire. Yet, I know but too well that for **lack of watching over my soul** I have left it like an untilled field in which the evil weeds of bad habits have taken but too deep root my heart and has become the prey of a multitude of imperfect attachments and has lost many graces. If the Shepherds had been sleeping the Angels would not have announced to them your Birth.*

*O my Savior, I desire to watch like them that I may profit by it. **Lord, arouse my sleeping soul and establish it in Christian watchfulness by the authority of your Divine Word.***

Amen.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our
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Confessions can be arranged with
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Second Sunday of Advent

Our Hidden Life

“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”

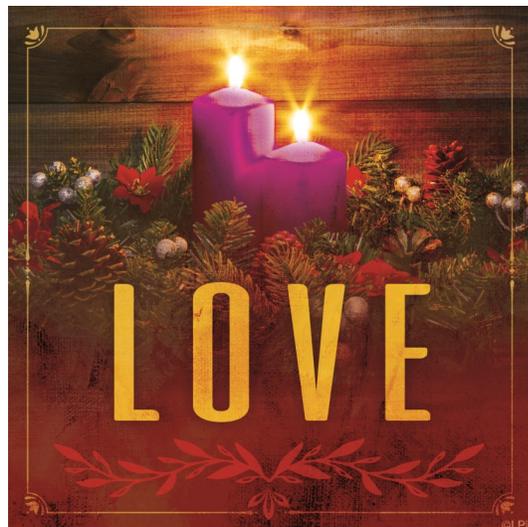
(Colossians 3:2-3)

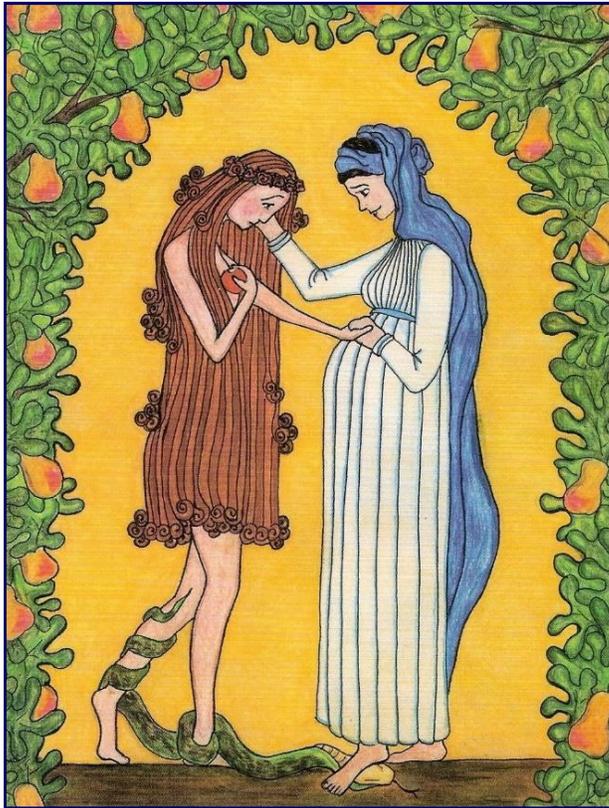
In our time with such an emphasis on visibility, the hidden life of Jesus is of special importance for a deeper understanding of our lives in the Spirit. The hidden life of Jesus reveals to us the hidden presence of God. God who is the most different one, the most distinct one, the most “other,” became the most hidden one, the one who is most the same.

The experience of being the same, of being one with others, of being truly part of humanity, is a profoundly joyful and freeing experience. We are hidden in creation, hidden among our fellow human beings. That is the basis of true humility. We are to live close to the ground of our humanity. We are dust returning to dust. This humility is not self-rejecting, but self-affirming, since it offers a deeper sense of our embeddedness.

Everything that Jesus says and does during his public life needs to be heard and seen as coming from the one whose life is first and foremost a life hidden among us. Jesus’ death then becomes the full living out of this hiddenness. He lives his life out in such an intimate solidarity with us that we can say that he is more fully alive than any other human being. It is through this human “sameness” that we can come to share in his divine life.

Jesus, stay hidden no longer but reveal yourself to me in my daily life.





Blessed Trinity Catholic Church Advent Mission

One night only! December 7 at 7:00pm in the church

“Preparing for Christmas and 2021 ...with Mary!”

