

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 1, 2024

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### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS  
1:15 PM ENG  
2:15 POLISH

Please arrange the date of baptism through the Rectory office after the birth of your child

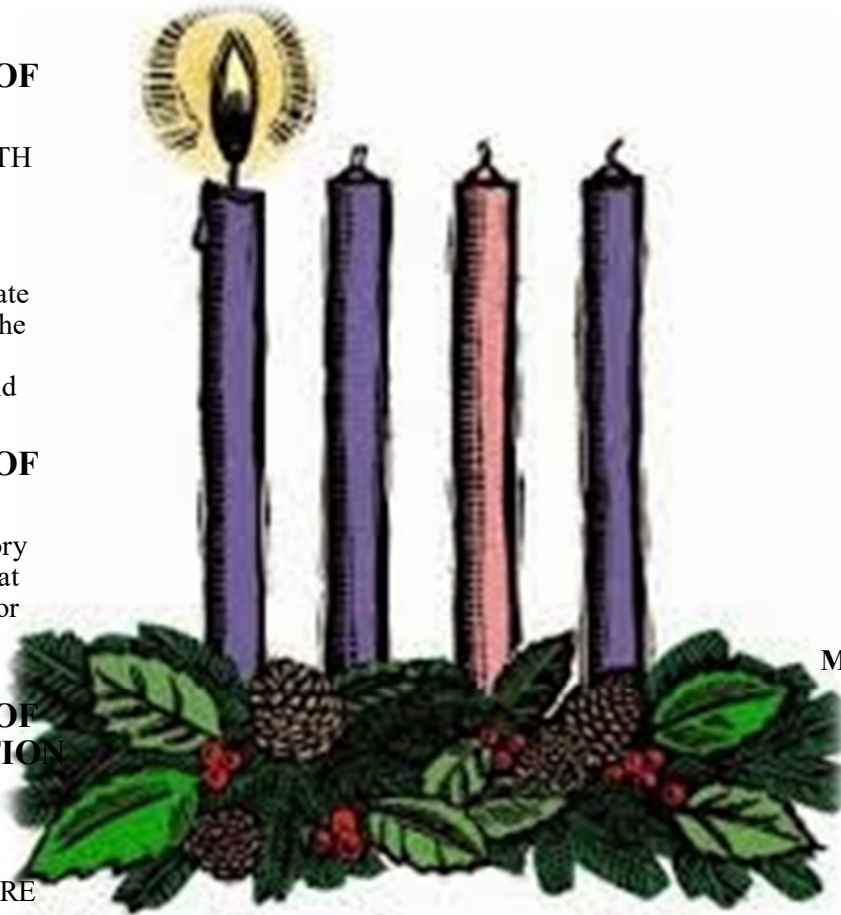
### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory for an appointment at least **six months** prior to the desired date.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS  
4:00 to 4:45 PM  
and  
THURSDAYS BEFORE  
FIRST FRIDAYS  
4:00 to 5:00 PM

Other times by appointment.



## First Sunday in Advent

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKDAYS 7:00 AM  
SATURDAYS 8:00 AM  
SATURDAY EVENINGS  
VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM  
SUNDAYS  
8:00 & 9:15 AM  
10:30 AM (Polish)  
12:00 Noon

### RECTORY HOURS WEEKDAYS

9 AM to 12 Noon  
& 1 PM to 4 PM

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

TUES. 12 to 1 PM

MILLIONS OF MONICAS  
TUES. 1 to 2 PM

PL PRAYER GROUP  
W/ ADORATION  
2ND THURSDAYS 7 PM

LAY CARMELITE  
CHAPTER -1ST SAT.  
AFTER 8 AM MASS

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY  
1ST WEDNESDAYS 6:30 PM  
(APRIL, MAY, JUNE,  
SEPT., OCT. & NOV.)

### Our Mission Statement

*Lord, God, all creation is yours, and you call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.  
Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.*

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John Dautzenberg

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## IN LOVING MEMORY

### Missalettes

John B. & Helen Zilnicki and Family

### Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lamp

Rev. Donald E. Babinski

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024

5:00 pm The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased  
+ Jadwiga and Julian (A) Bondarowicz  
+ Ziggy Wilinski / + Stanley & Mary Sydlowski  
+ Antonio Casale / + Gilbert E. Link  
+ J. William and Greg Stelzer and Any Kohn

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 1, 2024

8:00 am + Sophie and Clarence Anderson  
9:15 am + Scott Bugdin  
10:30 am Za Członków żywego Różańca i Rodzinę Radia Maryja  
(PL) O boże błogosławieństwo dla rodziny  
Gorski i Serokow / + Teresa Lul  
+ Zdislaw Nieciecki i Elzbieta Zdanowicz  
+ Regina, Mieczyslaw i Jagoda Idzkowscy  
12 Noon + Connie Bilski (A)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024

