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December 4, 2022 ▪ The Second Sunday of Advent

Advent prayer that the Lord will save us through his humility

By Philip Kosloski



Ask the Lord, Leader of the House of Israel, to save us through the power of his humility.

Often when we think of a leader, we think of power and corruption. Jesus, however, breaks the mold, and instead of ruling over us with might, he does so through humility.

Here is a prayer adapted from the *Liturgical Year* that invokes God's saving power through the humble reality of his birth.

O sovereign Lord, O Adonai, come and redeem us, not by your power, but by your humility. You showed yourself to Moses, your servant, in the midst of a mysterious flame. You gave your law to your people amidst thunder and lightning; now on the contrary you come not to terrify, but to save us. Your chaste Mother and Joseph her spouse went to Bethlehem to prepare everything needed for your divine Birth. She prepares for you the **humble swathing bands** wherewith to protect you, the Creator of the world, from the cold of that midnight hour of your Nativity. Thus it is that you willed to **deliver us from the slavery of our pride** and show man that your divine arm is never stronger than when he thinks it powerless and still. Everything is prepared, then dear Jesus! Your swathing bands are ready for your infant limbs! Come to Bethlehem and redeem us from the hands of our enemies!

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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 will be held
Saturdays 2:45-3:45

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December Events at Blessed Trinity

Sunday, December 4

Lynn Bartolotta Memorial Benefit Concert 5:00pm Parish Hall

Thursday, December 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation
Masses 8:00am, 9:30am, 7:00pm Church

Tuesday, December 13

Blessed Trinity Movie Night
7:00pm Parish Hall

Thursday, December 15

Advent Penance Service
7:00pm – 8:00pm Church

Sunday, December 18

Pancake Breakfast
After 8:00am Mass Parish Hall
Breakfast with Santa
After 9:30 Mass Parish Hall
Children's Christmas Matinee
12 Noon Parish Hall

Wednesday, December 21

Gathering of Women's Christmas Party
2:30pm – 5:00pm Parish Hall

Saturday, December 24

Morning Mass of Advent
8:00am Church
Children's Christmas Vigil Mass
4:00pm Church
Christmas Mass of the Night
9:00pm Church

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Masses
8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am Church

Saturday, December 31

Vigil Mass – Holy Mary Mother of God
4:00pm Church





December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10 | Rom 15:4-9 | Mt 3:1-12

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Harmony. It can seem so elusive in these times when our news-feeds bombard us with reminders of what's wrong with our world: war, political conflicts, hunger, injustice, violence. We may also experience discord in our homes or within our hearts. Perhaps that is why the beautiful imagery in Isaiah's prophecy, where Isaiah envisions a world transformed by the coming of the Messiah, strikes a chord as we prepare for Christ's coming: We picture the wolf lying beside the lamb, and the calf with the lion. All will be right with the world. As we reflect on the areas in our lives that lack harmony, we are reminded to focus on Jesus and the Father, the source of all good. Through prayer and reflection on our Advent readings, we can "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I have a "smart" alarm clock. To shut it off, I just have to say, "Alexa, turn off my alarm." Easy, right? Well, too easy, it turns out, because lately I've slept right through the one-sided conversation. But it's hard to miss John's wake-up call: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Perhaps, though, we've become complacent; we've heard it so often that we skip right past it. That can happen during Advent, this season of preparation and, yes, repentance. I love our family traditions – candy every day, in the morning!; our well-worn Nativity set; lighting the Advent candles; Christmas concerts and gatherings. None of those are bad, of course, but in the blur of the season we must be challenged by John the Baptist's words to prepare not only our homes but our hearts for Christ's coming. During this season, we can examine our lives to separate the wheat from the chaff, focusing on those things that bring us closer to the Lord and one another. As St. Paul encourages the Romans, "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God."

PRAY St. Paul's words above give us pretty clear instruction for how to live out our faith by welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us. Reflect on these words during daily Advent reflection this week: When have we welcomed others in our lives – and truly loved them? How can we do that for someone in the coming days?



