

**COME, LORD JESUS,  
LIGHT OUR WAY**



**Advent wreath:** Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. O God, by whose Word all things are sanctified, pour forth Your blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from You abundant graces. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Advent Waiting**

A youngster once asked me, "How can we wait for Christmas when Jesus has already been born for us?" The answer lies in the Blessed Mother.

After the conception, Mary had no doubt that Christ was really, physically with her, and in her. To be pregnant is waiting for a new and amazing experience of seeing and holding the child who is already there. A couple expecting a baby

already has a baby; what they are expecting is birth. Spiritually, Mary experienced Christ already, and his presence was real, felt, obvious, life-changing. Her waiting was for something that had begun to become even more intense.

Christ has come in history and is still coming at every Mass in mystery, even as we await the Parousia, the End Times as described in the last book of the Bible, Revelation. **The spirituality of now and not yet puts us in touch with Mary**, with her pregnancy, with her charity, with her trust. In our devotion to her, she accompanies us, and we accompany her. Mary visits Elizabeth. They wait together.

Mary visits us and waits with us. With her, we wait with confidence and trust. The Lord is with us, and at the same time the Lord is coming. "May God who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfillment" (cf. Phil 1:6). God continues to do what He begins in us.

**We wait with St. Joseph.**

The foster father of Jesus was a dreamer. Dreams are future hopes. Joseph had dreams that inspired, consoled and demanded action. He was to have no fear and to take Mary and Jesus to himself. He was to set out confidently to Egypt in the face of death threats. He was to pack up and return to Nazareth.

What dreams inspire us? Advent waiting is a time to dream. Think of Martin Luther King's famous proclamation, "I have a dream." Dreams are about what we await, what we hope, and what we are to do to make them happen. In Acts 2:17 God says, "I will pour out a portion of my spirit / upon all flesh. / Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, / your young men shall see visions, / your old men shall dream dreams." The spirituality of waiting is adventuresome, it is daring. It is discerning and trustful.

**Eucharistic Waiting** The spirituality of waiting is Eucharistic. Fasting makes us hungry, waiting to feast builds up an appetite. Like the poor outside a soup kitchen, we wait with a hunger born of necessity, poverty and want. And at his table, we meet the Lord who has waited for us. "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you" (Lk 22:15).

The Eucharist focuses us to wait for the ultimate union with God Eternal and all the angels and saints.

Fr Daniel Mindling thepriest.com December 2022

**Ft. Pierre St.John 27 November 2022**      **Draper St.Anthony 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat. 4pm**

**Saturday 5:30pm CT, Sunday 10:00am**  
**Draper 8:00am Sunday 2pm Adoration**

Sat 11/26	5:30pm	For parishioners
Sun 11/27	8:00am 10:00am	<b>Draper + Vic Mahutga</b> <b>Ft Pierre welfare Larson family</b>
Mon 11/28	5:30pm	+ Milo Pat Hoenscheid
Tue 11/29	5:30pm	+ Rose Nelson
Wed 11/30	7:00am	+ Chris Klein
Thu 12/1	7:00am	Alicia Duchenaus welfare
Fri 12/2	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Evening Pat Storms welfare</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Sat 12/3	7:45am	For parishioners

**Women's Bible Study** Join us as you are, where you are on Sundays at 7pm in Padre Hall starting November 27th through Advent for fellowship and discussion. Join us as we let the Holy Family be our discussion and leave connected with other women through our faith.

May the angels lead you into paradise...