7:00 am + Patricia Liebler  
24th Birthday Blessings for Grant Keelan

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024

7:00 am + Bruno Madzellan

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024

7:00 am + Marguerite Parks

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024

7:00 am + Marie Pfaff

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024

7:00 am + Gloria Mallon Connor  
+ Claire Latour

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024

8:00 am + Chris Meriluoto and Jean Josselyn  
Intentions of Baltera and Errick Families

5:00 pm + Simone St. Onge / + Claire Latour  
+ Stanley Cichanowicz, Jr.  
Intentions of Mader and Massiello Families  
+ Michael D. VanHouten / + Elsie Anderson

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DEC. 8, 2024

8:00 am + Scott Bugdin  
9:15 am + Marilyn Aneser (A)  
10:30 am The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased  
(PL) Birthday Blessings for Adam Wasilewski & Fam.  
+ Eugeniusz Biedrzycki (2nd A)  
+ Zofia Czaplak / + Krzysztof Olszowski  
12 Noon + Mary Goroleski (A)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, December 1, 2024

*Advent Retreat 7 PM*

### Monday, December 2, 2024

*Advent Retreat 1 and 7 PM*

### Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Adoration 12:00 PM—1:00 PM  
No Meeting of Millions of Monicas  
*Advent Retreat 1 and 7 PM*

### Wednesday, December 4, 2024

*Advent Retreat 1 and 7 PM*

### Thursday, December 5, 2024

*Confessions 4 to 5 PM*



## PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

*Jeanette Howard*

## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The feast of the **Immaculate Conception** will be observed on Monday, December 9th. Additional Mass times are 12 Noon in English and 7 PM in Polish.

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Benedict Gargulinski \* Miguel Angel Castrillon \* Nicholas Steinkamp \* Peter Pece \* Teresa Muenkel \* Ron Danowski \* Peter Kraljic \* Mary Mader \* Carson Whible \* Dave Zazeski \* Faye Anderson \* Hana Cutler \* James Gibson \* Jim Kenna \* Daryl Alec \* Paula George \* Christina Donovan \* John Giordano \* Richard Francis Harrison II \* Ursula Mocniak \* Joan Zaleski \* Catherine and Charles J. Sehy \* Grazyna Pawlak \* Gillen Family \* Blythe Fickenwirth \* Jody Breitfeller \* Benjamin Gonzalez \* Dominique Tirado \* Diana Perniciaro \* Sammy \* Brodie \* Dolline Welch \* Cathleen Mickaliger \* Joseph Stepnoski \* James Kenna \* Douglas Clark \* Jan Suchta \* Justin \* Dakota Harmon \* Cole Faller \* Halikias Family \* Liana Forstein \* Rosemary & Daniel Ambrosini \* Thomas Ryall \* Anne Marie Donlon \* Dorothy Sousa \* Anthony Naglieri \* Thomas McEnany \* Mary Khulman \* Michael Alperti \* Roseanne Murphy \* Barbara Kozlowski \* James West \* Elizabeth Farruggia \* Kelly Wine \* Mary Van Duesen \* Thomas DeGirolamo \* William Berenger \* Daria Quarlena \* Eileen Borchart \* Sheila Nolan \* Tom Wisniewski III \* Jeffrey Clark \* James, George and Barbara Jaeger \* Ernest and Alex Aponte \* Helen Long \* Michael Miglionico \* Ralph Conforti \* The Barauskus Family \* Hope & Brittany Williams \* John Marion \* Emilia Andrychowski \* Augie & Georgianna Lucente \* Johanna Benthal \* Michelle Giaccone \* Gloria Keller \* Howard Seifert \* Ed Kennedy \* Kit Z. \* Dolores Contino \* Agnes Brown \* Krzysztof Olszowski \* Anders Ryden \* Kevin C. Cook \* Anita Costi \* Doriane Bay \* David Valone \* Brittany Schacor \* Karen and Kim Finocchiaro \* Eleanor Koller \* Grace Mary Schulteis \* Victor Sechyshyn \* George Angle \* Marta Andreotta \* Melissa Alexandra \* Christian Vidal \* Suzanne Thompson \* Anna Grefe \* Anthony Mannino \* Marcella Frisen \* The Huntley Family \* Theresa Puglia \* Brian Darmody \* Leigh Anne Brown \* Dan Modjeska \* Judy Zakorski \* Marie Miley \* Marcjanna Stolarzewicz \* John Shuot \* Patrick Murphy \* Brian Crowley \* Louise Pampinello \* Barbara Fenn

Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially:

1st Lt. Nicholas Santorelli, Nicholas Pelosi, Christopher Drowns, Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming, Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz Marzec, Andre DeRosa and Garrett Bracht

## **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

Saturday, December 7th  
12 to 3 PM

**Stonewall's Restaurant**

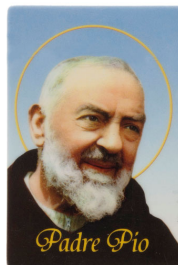
Members \$26 / Guests \$46

RSVP Reina 631-727-2114

## **Padre Pio's Reflections for Advent**

*Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of David His father, and He will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."*

~Luke 1:30-33



*"Far into the night, at the coldest time of the year, in a chilly grotto, more suitable for a flock of beasts than for humans, the promised Messiah—Jesus—the Savior of mankind, comes into the world in the fullness of time."*

~Padre Pio

## OUR COLLECTIONS

**Today, December 1:** Sunday and Monthly School

**Next Week, December 8:** Sunday and Religious Retirement

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## **ADVENT RETREAT**

**With Fr. Michael Flynn  
(December 1 through December 4)**

Fr. Michael Flynn has been helping with celebrating the Mass here at St. Isidore's for the past few months. He is a retired priest of the Diocese of Rockville Centre where he served for 53 years. He went to St. John's University and St. John Vianney Seminary. He is versed in Scripture, Liturgy, and Moral Theology.

The Retreat's Theme is:  
*"The Characters of Advent"*

(Isaiah, St. John the Baptist, Joseph & Mary)

Fr. Flynn will speak at all of the masses and begin the retreat on Sunday, Dec. 1st, at 7:00 pm. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (12/2, 3 & 4) he will speak at 1:00 pm and again at 7:00 pm.

Bring a friend and open your hearts  
for the coming of the Lord!



# **SYLWESTER W RIVERHEAD**

31 Grudnia 2024

PTCA, 300 Lincoln Street

Od 8 wieczorem do 2 w nocy

**BILETY W CENIE \$100 OD OSOBY**

W cenie biletu: zimne przekąski, gorąca kolacja, kawa, ciasto. Zimne napoje i szampan na stole. Alkohol we własnym zakresie.

**SPRZEDAŻ BILETÓW DO 15 GRUDNIA.**

**KONTAKT :RENATA KLIBISZ (631)494-8195**

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## Celebrate Advent with a Jesse Tree

The Jesse Tree is a unique Advent custom and a fun activity for teaching children about the Bible at Christmas. The tradition traces back as far as the middle ages. The earliest Jesse Trees were made of tapestries, carvings, and stained glass. These visual displays allowed uneducated people who could not read or write to learn about the Scriptures from the time of Creation until the birth of Jesus.

### What Is a Jesse Tree?

The word *advent* means "arrival." Because Advent is a time to anticipate and prepare for the arrival of Christ at Christmas, a Jesse Tree project is a great way to celebrate with your family. The Jesse Tree represents the family tree, or genealogy, of Jesus Christ. It tells the story of God's salvation plan, beginning with creation and continuing through the Old Testament, to the coming of the Messiah.

The name "Jesse Tree" comes from Isaiah 11:1. "Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit." (NASB) The verse refers to King David's father, Jesse, who is in the lineage of Jesus Christ. The "shoot" that grew from the "stem of Jesse," that is, the royal line of David, is Jesus Christ.

### How to Celebrate Advent With a Jesse Tree

Each day of Advent a homemade ornament is added to the Jesse Tree, a small tree made of evergreen branches or any creative materials you choose to use. First, you and your children will need to decide exactly how you will create your Jesse Tree and ornaments. With a bit of creativity, the possibilities are limitless. Try to choose materials and activities that fit your kids' ages and abilities so that everyone can participate in the project. For instance, you might wish to use paper and crayon to draw ornaments, cardboard and markers, card stock and paint, or felt, yarn, and glue. You can make the tree as simple or as elaborate as you choose.

Next, you'll need to decide what the symbolic ornaments will represent. Some families choose to represent different prophecies foretelling the coming of the Messiah. Another variation includes ornaments that represent the ancestors in the lineage of Christ or the various monogram symbols of Christianity.

One popular variation for the handmade ornaments is to trace the many promises of God through the stories in the Bible, beginning with Creation and leading up to the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior. For example, an apple might represent the story of Adam and Eve. A rainbow could symbolize the story of Noah's ark and the flood. A burning bush to tell the story of Moses. The Ten Commandments could be illustrated with two tablets of stone. A large fish or whale would represent Jonah and the whale. As you make the ornaments together, remember to discuss what they mean so your children will enjoy crafting as they learn about the Bible.

