






 <p>Recognizable Offering..... \$5,462.00                  Loose Cash ..... \$703.00                  Total Weekly Offering.....\$6,165.00                  Mass Attendance Nov 24/25            310</p>  <p>Dec 3 - 9                  Monday .....Harvey L. Font(liv)                  Wednesday.....María T. Beard(liv)                  Thursday .....Relief for the Poor                  Friday .....Healing of our Sick Parishioners                  .....Barbara Kirschten(+)  <b>Saturday</b>.....The Berthelette Family                  Sunday .....Corey Berthelette(+)(8:00 a.m.)                  .....<b>St Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)</b></p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Weekly Calendar of Events</h3> <p>12/2 1st Sunday of Advent                  Adult Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.                  VPK-5 Parent and child workshop- 9:15 a.m.                  SPYRIT Family Potluck Dinner - 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>12/3 Rosary after morning Mass</p> <p>12/5 Legion of Mary Meeting - 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>12/6 Rosary after morning Mass</p> <p>12/7 First Friday Holy Hour - 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.                  Feast of the Immaculate Conception Vigil                  Mass - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>12/9 2nd Sunday of Advent                  VPK - 5 PREP - 9:15 a.m.                  Adult Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.                  HS/MS Youth Meeting - 6:00 p.m.</p>
<p>THE LORD HEARS THE CRY OF THE POOR                  For the month of November 2018.                  Sharing and Caring: \$250.00                  Alms Dispensed: \$288.70</p>	 <p>Drivers needed on Friday 12/7 to meet at the fairgrounds and help deliver the poinsettias around town. If interested in helping please call, text or email Joni Flanagan, 850-830-2875, joniflanagan@gmail.com.</p>
<p>2019 Lector Workbooks                  Attention all lectors:                  The new liturgical year Lector Workbooks have arrived and can be picked up in the Vesting Sacristy.</p>	<p>The Angel Tree tags are available on the tree by the altar. Read the information on the tag for gift selection. Please return the unwrapped gift with the tag attached to it, on or before December 9<sup>th</sup>. You may return the gift to the Parish Center or drop it off at any of the two locations cited on the tag.</p> 
 <p>This year the Advent Penance Service will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11th. We will <u>not</u> be serving a meal beforehand.</p>	
 <p>Support the Retirement Fund for Religious. A donor writes, “Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced.” Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give generously. Parishioners who do not receive offertory envelopes and wish to contribute can use an envelope in the pew. If you are using electronic giving you can log on to your account and make a onetime gift or use an envelope in the pew, if you prefer.</p>	
<h3 style="text-align: center;">RELIC OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">December 3 - 4, 2018                  Location: Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Pensacola</p> <p>The Diocese is pleased to announce that the first class relic, the Heart of St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, will be in the Diocese and hosted at the Basilica of St Michael the Archangel. This relic is in pilgrimage throughout the United States by sponsorship of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. The relic will arrive during the entrance procession of the Basilica 12:10 p.m. Mass on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. For the full schedule of activities, hours for veneration by the faithful during the days of December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> contact the Basilica at (850) 438-4985 or go to <a href="https://stmichael.ptdiocese.org/news/this-week-at-the-basilica/">https://stmichael.ptdiocese.org/news/this-week-at-the-basilica/</a></p>	