Helen Stewart, 97, buried in Scottie Philip Cemetery November 26

**Sun Nov 20<sup>th</sup> No Classes      Wed Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> No Classes      Faith Formation**

**Sun Nov 27<sup>th</sup> No Classes**

**Wed Nov 30<sup>th</sup> High School classes 6:30-7:45pm**

**Sun Dec 4<sup>th</sup> K-8<sup>th</sup> classes 8:30-9:45am**

December 8 **Immaculate Conception Holyday mass: 7am & 5:30pm Thursday**

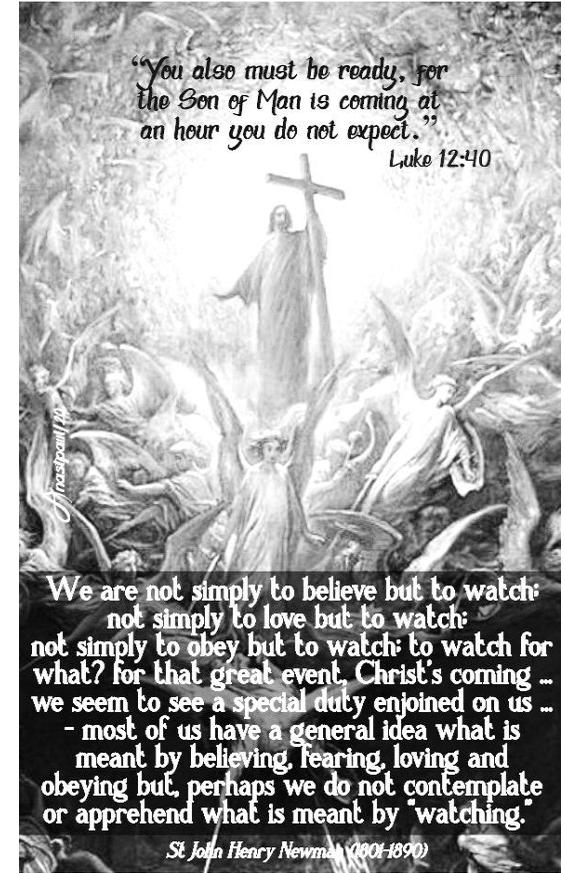
**Christmas Mass:** Saturday 24 Dec, Ft Pierre 4pm and 7pm.

Christmas Morning Ft Pierre 9am

Draper St Anthony Christmas mass: Saturday 9pm

**December Confession** Each Tuesday 6-7pm      each Friday 4:30-6pm

**Parish penance service** with 4 priests, Thursday 15 December 6:30-7:30pm





Saturday evening December 3rd following 5:30pm Mass in Padre Hall, KC's provide **supper honoring and in appreciation of Shirley Gross**, an inspirational member of our parish family. Photo from 2009

**Dr. Mary Healey** speaks at Terra Sancta Friday/Sat, December 9/10. She will present three sessions — Walking in the Supernatural, The Eucharist and Christian Life, and a healing service. She is a professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, author, and international speaker. Register for one session or all three! Call Patty Lihs 295-1392 if you're interested. Parish funds will pay for your registration. Search YouTube for "Testimony of Mary Healy."

Knights of Columbus **NFL** scorebook winners. Thursday: Bell Jacobsen Sunday Night: Brandon O'Dea Monday Night: Perry Longbrake

A short **online retreat, "The Desert Shall Bloom,"** will include short presentations, quiet reflection time, and prayer. Participants will be invited to reflect on the text from Isaiah, "...the desert will bloom." Join the Yankton Benedictine Sisters on Zoom from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Sat 3 December The cost of the retreat is \$30. Registration must be completed by December 1st. call 605-668-6292 or visit [yanktonbenedictines.org/advent-retreat](http://yanktonbenedictines.org/advent-retreat)

**Ministers for Mass**

- 11/26 Sat: 5:30pm Lector: Wade Pogany  
EM: Mary Giddings Servers: Need
- 11/27 Sun: 10:00am Lector: Lori Roberts  
EM: Lindsay Heiss Servers: Tenley Heiss Jesse Fosheim
- 12/3 Sat: 5:30pm Lector: need  
EM: Irma LaFaive Servers: need
- 12/4 Sun: 10:00am Lector: Mark Barnett  
EM: Need Servers: Corbin Heiss Lincoln Kellar

Please turn in your **DakotaMart receipts**, in a small basket in the west side of church entry, under children's bibles. We redeem them for cash for the Faith Formation Program. Thank You

