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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



NOV. 28, 2010

Schedule of Masses

(Unless otherwise mentioned, all weekday Masses are at 9 AM)

Monday, Nov. 29 NO MASS

Tuesday, Nov. 30 ✠ TERRY MULVENA
7:00 PM

Wednesday, Dec. 1 ✠ OPAL & CARL SCHUWEILER by Dorothy & Garry Karst

Thursday, Dec. 2 ✠ ERIC BERGERON by St. George's CWL
5:30 PM MASS; CWL SUPPER 6:30 PM

Friday, Dec. 3 ✠ BOB KARST by Aunt Aimee
FIRST FRIDAY

Saturday, Dec. 4 ✠ MEDARD HUYS by George Mayes

7:30 PM SUNDAY MASS ~ ASSINIBOIA

Sunday, Dec. 5 9:00 AM SUNDAY MASS ~ MOSSBANK

11:00 AM SUNDAY MASS ~ ASSINIBOIA

RECONCILIATION : Before Masses or anytime by appointment

MARRIAGES : Contact priest at least 6 months prior

BAPTISMS : Contact priest 2 months prior

House Blessings By Appointment

Watch

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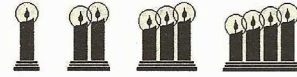
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Good News!

November 28, 2010
First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5 • Rom 13:11-14 • Mt 24:37-44

Greetings! Though we may never meet in person, I feel deeply connected to you through our sharing in the Word. Thank you for the privilege of accompanying you as we seek to follow Jesus.

The wreath? The violet vestments? "O Come Emmanuel"? *Already?!* Though Christmas decorations start creeping into stores before Halloween, Advent often sneaks up on us. In our busy lives, it's easy to leap ahead to Christmas without really observing this sacred season of waiting—yet celebrating Advent doesn't have to be just one more item on our December to-do list.


Today we hear Jesus' admonition to his followers to "stay awake" and "be prepared" for the coming of the Lord. He doesn't give a long list of essentials to purchase; he doesn't suggest a rigorous spiritual retreat; he doesn't give specific instructions. Simply stay awake. Be aware. Be conscious of God's bursting forth into the world.

It isn't hard. As we write Christmas cards, we can pray for those receiving our greetings and for those to whom we no longer write, whether because we've grown apart or because of a long-held grudge. As we decorate, we can thank God for the gifts that make our lives more beautiful. As we prepare food for family gatherings, we can reflect on the nourishment we receive in the Eucharist.

A friend of mine once referred to Advent as the "27 *stopping* days before Christmas." In the midst of shopping, decorating, and baking, we are called to stop—to stay awake to God's movement in our lives.

This isn't just one more item on our list of things to do. It's a new way "to do" our lives.

Janel Esker
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 Please welcome Janel Esker to the Liguori Sunday Bulletins. Janel holds a master of divinity degree from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, Missouri, where she is the registrar. She is married and the step-mother of three sons.

dear Padre

How are brothers and monks different from priests?

What is the difference between a lay brother, a monk, and a priest?

Becca

Dear Becca,

A brother is a man who takes religious vows and belongs to a religious congregation or order but is not ordained. He commits his life to prayer and ministry, but his ministry is nonsacramental—he doesn't preside at Mass, hear confessions, or perform the other sacraments. Brothers' ministries vary greatly and can be just about any job—from doing maintenance in one of the congregation's facilities to being the head of a religious order.

Monks are male members of religious orders who live a cloistered or contemplative lifestyle, like the Trappists or Benedictines. They normally stay within the confines of a monastery, although some monks do live "in the world" to perform a specific ministry that can't be done within the monastery—teaching, for example. While most monks are brothers, some are ordained priests, mainly so they can give the sacraments to the other monks.

Priests are ordained primarily to perform the sacraments. They can have additional jobs, like running corporations or doing social work, but their primary focus is to care for the sacramental life of the Church.

(Arch)diocesan priests serve within a specific geographic area known as an (arch)diocese. They take vows of chastity and obedience. Religious priests take those vows as well as a vow of poverty and serve within a religious order or congregation such as the Redemptorists, Franciscans, or Benedictines.

Rick Potts, C.Ss.R.



Church Finances

Saturday Collection Nov 20 - \$375.00

Sunday Collection Nov 21 - \$1655.00

Thank You!

Saturday, Dec 4

Ushers / Collection	Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Rick & Bernie Chevrier
Rosary Leaders	Paulette Lapaire Rosemary Young
Readers	Wes & Gayleen Thomson
Communion Ministers	Anette Pryce Rita Walters
Cross Bearer	Derek Beaubien
Candle Bearers	~~~~~
Altar Servers	Quinn Hodges Bradyn Giraudier

Sunday, Dec 5

Ushers / Collection	Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Gerald & Dianne Bamford Family
Rosary Leaders	Terry Baker Ann Caragata
Readers	Janice Erfle Vicki Kachuik
Communion Ministers	Tom Delorme Jo-Ann Girardin Yvonne Hoffos
Cross Bearer	CWL
Candle Bearers	CWL
Altar Servers	CWL

dear Padre

What are Doctors of the Church?

I read the other day that Saint Teresa of Avila was the first woman Doctor of the Church. What does that title mean?

Tom

Dear Tom,

Institutions of higher learning confer doctorates on those who make a significant contribution to a particular discipline. The word *doctor* is derived from the Latin *docere*, "to teach."

While all saints are exceptionally holy, popes bestow the honorary title Doctor of the Church to saints of exceptional wisdom and learning who have had a monumental theological or doctrinal impact on the Church.

To date, there are only thirty-three Doctors—thirty men and three women. Saints Ambrose, Jerome, Augustine, and Gregory the Great were the original four. Saint Thomas Aquinas was accorded the distinctions *Doctor Angelicus* and *Doctor Communis* for his purity of life and for clarity of thought that seemingly stretched beyond the confines of the human intellect.

Saint Alphonsus Liguori was named a Doctor most quickly—only eighty-four years after his death. In September 1970, Pope Paul VI named Teresa of Avila the first woman Doctor of the Church. One week later, he named Catherine of Siena a Doctor. The most recent saint, male or female, to be named a Doctor is Thérèse of Lisieux. Pope John Paul II designated her in 1997, and she was the only saint he named a Doctor.

Byron Miller, CSSR