 <p>Weekend of Dec 8/9  <u>5:00 p.m.</u>                  Altar Servers: _____                  Extraordinary Ministers: Shareen Ketchem, Louise Perreault, Ron Berthelette, Angela Zangerle, Teresa McClure                  Lectors: Mary Pinsoneault, Ruth Sykes                  Ushers: Cora Podrang, _____, _____                  Greeter: Al Perreault                  Sacristan: Doug Hoover                  Elijah Cup: Gloria Mulligan  <u>8:00 a.m.</u>                  Altar Servers: Rhyan Schorzman, Alina Schorzman                  Extraordinary Ministers: Victoria Ballard, Jean Jordan, Nancy McCreary, Bruce Brandewie, Nancy Brandewie                  Lectors: Janice Barnes, Sheri Roe                  Ushers: Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley, Cathy McKnight                  Greeter: Maria Bridges                  Sacristan: Stan Griggs                  Elijah Cup: Bruce and Nancy Brandewie                  Coffee and Donuts: Gary Jordan  <u>10:30 a.m.</u>                  Altar Servers: Devony Ross, Kiera Ross, Joseph Sweeney                  Extraordinary Ministers: Luisa Martinez, Mike Brennan, Pat Casey, Pam Wall, Susie Rushlau                  Lectors: Terri Turnbull, Ana Livoti                  Ushers: Brian Prescott, _____, _____                  Greeter: John Fails                  Sacristan: Petey Brennan                  Coffee and Donuts: Barry and Alicia Graham</p>	<p>Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, contact Angela Zangerle at (808)295-2587 or email her at <a href="mailto:stpeter.prayerchain@gmail.com">stpeter.prayerchain@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Hospitalized Parishioners: If you or a family member are hospitalized, please call the Parish Office, otherwise we have no way of knowing who in our parish is there.</p> <p><i>In Your Daily Prayers, Please Remember our parishioners who are deployed and:</i></p> <p>Monday Johanna Adam*, Lois Lange*, Carlos López, Carol Dineen*, Anni Labatte*</p> <p>Tuesday Mary Eichler, Hiram Alaniz, Danny Labatte, Mike Kutcher, John Osborn*</p> <p>Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Bette Dellner*, Aurora Beard, Kim Glenn, Terry Bradley</p> <p>Thursday Pam Bauchwitz*, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Connie Batten, Addison Brenci</p> <p>Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Rick Zern*, Chuck Gober*, Cheryl Darby, Judy Holzschuh*</p> <p>Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Harper Spear, Cathy Clark*, Jane Van Dorn</p> <p>Sunday Ann Hart, Samara Gillespie, Donnie Simmons*, Serena Armstrong*</p> <p style="text-align: right;">*Indicates our parishioners.</p> <p><i>Please contact the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.</i></p>
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**W**e have arrived at the powerful season of Advent, a season to prepare with awe and wonder for the Feast of the Incarnation of Jesus — born to us as Savior and Brother. It is a season to prepare for His return at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that that our individual judgment day is coming too, when we will be called to give an account for all that God has given to us during our life-times. In other words, Advent is a steward’s season!

Our readings for the first week of Advent waste no time in calling our urgent attention to these themes of reflection and preparation. They seem to shout, “Wake up! Get ready!” and offer us some practical advice as we enter into this season. The Gospel, from Luke, warns, “Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life.” How easy it is to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or by too much worry about our lives. Both extremes are easy to fall prey to. To avoid these traps we are told to “be vigilant” and “pray for strength to sustain us.”

During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying on my “stuff” or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord? Get ready Christian stewards! He’s coming! Let us prepare with awe and wonder.

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent (C)

Jer 33:14-16

1 Thes 3:12-4:2

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

## God's Promise of Real Treasure

If anyone can keep a promise, it's God. His very nature is to be faithful to his promises and to fulfill all he has foretold. His promise after the fall of Adam and Eve was to send us a Redeemer, to bring peace to Jerusalem, and to reestablish his reign on earth. The prophets continually reminded the chosen race of God's fidelity and, although things looked far from their fulfillment, they insisted that God is faithful and would deliver.

Jesus, the ultimate fulfillment of God's promise, comes in two phases. First, by coming as a baby in Bethlehem. This Incarnation and his arrival as Savior

is what we're preparing to receive this Advent. Extra prayers, generous giving of your time, and special sacrifices are the best way to ready your soul for his coming.

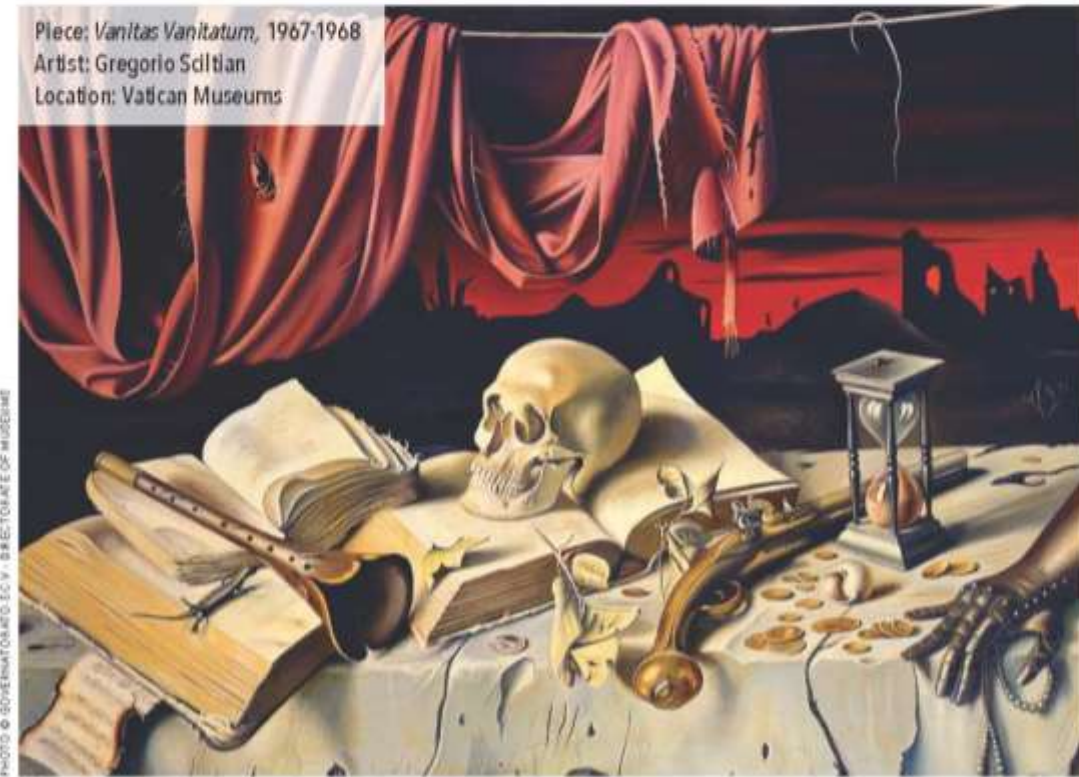
Jesus' Second Coming will bring to completion what he started on the cross. His glorious return, which all of creation will foretell in those last days, is when the full effects of Christ's victory on the cross will be seen at the judgment of all living creatures.