 <h1 style="text-align: center;">ADVENT CALENDAR 2022</h1>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p style="text-align: center;">November 27</p> <p><b>The First Sunday of Advent</b> Begin your Advent journey by <u>blessing</u> your Advent wreath. Light the first violet candle and sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p>What can you do this Advent to prepare your heart and life for the coming of Christ?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>"The salvation offered in the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ is nothing less than sharing in the very life of God, in the communion of love among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. There is no greater gift that God could possibly give us." (The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church, no. 9.)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>Saint Andrew, Apostle, spent his life bringing people to Christ. Follow his example by inviting someone to come to Mass with you.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">December 1</p> <p>Today is World AIDS Day. Pray for those who suffer from this disease, their caregivers, and their healthcare workers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>"Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD." —Psalm 27:14</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>Saint Francis Xavier is a patron saint of missionaries. Spend some time today reflecting on how you can support the Church's mission by living as a missionary disciple.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p><b>The Second Sunday of Advent</b> On this Second Sunday of Advent, light two violet candles on your Advent wreath and ask God for the strength to be like John the Baptist, preparing the way of the Lord.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>"The grace of God, the gift freely given, ... inspires us to give thanks and worship him, works our transformation into the likeness of Christ, helps us to seek pardon and to receive it when we fall into sin, and impels us to go forth and bear witness to Christ in the world." (The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church, no. 29.)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>Today is the Memorial of Saint Nicholas. Saint Nicholas of Myra (in modern-day Turkey) was noted for his generosity to the poor. Consider how you can offer your time, treasure, or talent to assist those in need this holiday season.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>"They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings; They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint." —Isaiah 40:31</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>Today is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States of America. It is a holy day of obligation. After attending Mass, pray a decade of the Rosary for peace and justice.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>Today is the Memorial of Saint Juan Diego. <u>Ask for his intercession</u> for migrants and those suffering from human trafficking.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>In the busyness and noise of holiday preparations, it is easy to lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Christ. Spend some quiet time today, alone or as a family, giving thanks for God's great gift of a Savior.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p><b>The Third Sunday of Advent</b> Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. At this halfway point in Advent, light two violet and the rose candles on your Advent wreath and Rejoice! For the Lord is near!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p>Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego wearing the traditional garb of a pregnant woman. On this her feast day, <u>ask for her intercession</u> for all unborn children and their parents.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>In gratitude for the gift of God's mercy, plan to receive the Sacrament of Penance before Christmas.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p>"Having been sanctified by the gift of the Eucharist and filled with faith, hope, and charity, the faithful are called to respond to this gift. Indeed, it is only natural that we give thanks to the Lord for all that he has given to us." The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church, no. 30.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up before Christmas and remains in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany. Share this <u>blessing</u> with your family and friends.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p><u>Las Posadas</u>, a reenactment of Mary and Joseph seeking shelter before the birth of Jesus, traditionally begins today. <u>Pray for migrants</u> seeking shelter around the world.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>Today marks the beginning of the "O Antiphons". This tradition, which comes from Evening Prayer, has been around since at least the eighth century.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p><b>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, light all three violet and the rose candles on your Advent wreath and pray that the light of Christ will enter your heart so that you may share the warmth of God's love with those you meet.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>"The nativity scene is 'like a living Gospel' (Apostolic Letter Admirabile Signum, n. 1). It brings the Gospel to the places where people live: ... And in those places where we live, it reminds us of an essential thing: that God did not remain invisible in Heaven, but rather came to earth, became man, a child.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>We need to be conscious of the gift we have received, a gift that is none other than the Lord himself in his act of self-giving. We become conscious of this gift when we actively engage in every part of the liturgy. The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church, no. 31.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." —Luke 1:45</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p>Spend a family evening eating cookies and drinking hot chocolate while you read the Christmas cards you have received. Before bed, pray an Our Father and a Hail Mary for all your beloved family and friends.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>Reach out to those in your community who may be alone this Christmas and invite them to Mass and to share part of your celebration.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>[Prayer] in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament... helps all of us to be formed by the self-giving love we behold in the Lord's gift of himself in the Eucharist. —The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church, no. 33</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>25</b></p> <p>"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory." —John 1:14</p>						
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