



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

December 5, 2021 | Second Sunday of Advent

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## **Eucharistic Services:**

7:00 pm Wednesday -  
Word & Communion Service  
5:00 pm Saturday - Jackson, Vigil Mass  
11:30 am Sunday - Mass

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

## **Office Hours: Wed - Friday 10 am to 5 pm**

## **Ministers for next Sunday, December 5**

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Bob Damron

Lector : Luke Glaser

## **Ministers at MGC**

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## **Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewen**

Holy Mary, our heavenly mother, keep us in your care.

Give us your good counsel as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.

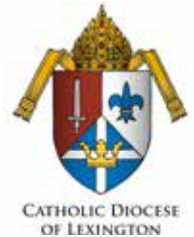
Bless our parish which is named in your honor. Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help us be attentive to the needs of our families and our community. Amen

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## **Parish Mission Statement**

Inspired and sustained in our Catholic faith through life-giving worship, we Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community, have as our mission to bring Christ and the teachings of the Catholic faith to one another and the larger community in a ways that draw us together as a supportive family, yet reaches out with a genuine concern for all people, so that we can be authentic witnesses in an area where Catholics are few in number.

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent (C)

Bar 5:1-9

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

To prepare the way of the Lord's coming, it is necessary to take note of the requirements of conversion to which the Baptist invites us...First of all we are called to fill the "valleys" caused by coldness and indifference, opening ourselves to others with the same sentiments as Jesus, that is, with affection and fraternal attention.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 9, 2018



## Becoming Catholic

The RCIA formation program for those becoming Catholic has begun. This week class will meet from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in a hybrid fashion ( in person and virtually). RCIA this week will look at the topic of - Church Leadership & Mary.

## Stockings

Each year Mother of Good Counsel does stockings for elders through the Housing Development Association. Please sign up to bring some items enough to make 15 stockings.

## Season of Advent

During this season of Advent we prepare our hearts and lives for Jesus to come at Christmas. Please pick up materials to help you reflect and prepare. Listed below are some events during Advent

Dec 8

Immaculate Conception

Mass – 5 pm Jackson

Mass – 7 pm Hazard

Dec 15

Reconciliation Service

7 pm

Dec 17

Simbang Gabi Mass

7 pm

Dec 24

Christmas Eve Mass,  
5:30 pm

Dec 25

Midnight Mass

Dec 31

Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary  
the Mother of God  
7 pm

## Angel Tree

Please pick an angel from the angel tree and plan to return presents by December 19.

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. We will have Mass in Hazard at 7 pm on Wednesday. Please join us prior to Mass for the Rosary at 6:40 pm . Additionally there will be Mass in Jackson at Holy Cross at 5 pm .

## Advent Playlist

Looking for some music to listen to during Advent? Enjoy some a couple Advent Playlists.  
Shadow & Light : <https://spoti.fi/3Gfujez>  
Advent Waiting : <https://spoti.fi/3dmc1fj>



## Visio Divina ( Spiritual Practice )

Luke 1:57-80

From the Artist Hannah Garrity

In this image, Zechariah holds his baby boy. He speaks a blessing, a berakah.<sup>8</sup> For his neighbors, he answers the question, “What then will this child become?” (v. 66). The intimate love of a father with his newborn son is captured in this pose. Patterns of water pour over John’s little shirt. Zechariah sees what his son will become and begins to speak his future into being from the start. As dawn breaks over Zechariah’s shoulder, his prophecy foretells God coming into the world—of light dawning in weary spaces.

Zechariah relents. God has made His statement. He could not speak until he de-centered himself from the story. He gives the name that Elizabeth has been called to give. Zechariah’s willingness to hear the call is the action in this moment. Traditionally, he would give his first born son his own name. His neighbors are shocked by the name he chooses to give, by the prophecy, by his being able to speak again. By removing his own personal and family legacy from the picture, he is truly able to give way to the greater narrative that God is calling him to participate in.

This is an incredible moment of humility. As I created this image, I asked God’s help in identifying where I can step out of the way to forward His vision for this weary world. God knows. God’s work is greater than my legacy.

Prayer

Breathe deeply as you gaze upon the image above. Imagine placing yourself in this scene. What do you see? How do you feel?

Get quiet and still, offering a silent or spoken prayer to God.

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Berakah | Hannah Garrity

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8 The Jewish prayer of blessing expressing gratitude and praise to God.