The advice for all Christians in this period of waiting and preparation is to keep watch; to not allow the delay to lead us to drowsiness. Don't let the vanities of this world dazzle us, for in time, they will become dust.

God promises real treasures that will endure forever, and as we know, God keeps his promises.

— Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Vanitas Vanitatum*, 1967-1968  
 Artist: Gregorio Sciltian  
 Location: Vatican Museums



### For Reflection

Am I preparing my soul for Christ's coming by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving?  
 Have I settled on which concrete acts I will do?

*[Jesus said,] "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life."*

Luke 21:34

### Calendar

**Monday**  
 DECEMBER 3  
*St. Francis Xavier, Priest*  
 Is 2:1-5  
 Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday**  
 DECEMBER 4  
*Advent Weekday*  
 Is 11:1-10  
 Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday**  
 DECEMBER 5  
*Advent Weekday*  
 Is 25:6-10a  
 Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday**  
 DECEMBER 6  
*Advent Weekday*  
 Is 26:1-6  
 Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday**  
 DECEMBER 7  
*St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
 Is 29:17-24  
 Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday**  
 DECEMBER 8  
*Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
 Gn 3:9-15, 20  
 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12  
 Lk 1:26-38

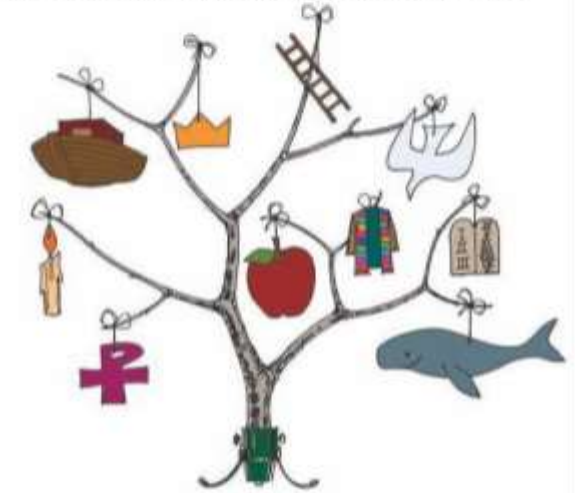
**Sunday**  
 DECEMBER 9  
*Second Sunday of Advent*  
 Bar 5:1-9  
 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11  
 Lk 5:1-6

## Dear Padre,

I noticed in our Sunday bulletin that our parish is setting up a Jesse tree and a giving tree for Advent. What are these trees?

Parishes and families use the Jesse tree and the giving tree as two distinct ways to prepare for the coming of Jesus, the child king.

We use the Jesse tree to remember Jesus' own royal family tree. The Gospel of Matthew traces Jesus' genealogy back to Abraham (1:1-17), while Luke lists his ancestors back to Adam (3:23-28). The purpose is to connect Jesus to Abraham and Adam, and convey the historical longing of the Chosen People for a messiah. Throughout Advent, names of significant figures in Israelite history and quotations from the Hebrew Testament are hung on the branches. Usually, the Jesse tree is placed in a prominent position, in church or at home, so all can see the history of Jesus unfold as we get ever closer to Christmas.



The giving tree challenges each parish family or member to buy a gift for someone in need. The parish sets up a tree that is decorated with tags suggesting gifts for those in need. Clothing sizes and children's ages are connected with the requests on the tree, so that the givers can easily get the needed items and take their gifts to the church by a designated date. The gifts are then distributed before Christmas. The giving tree unites us to the great message Jesus continues to give us at Christmas: Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me (see Matthew 25:40).

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### A Word From Pope Francis

*Christmas is near, the signs of his approach are evident along our streets and in our houses....These outward signs invite us to welcome the Lord who always comes and knocks at our door, knocks at our heart, in order to draw near to us.*

—Angelus, December 11, 2016



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