Are You Hoping 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 Genereux, 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 Genereux, 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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 3, Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
4:00 p.m. Jim Lawler & Pat Sullivan (Dec)

Sunday, December 4, Second Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m. Athena Shaw (Liv)
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners
11:30 a.m. William Porter (Dec)

Monday, December 5, Advent Weekday
8:00 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

Tuesday, December 6, Memorial of Saint Nicholas, Bishop
8:00 a.m. Lyliane Corvington (Dec)

Wednesday, December 7, Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, December 8, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 a.m. Mass for Parishioners
9:30 a.m. Maria Williams (Dec)
7:00 p.m. Michael Dunning (Dec)

Friday, December 9, Memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
8:00 a.m. Ann Deakins (Dec)

Saturday, December 10, Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto
8:00 a.m. Lyliane Corvington (Dec)
4:00 p.m. Kristin Boss (Dec)

Sunday, December 11, Third Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m. Bernie and Joe Young renew vows
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Maria & Francisco Barbosa (Dec)

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

12/04 • Rev. Dominic J. Corona
12/05 • For All Priests on Leave
12/06 • Benjamin Harris, Seminarian
12/07 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
12/08 • Rev. Philip Clement
12/09 • Rev. Krzysztof Gazdowicz
12/10 • Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

How Much Is Enough?

I've got some great news for some of you: Jesus Christ doesn't care what name you bear. He doesn't care where you were born, and he doesn't care what your family tree looks like. He doesn't care where you grew up or where you went to school.

I've also got some bad news for some of you: See above.

It's so easy to take our salvation for granted. The mercy of God makes it so. Look at John the Baptist — he was pouring water on everybody who wanted it. Everybody but one group: those who expected it. Those who thought it was a given because of who they were, because of what they were. Those who had no intention of doing the work of repentance.

Sometimes, because God is so faithful, we make the mistake of forgetting that He is also just.

I am baptized, we think. I made my First Communion, and I was Confirmed. That's enough.

I went to Catholic school. I know all the Ten Commandments and I can tell you anything you want to know about the Popes. That's enough.

I'm on parish council. I put money in the basket, and I volunteer. That's enough.

None of it is enough. It would never be enough. And before we look upon the Pharisees and Sadducees with too much judgment, we need to remember: the work of repentance is ongoing. It is a process that we must commit to within ourselves, continuously.

God is the missing element to this equation. He is the one who raises children to Abraham from the stones. If we rely only on our own abilities, our own merits, our own offerings, it will never be enough.

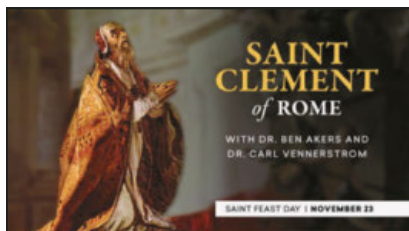
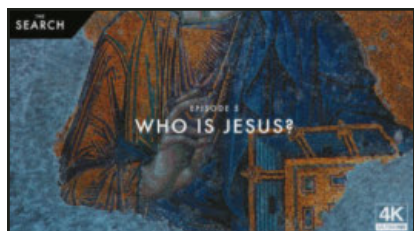
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Blessed Trinity Giving Tree St Vincent de Paul Society

Come and see the Giving Tree in the back of the church for an opportunity to share your blessings at Christmas with the less fortunate in our community.

Please take a paper angel and purchase a gift card for a child or a teen. This will help needy parents provide Christmas enjoyment for their families. There are also angels for gift cards toward a family dinner. These are all families your Blessed Trinity St Vincent de Paul Society has assisted in the past year.

If you do not have an opportunity to purchase gift cards, please consider dropping a check, made out to St. Vincent de Paul, or cash, in the poor box in the back of the church and we will obtain the needed gift cards.

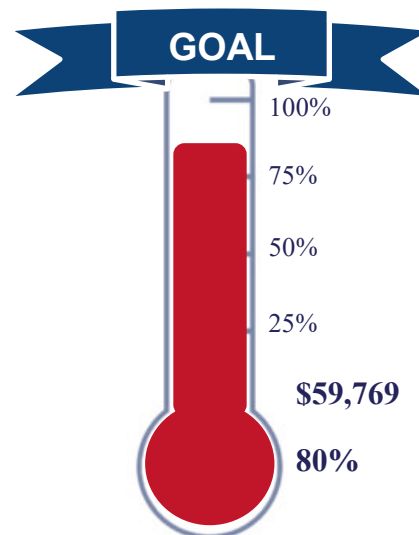
All gift cards with angels attached should be returned by Tuesday, December 6. We will need the time between December 6 and December 9 to organize and prepare for distribution to the families on December 10.

Gift cards may be placed in the poor box, or dropped off at the Parish office during the week.

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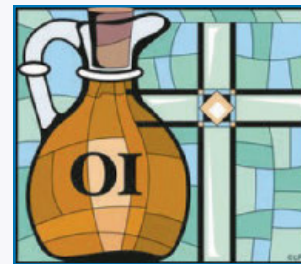
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