Presenter Rachel Dutilly will share a personal “Up-dated” testimony, first given at the Marian Congress in May 2019.

Sharing will include:

- ◆ Life “before and after” Mary
- ◆ The obstacles that prevent us from having a relationship with Mary
- ◆ The importance of Mary as the “New Eve”
- ◆ Mary’s crucial role in the challenging times ahead of us.

Who better than Mary can bring us closer to Jesus so that we can “Courageously live the Gospel” in the difficult times we are presently living in?

We need Mary in our lives more than ever!

Stewardship Prayer

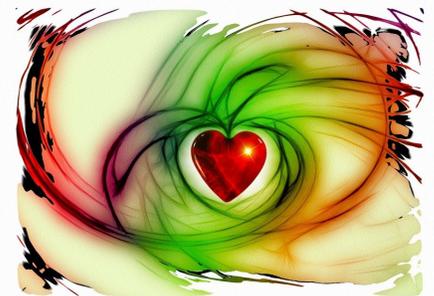
O Diving Giver of all gifts, grant us the daily graces we need to follow closely in the footsteps of Jesus in the way we live out our lives and make use of our gifts.

Daily, may we renew with You our small part of the world by allowing Your will to be accomplished in and through us.

Help us to trust in Your love for us and to grow in our fidelity and relationship with You.

We thank You for the trust You place in us as stewards of our personal gifts. May the Holy Spirit guide us in placing our time, talent and treasure at the service of each other so that together we may faithfully witness the Christian message and thus become Your holy people.

Amen



Thank you to all who attended the Lynn Bartolotta Memorial Concert. The gifts donated benefit the Lynn Bartolotta Foundation. This scholarship assists aspiring mental health therapists at the University of South Florida.

Fr. Victor Bartolotta expresses his gratitude to all who supported this special cause.

Are You Looking to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Gene-reux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the Baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Gene-reux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the Pre-Baptism Class before scheduling a Baptism.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm

Website Mass

The church is open for our regular schedule of Masses. Recognizing that many will still be unable to attend Mass we will continue to record the Mass and upload it to the website. To view the Mass go to our website: btsp.org and click on the red words to start the video. The recorded Mass is from the Saturday vigil.

We are very grateful to Brent Beauchamp who has been volunteering his services to record the Mass each week. Thank you Brent for your continued support.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 5, Weekday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. James Lawler (Dec)

Sunday, December 6, Second Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m. John Ison (Dec)
9:30 a.m. For Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Francisco Sclafani (Dec)

Monday, December 7, Memorial of Saint Ambrose
8:00 a.m. Francesco Sclafani (Dec)

Tuesday, December 8, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Bernard Azarewicz (Dec)
7:00 p.m. For Parishioners and Michael Dunning (Dec)

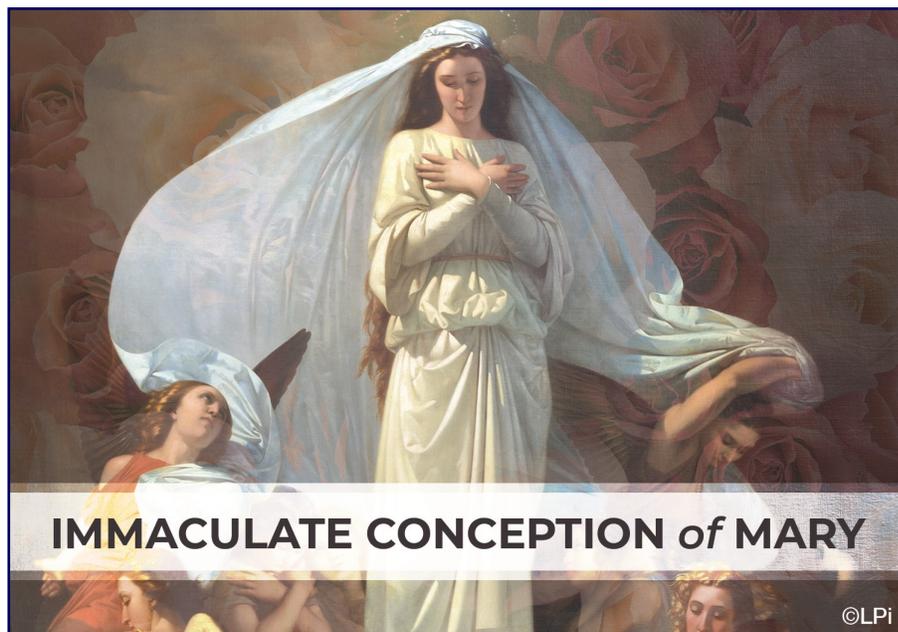
Wednesday, December 9, Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
8:00 a.m. For Vocations

