



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish  
COMMUNITY**

December 1, 2024

*First Sunday of Advent (C)*

Jeremiah 33:14-16 / 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 / Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

**Eucharistic Services:**

- 7:00 pm Wednesday -  
Word & Communion Service
- 5:00 pm Saturday - Holy Cross in 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,**

**Sacramental Minister Rev. Bob Damron**

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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

**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.

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### Becoming Catholic

The parish will continue our Becoming Catholic classes that will journey with those going through the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). All people are welcome to come to this faith formation class. Becoming Catholic will be held this Tuesday evening December 3, 2024.

### Center & Outdoor Decorating

Today, Sunday December 1 after Mass parishioners are invited to decorate the center and lawn outdoors. Lunch will be provided.

### Advent Begins Today

Next Sunday December 1 we begin our preparations for Christmas with the Advent Season. There are materials to help you prepare for Christmas, pick them up in the gathering space. Additionally we will be doing the Angel Giving Tree gifts and stockings for elders. Sign ups begin today.

### Adoration

We will have Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday December 4 from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Come Join us for prayer.

### Mass

Fr. Dan Noll will be in town staying in the guest house and can offer Mass Monday evening at 5:00pm and Tuesday morning at 8 am. Come join us for Mass this Monday and Tuesday.

### One in Christ 2024

With your prayers and contribution to the Diocesan Annual Appeal this year, we are able to support your neighbors in need. Lives will be changed and those most in need will know God's grace in a very special way. We are grateful for your faithful stewardship each Fall. The DAA ends on Nov 30th Please be generous Our parish benefits greatly from this appeal. Our goal for 2024 is \$9500 and 58 families. Currently we have raised \$4033, which is 42% of our total goal coming from 29 donors which is 50% of our participation goal. Please consider how you can support these goals, all donations are welcome.

iGiveCatholic – Mother of Good Counsel will participate in iGiveCatholic again this year. Giving Tuesday is on December 3, 2024, early givign for this day begins this Monday, November 18. If you have friends, family or people who may wish to help support Mother of Good Counsel outside the Diocese of Lexington this is the perfect online giving opportunity. There are envelopes in the back and please share the online link with freinds and family <https://lexington.igivecatholic.org/organizations/mother-of-good-counsel-catholic-community>

### Pilgrimage to Italy 2025

The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy that Mother of Good Counsel is offering in 2025 is open for registration. Follow the QR code for more information. There will be an information session in Decemeber.

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy  
with Lori Helfrich  
12 Days  
July 29-August 9, 2025

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### Silence Before Mass

Parishioners are asked to keep a silent atmosphere in the church before Mass so that people are able to reflect and pray. If you wish to talk, please come out to the gathering space. Thank you for offering this continued space of prayer and reflection.



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Vigilance means this: not to allow our hearts to become lazy or our spiritual life to soften into mediocrity. Be careful because we can become "sleepy Christians"—and we know there are many Christians who are asleep, who are anesthetized by spiritual worldliness.... This is a sad life going forward this way since there is no happiness.*

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

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# ONE IN CHRIST

2024 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Catholic Diocese of Lexington

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

– 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

# The Waiting Time

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**A**dvent is a time of hope but also a time of waiting. Different than wishing, hope is the belief that, one day, all will be well. Teenagers eagerly wait to be out on their own, believing then all will be well. Students are eager to graduate and get away from papers to write, books to read, and exams to take—then all will be well. Some singles long to find a partner, marry, and settle down, believing—then—all will be well. Always there is the faith that, although life may not now be what we wish, the future will bring a time when all will be well. We are inveterate people of hope.

Yet life is a process that cannot be rushed. Author Annie Dillard once watched a butterfly hatch from a cocoon. A bit impatient, she decided to gently warm

the cocoon and so hasten the process. It worked, except by rushing the process the butterfly's wings were undeveloped, too weak to fly. All that we hope and long for in life must happen at its own pace, faithful to the process.

How, then, do we negotiate the waiting? The Gospel's encouragement is to pray, but not for what we want. Rather, we are to pray for the strength to stand with hope before the Son of Man, trusting that God will bring forth the goodness we need. Though it may be different than what we seek, it will be what we need. ●

## Reflect

*How can you better enjoy times of waiting?*

May the Lord make you  
increase and abound in love  
for one another and for all...  
to be blameless in holiness  
before our God and Father at  
the coming of our Lord Jesus  
with all his holy ones.  
1 THESSALONIANS 3:12-13



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**Monday**  
December 2  
*Advent Weekday*  
Is 2:1-5  
Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday**  
December 3  
*St. Francis  
Xavier, Priest*  
Is 11:1-10  
Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday**  
December 4  
*Advent Weekday*  
Is 25:6-10a  
Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday**  
December 5  
*Advent Weekday*  
Is 26:1-6  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday**  
December 6  
*Advent Weekday*  
Is 29:17-24  
Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday**  
December 7  
*St. Ambrose,  
Bishop and  
Doctor of the  
Church*  
Is 30:19-21,  
23-26  
Mt 9:35-10:1,  
5a, 6-8

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



Readings for the Week



# Dear Padre,

*I've been Catholic all my life, but I don't understand Advent. It's too much like Lent and seems an odd way to prepare for the birth of a baby.*

In a society that is primarily secular, one skill of the believing Christian is the ability to balance competing realities. From a secular perspective, Christmas is part of the period identified as the "holidays," beginning with Thanksgiving until New Year's Day, when it abruptly ends and stores begin advertising Valentine's Day.

For Christians, Christmas is the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the great promise fulfilled after centuries of waiting and expectation. The creative energy of the Father is displayed in wonder and awe as the angels sing and people of good faith gather to celebrate. We join our ancestors in anticipation of this event through the liturgical season of Advent, a time of waiting and preparation.

The Christian holy day is a singular day, the feast of the Nativity of the Lord—Christmas—but the Church continues the celebration of God's life and love through the days that follow, culminating in the Baptism of the Lord, the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus.

We are invited to hold the secular and the liturgical experiences in an integrated balance. We can celebrate the secular holidays and we can enter the liturgical season that helps us contemplate something much grander and more spectacular. ●



Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

## Our Weekly Offering

11/24/24

Loose: \$106.50

Envelopes : \$685

CCHD: \$10

Online : \$75

Total Weekly Offering: \$876.50

## Birthdays

12/3 : Brandon Dials

12/4 : Beatrix Atienza

12/5: Katie Braman & Jackie Caudill

12/6: Jani Sizemore

## Pope Francis Prayer Intention

December .For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

## Upcoming Events

12/1 : Advent Begins, Christmas Decorating

12/3 : Becoming Catholic 7-9

12/4 Rosary, Word & Communion & Adoration



## Prayer List

Joey Napier, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Deedee Wells, Sherrian & Amose Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Roger Noyes, Willow Brockman, Tina Dawhare Fields, Mark Fields, Valarie Maggard Dye, Marleen Combs, Robert Caldwell, Don Davis, The Rice Family, Neal Boggs, Jackson Varela, Julie and Jonah Spencer, Jace Combs, Mandi Dishner, Brandon Robinson, Michael Whitaker, Thomas Stidham, Roy Pulliam Quentin Davis, Nancy Kelly, Bobby Muncy, Grayson & Kaitlin Baker, Chuck Brunty, Al Pratt, Joe Vogel Sr., Margie Fields, Cordis Bishop, Randy Damron, Myla Atienza, Maria Brama, Ronnie Hurt, Sandy & Phillip Craft Jaranda Brunty, Kazmir Sparkman, and Abby Turk.

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.

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## Prayer Family

The Sizemore Family