



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

November 28, 2021 | First 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. Livinus Uba

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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.

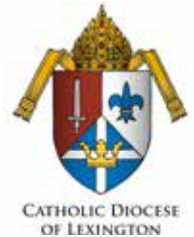
Bless our parish which is named in your honor. Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help us be attentive to the needs of our families and our community. Amen

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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.

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent (C)

Jer 33:14-16

1 Thes 3:12-4:2

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Advent is a continuous call to hope: it reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate goal, to lead it to its fullness, which is the Lord....God is not distant, he is always with us, to the extent that very often he knocks on the door to our heart.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NOVEMBER 29, 2020



We Remember

During the month of November we remember all of the those who have died in our Masses. The book of remembrance will be out during the entire month of November as we remember those who have died . Please add your loved ones' names.

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

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.

Happy New Year! / Season of Advent

Today we begin the new liturgical year as we begin the season of Advent. Please pick up materials to help you reflect and prepare for Christ at Christmas. 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 & Midnight

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.

Black Catholic History Month

November is Black Catholic History Month and an important opportunity for our parishes to promote the sacredness of life in concrete ways. We will highlight one person each week who is in the cause for canonization.

Pierre was born in 1766 modern-day Haiti as a slave, but died in New York City as a free man and a well-known Catholic.

Pierre Bérard, Toussaint's master, allowed him to be taught how to read and write by his grandmother. In his early 20s, Toussaint, his younger sister, his aunt, and two other house slaves accompanied their master's son to New York City because of political unrest at home. Apprenticed to a local hairdresser, Pierre learned the trade quickly and eventually worked in the homes of rich women in New York City.



When his master died, Toussaint supported his master's widow and the other slaves himself, and was freed shortly before the widow's death in 1807. Four years later, he married Marie Rose Juliette, whose freedom he had purchased. They later adopted Euphémie, his orphaned niece. Both preceded him in death.

Even during his lifetime, Toussaint enjoyed the reputation of an exceptionally devout and charitable person within the Catholic community. Every day he attended the 6:00 a.m. Mass in St. Peter's Church, where he was a pewholder for many years. He also raised funds to build the original St. Patrick's Cathedral and St. Vincent de Paul Church.

Toussaint donated to various charities, generously assisting blacks and whites in need. He and his wife opened their home to orphans and educated them. The couple also nursed abandoned people who were suffering from yellow fever. Perhaps his favorite charity was St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum, an institution that he often visited. Urged to retire and enjoy the wealth he had accumulated, Toussaint responded, "I have enough for myself, but if I stop working I have not enough for others."

In recognition of Pierre Toussaint's virtuous life, the late Cardinal Terence Cooke introduced Pierre's cause for canonization at the Vatican in 1968. In December 1989, the late Cardinal O'Connor had the remains of Pierre Toussaint transferred from Lower Manhattan to St. Patrick's Cathedral in midtown Manhattan where he is currently buried as the only lay person alongside the former cardinal archbishops of New York City. On December 17, 1997, he was declared Venerable by Pope John Paul II.

<https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/cultural-diversity-apostolate/black-ministry/venerable-pierre-toussaint/>

Protrait by Anthony VanArsdale

Birth Day

Our birth day is not the anniversary of our birth—that is our birthday. Our birth day is the actual day of our birth. However, we do have a second birth day and it is this day to which this Sunday’s readings refer. We might call it our final birth day, the day when we are born into fulfillment. Jeremiah assures us that will be the day when God’s promises will be fulfilled in us. We will finally have a righteous leader; the nation will be safe, and the place where God dwells amid the people will be secure.

In the Gospel, Jesus is probably speaking figuratively about the end of the world—at least the end of the world as it is known to humans. However, it is not the end of everything, for after cosmic destruction takes place, “then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory” (Luke 21:27). After suffering the so-called birth pangs of the Messiah (see Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time), something new will appear; we will see that our redemption is at hand. We will be born into a new life in a new world.

Advent is the time to look forward to this new birth day of fulfillment. We do not simply await the anniversary of Jesus’ human birth day, for that day announced the coming of the final birth day of each of us. His birth announces our new birth.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

How are you preparing for your final birth day?

What do you find most striking in today’s readings? Why?

[Jesus said,] “Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent.”
LUKE 21:36



Readings for the Week

Monday
NOVEMBER 29
Advent Weekday
Is 2:1-5
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday
NOVEMBER 30
St. Andrew, Apostle
Rom 10:9-18
Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday
DECEMBER 1
Advent Weekday
Is 25:6-10a
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday
DECEMBER 2
Advent Weekday
Is 26:1-6
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday
DECEMBER 3
St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Is 29:17-24
Mt 9:27-31

Saturday
DECEMBER 4
Advent Weekday
Is 30:19-21, 23-26
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday
DECEMBER 5
Second Sunday of Advent
Bar 5:1-9
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
Lk 3:1-6



Dear Padre

November 28, 2021

What do Advent-wreath candles signify?

Most Advent wreaths have three purple candles and one rose candle to echo the liturgical colors of the Church's Advent celebrations.

Whether the wreath is being used at home or in a church, the lighting of the candles should follow the liturgical colors of the Sundays of Advent. The vestments at Mass are purple during the first two weeks of Advent, so we light a purple candle on the first and second Sundays of Advent.

On the third Sunday, the Church celebrates *Gaudete* Sunday or Rejoice Sunday, named after the first word of the day's traditional entrance verse (Philippians 4:4-5). The priest wears rose vestments at Mass as a sign of our brightening hope and joy, and on the Advent wreath we light the rose candle to reflect the theme of the liturgy. The fourth Sunday of Advent sees the lighting of the last purple candle.

Some churches and families add a fifth candle to their Advent practices by placing a white candle in the center of the wreath. They light this at Christmas, again echoing the Church's liturgical color for the season and rejoicing in Christ our Lord, whose birth brings light and life to our world.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR

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Prayer List

Joey Napier, Ray & Wanda Lindon, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Marjorie Hommertzhaim, 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, 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:
Wendy Latunik & Brandon Dials

Birthdays

11/28: Todd Bently
11/30: Roy Barghese
12/3 : Brandon Dials
12/4: Beatrix Atienza
12/5 Katie Braman & Jackie Caudill

Happenings this Week

Tuesday

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm RCIA

Wednesday

6:40 pm Rosary & Communion Service

Our Weekly Offering

for 11/21/21

Loose: \$34

Envelopes : \$400

CCHD: \$60

Online: \$75

Total Weekly Offering: \$569

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