

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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First Sunday of Advent



WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

Advent is our season of waiting and preparation. Jesus is coming, and his Kingdom can break in upon our world at any moment. Let us stand ready and confident by living lives of holiness, justice, and love.

THE READINGS:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

God is faithful. The Messiah will be of the family of David. A righteous Messiah will come to bring justice to the earth.

1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

The community is told to hold steady in faith and love as they await the Lord's coming.

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

This world will come to an end. Be attentive to the signs of the times, praying for strength in the hour of tribulation.



Offertory Collection

November 23, 2003

\$954.00

Human Development

\$255.00

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – Linda Michel, 9 a.m. – Jacob Schmitt.

The next available dates for Mass Intentions are: February 23, 24, and 25, 2004. **Mass stipends** are \$10 per Mass per Diocesan changes as of January 1, 2003.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from November 29th – December 13th in memory of Joseph Watson by Jane Mitchell.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	November 29,	5:00 PM (rip) Lorraine Daley by Dorothy Roberts & Irene Nowland
Sunday,	November 30,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased) 11:00AM Memorial Mass for Knights of Columbus
Monday,	December 1,	8:00 AM (viv) Louise Meli by Toni Hebert
Tuesday,	December 2,	8:00 AM (rip) Helen & Stephen Sefcik
Wednesday,	December 3,	8:00 AM (viv) Tapert Family by David Smith
Thursday,	December 4,	8:00 AM (viv) Father Siry by Toni Hebert
Friday,	December 5,	8:00 AM (rip) Souls in Purgatory
Saturday,	December 6,	5:00 PM Gondek & Kleamski Families (living & deceased)
Sunday,	December 7,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)

Our **CCD children** will be presenting a Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 21st at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Refreshments will be served afterward. All are invited!

Catholic Forum – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on AM 1150 WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, December 7th, hear an interview with Sr. Celeste Crine from the Office for Religious for the Diocese of Wilmington and Sr. Alice Christine from St. Helena School in Wilmington. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Vocations – In today's gospel, Jesus exhorts us to be vigilant always. Part of being vigilant means trying to discern God's will for our lives. Could the Lord be calling you to priesthood or to the religious life? If you think so, call Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Vocations at (302) 573-3113.

World AIDS Day Mass Scheduled - In recognition of World AIDS Day, mass will be celebrated at Christ Our King Church on December 1, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. Bishop Michael A. Saltarelli will preside at this special liturgy. The church is located at 28th and Madison Streets Wilmington, Delaware 19802. The Mass is open to the public and people of all faiths. A reception with refreshments will follow the Mass. Those present are invited to attend the reception. Please contact the Catholic Charities' Family Resource Center for directions or further information at (302) 762-9244.

Whose Justice?



On this the first Sunday of Advent, we hear the voice of the great prophet Jeremiah who tells us that the nation in which the Lord is made manifest will be known by the phrase, **The Lord is our justice.** As you begin this holy season of preparation of your heart and community for the coming of the Christ Child, be aware of how justice is practiced in your home and community. **Is it the justice of the Lord? Does it create and atmosphere where Jesus will feel welcomed?**

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November 30, 2003