# And the Word Was Made Flesh

Many of us grew up thinking that this life doesn't amount to much. It's full of pitfalls and enticements that threaten our eternal salvation. Such disdain often boils over into contempt for the world. According to this thinking, it is only the next life that is important, which will unfold in a much better place. Today's readings challenge such extreme thinking. They assure us that the glory of God is partially revealed to us even within this life. They astound us by insisting that God speaks to us through life's events—events that often appear to be quite mundane.

Baruch tells of Jerusalem, the city loved passionately by every Israelite. This was a city like so many other cities. However, God dwelt there and wherever God dwells is, for that reason, a holy city—be it Jerusalem, Munich, or Detroit. God dwells in our midst, right here, right now. Hence, this imperfect life and this damaged world are holy.


The Gospel situates John the Baptist in the middle of the ancient Near Eastern world. It was a Roman world controlled by Caesar and a Jewish province ruled over by Herod. John stated that it was to that place at that time that the Promised One would come, and it was up to John to “prepare the way of the Lord” (Isaiah 40:3; Luke 3:4).

Most importantly, we must never forget that God took on the troubles and sins of this world and entered our life, making it his life. This is the real reason that this world is holy.  
Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## For Reflection

Incarnation means that Jesus is made of the stuff of this world, just as we are. Think about this.

Nothing is too common that it can't be holy. What does that mean?



Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on forever the splendor of glory from God.  
BARUCH 5:1



## Readings for the Week

### Monday

DECEMBER 6  
*Advent Weekday*

Is 35:1-10

Lk 5:17-26

### Tuesday

DECEMBER 7

*St. Ambrose,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church*

Is 40:1-11

Mt 18:12-14

### Wednesday

DECEMBER 8

*Immaculate  
Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin  
Mary*

Gn 3:9-15, 20

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12

Lk 1:26-38

### Thursday

DECEMBER 9

*Advent Weekday*

Is 41:13-20

Mt 11:11-15

### Friday

DECEMBER 10

*Advent Weekday*

Is 48:17-19

Mt 11:16-19

### Saturday

DECEMBER 11

*Advent Weekday*

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

### Sunday

DECEMBER 12

*Third Sunday  
of Advent*

Zep 3:14-18a

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18



# Dear Padre

December 5, 2021

**My sister says that singing the O Antiphons are her favorite part of Advent. What are they?**

An antiphon is a brief refrain, usually from the Bible, either sung or said during worship. An *O Antiphon* is an antiphon that starts with O, as in "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"—each verse of that song is made up of an O Antiphon.

The antiphons are most at home in the Liturgy of the Hours—the collection of psalms, hymns, prayers, and readings that make up the regular rhythm of the Church's prayer at morning, midday, evening, and night. The O Antiphons your sister refers to are verses used during the Church's evening prayer from December 17–23. With one verse spoken or sung before Mary's Magnificat each evening, these antiphons call on the Lord to come to his people using titles taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

When the O Antiphons are sung in Latin, they present a sort of acrostic with a hidden message. The first letter of each title in the antiphon spells *sarcore*, which is *ero cras* (Latin for "tomorrow I come" or "tomorrow I shall be") spelled backward.

In their original language and context, the O Antiphons have a particularly rich significance, but they remain beautiful even when sung simply in English as in the verses of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."

*Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR*

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## Happenings this Week

Sunday

Teen Disciples 4:30 pm - 6 pm

Tuesday

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm RCIA

Wednesday

6:40 pm Rosary

7:00 pm Mass for Feast of The Immaculate Conception



### Prayer List

Joey Napier, Ray & Wanda Lindon, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Marjorie Himmertzhaim, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Bob Rogers, Deedee Wells, Sherrian Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Willie Wagers, Christina Askew, Charles Brotherton, Willow Brockman, Tina Dawhare Fields, Valarie Maggard Dye, Marleen Combs, Robert Caldwell, Mike Caldwell, Monica Spare, The Rice Family, Renee Messer, Maria Hall, Elizabeth Pennington, Neal Boggs, Jackson Varela, Cecilia & Lucia Cory, and Ron Brunty.

If you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit contact the parish and let Lori know about the request.

**Prayer Family:**  
**Scott & Jackie Caudill**

### Birthdays

12/5 : Katie Braman & Jackie Caudill  
12/7 : Jaden Fields  
12/10: Jaylissa Braman & Bill Melton  
12/12: Stephanie Turk

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for 11/21/21

Loose: \$41

Envelopes : \$115

Monthly: \$340

Online: \$140

**Total Weekly Offering: \$636**