Thursday, December 10, Our Lady of Loreto
9:00 a.m. Francesco Sclafani (Dec)

Friday, December 11, Saint Damasus I, Pope
8:00 a.m. Francesco Sclafani (Dec)

Saturday, December 12, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:00 a.m. Francesco Sclafani (Dec)
4:00 p.m. Comeau and LaRosa Families (Liv and Dec)

Sunday, December 13 Third Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m. Francesco Sclafani (Dec)
9:30 a.m. For Parishioners
11:30 a.m. William Isaac (Dec)



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Jubilant to Share

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Weekly Giving

Online Giving November 16-29

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Offertory (\$2,170), Building Fund (\$40), Christmas Flowers (\$95), Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) (\$25).

November 22, 2020

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Offertory (\$6,111), Christmas Flowers (\$75), CCHD (\$200), Other (\$20), Gift Shop (\$94), Benefit Concert (\$1,310).

Thanksgiving

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Offertory (\$1,326).

November 29, 2020

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Offertory (\$10,187), Holy Days (\$110), Christmas Flowers (\$719), Altar Flowers (\$75), Gift Shop (\$96), SVDP (\$831), Other (\$291).

Thank you for your generosity!



CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

For those wishing to contribute towards the Altar flowers, you may do so in two ways:

- 1. Use the Christmas Flowers Envelope included in your envelope packet.
2. Complete this form and return it to the office with your donation.

Please Check One:

[] In Honor of

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The names of the donors will be listed in the bulletin. Deadline for inclusion of your name in the Christmas bulletin Monday, December 7. The names listed for remembrance and honor will be placed on the altar.

Donor's Name: _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____

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The Road to Bethlehem

WEEK 1



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Draw close to Christ this Advent season with daily reflections and enrichment. We've personally selected content to help you prepare for Christmas. We will be sending you handpicked videos, talks, and texts every day throughout Advent to nourish your spiritual life.

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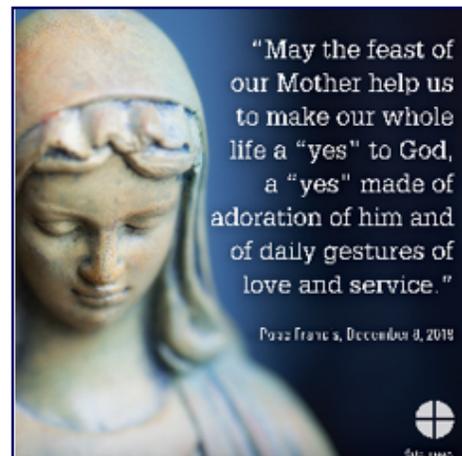
Send in Your Advent Photos

We invite you to share photos of how you and/or your parish prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ. Photos will be shared in a special online photo album posted on the diocesan website and Facebook page. Please email your photos to socialmedia@dosp.org or publicly post them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram with the hashtag #DOSPAdvent. Photos will be added to the album as they are received throughout Advent.

Advent Men's Retreat

Fr. Steven "Chuck" Dornquast, Director of Vocations, is offering an Advent Men's Retreat on **Saturday, December 19, 2020** from 10 am – 7:30 pm at the Bethany Center, 18150 Bethany Center Dr., in Lutz. Men, ages 15-35 are invited to attend. There is no cost to you, however, please be sure to RSVP to hlv@dosp.org. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Vocations at (727) 345-3452.

The retreat will be lead by Fr. Rob Cadrecha and the Seminarians from the Diocese of St. Petersburg.



Advent Prayer Project: Receive Encouragement and Hope

Prepare for the birth of Jesus by reflecting on your faith journey with short inspirational messages sent to your email each day! You are invited to sign up to receive a daily "Be Courageous" reflection on *Courageously Living the Gospel* presented by writers from around the Diocese of St. Petersburg, including Bishop Gregory Parkes. Sign up to be courageous, visit www.dosp.org/reflection.



Magazine Articles

If you wish to put anything in the weekly parish magazine, please email any items to be published to Anne at: bulletinbt@gmail.com.

Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

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