Each day of Advent, when you decorate your tree by adding an ornament, take some time to reinforce the symbolism behind the ornament. You can read a Bible verse or expound on a related Bible story. You might want to incorporate a lesson on the meaning of the Advent candle colors. Think of ways to tie in your lessons to the lineage of Jesus and the season of Advent. You may want to use this Story of the Jesse Tree and sample readings from Christian Research

## THE ADVENT GIVING TREE

If you take a gift-wish tag from the tree, please return the NEW, WRAPPED gift with the TAG SECURELY ATTACHED before **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH**



## NEW ON FORMED...

### “ROOTED”

An advent series of short reflections with Dr. Scott Hefelfinger of the Augustine Institute.

You will love listening to Dr. Hefelfinger each day as he takes us through the roots of salvation history (the Jesse Tree).

To sign up: go to <https://daily.formed.org/advent/>



# Unwrapping Advent: A 4-Week Journey Through Scripture



As we approach the holiday season, we're reminded of the profound significance of Advent. It's a time of thoughtful anticipation and preparation for celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. During these four weeks, we have a unique opportunity to dive deep into the Scriptures, exploring the stories and prophecies related to our Savior's birth. By studying the Bible during Advent, we can deepen our understanding of God's redemption plan and draw closer to Him.

Whether you're experiencing joy or facing challenges this season, Advent offers a meaningful way to connect with Jesus. Through Advent readings we can discover fresh insights and renew our faith. Let's embrace this season of reflection and spiritual growth.

## What Is Advent?

Advent is a four-week season in the Christian calendar that precedes Christmas. It's a time of anticipation and preparation for the arrival of Jesus Christ.

## Historical Significance

Advent's roots trace back to the early Christian church. It emerged as a period of preparation for new converts before baptism on Epiphany. By the 6th century, Advent had evolved into a season of spiritual reflection and anticipation of Christ's birth.

The tradition of the Advent wreath began in 16th century Germany. It symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent. Each candle on the wreath represents a key theme: **Hope, Peace, Joy, Love**

Churches often use purple or blue as liturgical colors during Advent. These colors symbolize royalty and penitence.

## Biblical Foundations

Advent finds its basis in numerous Scripture passages that foretell Christ's coming. The prophet Isaiah spoke of the Messiah's birth: "*A Child is born, to us a Son is given to us; and upon His shoulder dominion rests.. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, God-Hero, Father forever, Prince of Peace.*" (Isaiah 9:5 NAB)

The Gospel of Luke recounts the angel's announcement to Mary: "*Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and shall name Him Jesus.*" (Luke 1:31, NAB)

Advent also looks forward to Christ's second coming, as described in Revelation: "*I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.*" (Revelation 3:11, NAB)

These passages form the biblical foundation for Advent, emphasizing both Christ's first and second comings.

## The Four Themes of Advent

### Hope

Hope in Advent centers on the anticipation of Jesus' birth and His promised return. It's rooted in God's faithfulness to His promises throughout history. Isaiah 9:6 beautifully captures this hope: "*A Child is born, to us a Son is given to us; and upon His shoulder dominion rests.. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, God-Hero, Father forever, Prince of Peace.*" (Isaiah 9:5 NAB) This prophecy points to the coming Messiah, igniting hope in believers' hearts. Advent studies often explore how this hope sustains us in challenging times. They encourage reflection on God's promises and the assurance of their fulfillment in Christ.

### Peace

Peace in Advent focuses on the inner calm and reconciliation that Christ brings. Jesus, the Prince of Peace, offers a tranquility that surpasses human understanding. This peace is beautifully expressed in Luke 2:14: "*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!*" Advent studies investigate into how Christ's peace transforms our relationships with God and others. They often explore practical ways to cultivate peace in our daily lives. This includes forgiveness, reconciliation, and trusting in God's sovereignty.

### Joy

Joy during Advent is a deep-seated gladness rooted in Christ's presence. It's not dependent on circumstances but on the reality of God's love. The angel's proclamation in Luke 2:10-11 embodies this joy: "*Then the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.'*" Advent studies often explore how joy differs from happiness. They encourage believers to find joy in God's presence, even amid challenges. Practical exercises might include gratitude practices or serving others to share Christ's joy.

### Love

Love is the core of Advent, reflecting God's immense love for humanity. This love is powerfully expressed in John 3:16: "*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*" Advent studies often focus on God's sacrificial love demonstrated through Christ's incarnation. They encourage believers to reflect on how they can embody this love in their daily lives. Practical applications might include acts of kindness, forgiveness, or reaching out to those in need.