

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

CATHOLIC PARISH

SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

WEEKENDS: SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM | SUNDAY: 8 AM & 10:30 AM | CONFESSION: SATURDAY AT 4:15 PM

WEEKDAYS: 9 AM MASS (T-F) | 8:30 AM CONFESSION (TUES/THURS) | ROSARY BEFORE EACH MASS



Advent Prayer Week 1

Heavenly Father,
as we begin the First Week of Advent,
fill my heart with hope.
Help me trust that Your promises are true,
that Your love is constant,
and that the light of Christ is already rising in my
life.
Lord Jesus,
You are the promised Savior,
the dawn that breaks the darkness.
Come into my heart,
renew my faith,
and awaken my desire to follow You more closely.
Holy Spirit,
strengthen me this week.
Guide my thoughts,
purify my intentions,
and help me prepare a place worthy of You.
O Mary, Mother of Hope,
walk with me during this Advent season
and teach me to wait with faith,
to trust with confidence,
and to welcome Jesus with a pure and joyful heart.
Amen

CALLED TO BE PEACEMAKERS

(SOURCE: YOUNG CATHOLICS.COM)

The 1st Sunday of Advent Year A invites us to look at Isaiah's vision of a world united in peace. Isaiah describes nations coming together, setting aside their weapons, and choosing understanding over conflict. This picture of unity shows God's hope for humanity, a world where we seek peace with one another. Advent is a time to reflect on how we, too, can create peace in our families, communities, and even within ourselves.

Being a peacemaker doesn't mean ignoring problems or pretending there's no conflict. It means working for solutions that bring people closer together instead of tearing them apart. Just as Isaiah speaks of nations working side by side, we are called to find ways to understand each other, even in disagreement. This vision reminds us that we each play a role in creating harmony wherever we are. As we prepare for the coming of Christ, peace becomes more than a distant hope; it's something we can practice.

Advent encourages us to be peacemakers with patience, love, and respect. We can ask ourselves how we can bring a little more peace to our relationships. By doing so, we participate in God's vision for unity and readiness to welcome Christ into our world.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR NOV. 30, 2025

Gospel Reading Matthew 24:37-44 Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared. *(Source: Loyola Press Sunday Connection)*

FIRST FRIDAY INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Join us on Friday, December 5th from 7-8pm for an hour of Intercessory Prayer with Adoration. Come spend time before the Lord and lift up the needs of our parish, our families, and our world in prayer.



Sister Mary Eucharista, SMMC, will lead our evening "Faith Night" Wednesday, December 3 after the 6pm Supper. The title of the talk will be "Food for the Journey and a Doctor on the Way," on the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation, and will be held from 6:30 - 7:30 pm Dinner theme: Salad Bar

If you are looking for baptism, marriage, Holy Eucharist for the homebound, or funeral services, please contact the parish office.

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DEC 1

NO MASS

TUESDAY, DEC 2

(8:30 am Confession)
9 am, Fr. Vincent

WEDNESDAY, DEC 3

(8:30 am Confession)
9 am, Fr. John

THURSDAY, DEC 4

(8:30 am Confession)
9 am, Fr. John

FRIDAY, DEC 5

9 am, Fr. John

SATURDAY, DEC 6

(4:15 PM Confession)
5 PM, Fr. Vincent

SUNDAY, DEC 7

8 am, Fr. John
10:30 am, Fr. Vincent

PARISH STAFF

Priest Administrator: Fr. Vincent Gilmore; **Senior Priest:** Fr. Patrick Hartin;
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WEEKLY DONATIONS

Nov 19- Nov 24:

Tithe: \$3,649
Poor: \$50
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ST. NICHOLAS VISIT!

All the young—and the young at heart—are invited to stop by the Parish Hall on **Sunday, December 7th**, after both Masses for a joyful visit with St. Nicholas! Enjoy sweet treats, snap a photo, and share in a little extra community cheer as we enter this blessed season. We look forward to celebrating with you!



Hand carved olive wood articles available for purchase after all masses **Nov 29th and 30th** in the Parish Hall. These items are made by more than 90 Christian families that are currently living in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. The Christian population has dropped from 22% to less than 1% in the past two decades. This is a great way to support your brothers and sisters in the Holy Land since it is one of the only major source of income for them. Please stop by on your way out and support a great cause.

The Tree of Sharing Is Up!

Our Tree of Sharing is now set up in the Gathering Space. Please take a tag and help make Christmas brighter for a child in need. Kindly return wrapped gifts and place them under the tree by **December 21st**. Thank you for your generosity!



Our Lady of Fatima Parish extends heartfelt thanks to the students of House Ambrose and House Augustine from The Chesterton Academy of Notre Dame for choosing our parish as the recipient of their Day of Service.

Your joyful dedication made a tremendous impact—deep cleaning the church, assisting the Flower Ministry, organizing and refreshing our cupboards, clearing lingering fall leaves, and removing a debris pile that had accumulated for many years. Your hard work, generosity, and cheerful spirit were a true gift to our parish community. Thank you for blessing us with your service!

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Dec 2

Olive Wilkins +
Req. Shirley Slade

Wednesday, Dec 3

Souls in Purgatory
Req. by Anon

Thursday, Dec 4

Guillermo Rubio +
Req. by Farnell Family

Friday, Dec 5

Bridget Kirby +
Req. by Bill & Liz Mouser

DAILY READINGS

2025 DECEMBER 1 MONDAY

Reading 1, Isaiah 4:2-6
Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 8-9
Gospel, Matthew 8:5-11

2025 DECEMBER 2 TUESDAY

Reading 1, Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalms 72:1, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Gospel, Luke 10:21-24

2025 DECEMBER 3 WEDNESDAY

Reading 1, Isaiah 25:6-10
Psalms 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6
Gospel, Matthew 15:29-37

2025 DECEMBER 4 THURSDAY

Reading 1, Isaiah 26:1-6
Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27
Gospel, Matthew 7:21, 24-27

2025 DECEMBER 5 FRIDAY

Reading 1, Isaiah 29:17-24
Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14
Gospel, Matthew 9:27-31

2025 DECEMBER 6 SATURDAY

Reading 1, Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26
Psalms 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Gospel, Matthew 9:35-10:1, 6-8

2025 DECEMBER 7 SUNDAY

Reading 1, Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Gospel, Matthew 3:1-12



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