

Doctrinal Section by Fr. Voelker

Advent Reflections

The opening of the Advent Season and re-echoes as the antiphon of the entire liturgical year. Let us listen to it again: "Proclaim to the peoples: God our Saviour is coming".

At the beginning of a new yearly cycle, the liturgy invites the Church to renew her proclamation to all the peoples and sums it up in two words "*God comes*". These words, so concise, contain an ever new evocative power.

Let us pause a moment to reflect: it is not used in the past tense - God has come, - nor in the future - God will come, - but in the present: "God comes".

At a closer look, this is a continuous present, that is, an ever-continuous action: it happened, it is happening now and it will happen again. In whichever moment, "God comes".

The verb "to come" appears here as a theological verb, indeed theological, since it says something about God's very nature.

Proclaiming that "God comes" is equivalent, therefore, to simply announcing God himself, through one of his essential and qualifying features: his being the *God-who-comes*.

Advent calls believers to become aware of this truth and to act accordingly. It rings out as a salutary appeal in the days, weeks and months that repeat: Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now!

The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.

He is a Father who never stops thinking of us and, in the extreme respect of our freedom, desires to meet us and visit us; he wants to come, to dwell among us, to stay with us. His "coming" is motivated by the desire to free us from evil and death, from all that prevents our true happiness. God comes to save us.

The Fathers of the Church observe that the "coming" of God - continuous and, as it were, co-natural with his very being - is centred in the *two principal comings of Christ*: his Incarnation and his glorious return at the end of time (Cyril of Jerusalem).
~Pope emeritus Benedict XVI

Christmas Call to Sharing 2020

Priests play an essential role of sanctifying, teaching and leading. They are servants to all. Very soon, you will be receiving an invitation from Bishop Kemme asking you to consider a gift to the Christmas Call to Sharing. Your Gift is used to benefit the 33 men currently studying for the priesthood in the Wichita Diocese and the 17 priests in retirement. I would ask you to prayerfully consider a special gift this year to support our priests.

Neighbors News Angel Wreath

Would you or your group like to buy gifts for needy children in our local community? Pick up an angel at Troy's and shop for a few Christmas presents. Have gifts, wrapped if possible, brought to Neighbors by Wed. Dec. 16th. Thank you!

Advent Bible Study

"Christ in the Old Testament"

Fr. Max will present a Bible Study on "Christ in the Old Testament" in Dec. 2nd at 7pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Center, All are welcome to attend.

Ladies Breakfast / Office Hours

The monthly ladies breakfast will be Thur. Dec. 3 at Golden Harvest following 8am Mass. The office will open by 10am.

Lasagna Sales

Call Vivian at 316-835-2816 to order by Jan. 10th, 2021. Full Pan \$30 serves 8-10 & Half Pan \$15 serves 4-5.

Lector Books for 2021

Lector books have been purchased for each Lector for Liturgical year B, 2021. They have been labeled and are on top of the coat rack in the church entrance. If you did not get one, and need one, please contact the office.

Christmas Masses

Volunteers are needed for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Latin Mass readings will be in English.

Mass Volunteer Schedule, December 2020

5 & 6	Lector	Cantor	Collection Counters
5:30 PM	Larry Denno		
8:30 AM	Ruthe Spexarth	Liz Wasson	
11:00 AM	David Wendling		JonAnn Duffek & David Wendling
12 & 13	Lector	Cantor	Collection Counters
5:30 PM	William Wendling		
8:30 AM	Kirk Bridges	Carrie Bridges	
11:00 AM	Tessa Wendling		Mike Armendariz & Barb Ward
19 & 20	Lector	Cantor	Collection Counters
5:30 PM	Carol Denno		
8:30 AM	Jean Anne Gleason	Liz Wasson	
11:00 AM	Marvin Neises		Elaine Robinson & Marvin Neises
24 & 25	Lector	Cantor	Collection Counters
5:30 PM			
7:00AM Latin			
9:00 AM			
26 & 27	Lector	Cantor	Collection Counters
5:30 PM	William Wendling		
8:30 AM	Ruthe Spexarth	Carrie Bridges	
11:00 AM	CYM	CYM	Barb Ward & Greg Weninger

If you cannot be there on your given day, please find your replacement. Thank you for your stewardship.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

No Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

5:30pm +Martina Chavez by Don Davis Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00am +Alec Tillman by SHCC

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00am +Mary Alice Takacs by John & Ruthe Spexarth

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00am +Michael Duron by Joe & Joann Bergkamp

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

5:30pm +Fr. Andy Kuykendall by SHCC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:30am +Andy Peltz by John & Ruthe Spexarth

11:00am People of the Parish

Dates to Remember:

Altar Society: 2nd Wed, 7pm, Parish Center

Anointing of the Sick: 1st Tue. during 5:30pm Mass

Confirmation: Wed. May 5th, 2021 6:30pm SHCC

CYM: Postponed till further notice

Eucharistic Adoration: Mon 8am till Wed 7am

(Rachel Gomez Coordinator - 316-830-6262)

Finance Council: TBD

First Communion: May 2nd, 2021 11am Mass

Italian Dinner: Sat. Feb. 13th, 2021

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K of C: 4th Mon, 7:30pm, Hensley House

Ladies Breakfast: 1st Thur, Golden Harvest 8:30am

Pastoral Council Mtg: TBD

PSR: Sun, 9:45am -10:45am,

Stewardship Mtg: TBD

Sick and Homebound

Carolyn Armendariz	Lynndell King
Larry Ayala	Ronda Meyer
Margaret Bergkamp	Bentley Sanchez
Kirk Bridges	John Spexarth
Pat Breckunitch	Irene Stone
Mary Ann Bumm	Jim Vaughn
Shelly Drake	Mary Walters
Charlene DesCoteaux	Kenny Weber
Anthony Gomez	Christine Wright
Marsha Grattan	All of our Care
Katherina Gripp	Home Residents

Souls of the Faithful Departed

Martina Chavez 10/2020
Shaun Corcoran 4/2020
Michael Duron 3/2020
Catherine Gonzales 9/2020
Francis Landwehr 5/2020
John Redinger 8/2020
Butch Spexarth 4/2020
Mary Alice Takacs 6/2020
Alec Tillman 7/2020
Norma Wendling 5/2020



**Please Pray for our
Service Personnel**



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Catch us on the web at www.SacredHeartHalstead.com & Facebook

November 29, 2020 First Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: See Schedule on back under Mass Intentions

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30pm & Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am

Confessions: Saturday 4pm - 5pm

Weekday Mass Schedule

See Schedule on back under MASS INTENTIONS

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Nov 29: Barb Ward & Elaine Robinson

Dec 6: B

Collection for November 22nd: \$2,311.29

Christmas Flowers: \$130.00

Please place Sunday offerings in the offertory box as you enter the church for Mass.

Cleaning Schedule (Nov 30 - Dec 5)

Front Entrance of Parish Center: Michelle Armendariz

Main Church Cleaning: Karen Carmichael

Church Basement Cleaning: Kris & Stacy Bernal

Wendling House: Ruth Smith

Hensley House: Elaine Robinson

Parish Hall: Mike Hull & Nina Wendling

Mow Parish Center & Leaf Removal: Marvin Neises, Cory Harrington

Snow Removal: Marvin Neises, Joe Bergkamp

Pray Together Missal

There are missals in the back of church for you to take home & bring with you to Mass.