

November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64: 2-7
Psalm 80
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Mark 13: 33-37

May We Progress in This New Year of Grace
 To Know Jesus Christ In Others

The passage from the Prophet Isaiah is intriguing. It arouses my curiosity. Isaiah questions God, "Why do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?" Does God really let us wander from him? Who does the wandering?

Today we begin a new year of Grace. The First Sunday of Advent is the new year for Christians. And we begin again journeying in the direction of salvation. We cry out to God for direction, guidance, and his Grace. Amidst the challenges we are facing we surely need to assess, plan, and move forward hopefully on the road to salvation.

That the Church brings us through yearly and seasonal cycles becomes clearer in times of challenge. The chance to pause and evaluate where we have been, where we are now and where we will go shows its value. In His mercy God provides us with the opportunity to consciously move in a direction that not only permits us to overcome the mistakes and sins of the past but to boldly step out in a direction that is better than the past.

As we learned in the latter part of the year just ended, we are in the world but not of the world. While the Church stands distinct from the world its mission is to make disciples of all who are in the world. We who are the Church are to gladly reach out to other people. We share the joy of God's presence. Thus, we implore God to come to us.

Perhaps it is better said we open ourselves to God. God is always present to us just waiting for us to accept him. Regardless, the new year gives us an opportunity to freshen our relationship with God and all the people. Thus, we say in our response to Psalm 80, "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."

It is evident there is division among people in the world, in our nation and in our local communities. We must admit it. Such is not something that has cropped up recently. It has been growing for a few decades now. The nationalism and vitriol that has become so intense lately is the final symptom of the trend. But there is opportunity right now to change to a more understanding way of being.

The recurring opportunity in the Church to start again each year is a positive thing. This year Mark's Gospel asks us, "Who do you say that I am?" That is Jesus speaking. If we get closer to answering that question, we might get closer to a greater empathy for each other and those even outside our immediate circle. The Gospel story expresses an urgency. "Be watchful! Be alert!" That is be aware of who the Lord is and, moreover, where he may be found. In whom may The Lord be found?

This year of Grace let us watch. Let us look to recognize who Jesus is in the midst of all that is around us. May we see Jesus in the persons around us and beyond. May we progress in this year of Grace coming to know Jesus the Christ in all we meet. By doing so we may be renewed and ever closer to Peace on Earth.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
Second Sunday of Advent
Is40:1-5,9-11;2Pt3:8-14;Mk1:1-8

STEWARDSHIP
Time, Talent, Tithing
Attendance last week: WILL BE IN
Tithes Collected: NEXT WEEKS'
Online Giving: BULLETIN
Total:
Thank You!

VOCATIONS
 Happy 40th Anniversary Fr. Dennis!
 On December 13th, the Third Sunday of Advent, Fr. Dennis will celebrate his 40th Anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. He will preside at the 10:45am Liturgy. Many of his friends and people he has led to the Lord will be joining us here for the celebration.
 We look forward to the celebration!

LITURGY FOR NOVEMBER 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: (Make Ready the Way/R. Piercy)

- PRIEST:** Make ready the way of the Lord!
 Make God a straight path!
- ALL:** Make ready the way of the Lord!
 Make God a straight path!
 Make ready the way of the Lord!
 Make ready the way, make ready the way of the Lord!
- Priest:** Light and peace in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
ALL: **Thanks be to God!**
- Priest:** Come, O Lord, change our hearts!
 Emmanuel, God is with us.
ALL: **Come, O Lord, change our hearts!**
Emmanuel, God is with us.
- Priest:** A time for hope!
ALL: **Change our hearts!**
- Priest:** A time of joy!
ALL: **God is with all**
Come, O Lord, change our hearts! Emmanuel,
God is with us
- Priest:** Prepare the way!
ALL: **Change our hearts!**
- Priest:** and make the path straight!
ALL: **God is with us!**
Come, O Lord, change our hearts! Emmanuel,
God is with us
- Priest:** Come help us bring peace!
ALL: **Change our hearts!**
- Priest:** Your kingdom come!
ALL: **God is with us!**
Come, O Lord, change our hearts! Emmanuel,
God is with us

Psalm 80: LORD, MAKE US TURN TO YOU; LET US SEE YOUR FACE AND WE SHALL BE SAVED. /D. Pérez-Cuan)

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OFFERTORY HYMN: Maranatha/G. Westphal

**Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus. Give your people hope.
Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus and lead your people home.**

1. Lord of Light, fill the night. Many have lost their way.
O Rising Dawn, shine upon, darkness shall be no more.
2. O King of Kings, love you bring. The world is made anew. O Prince of Peace, make us free, justice for humankind.
3. Comforter, rescue us. Destroy our sinfulness.
O Counselor, mighty Lord, teach us what we must know.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, promised so long ago. Emmanuel, Emmanuel, God is with us at last.

COMMUNION HYMN: There is a Longing/A. Quigley)

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us. There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.

1. For justice, for freedom, for mercy hear our prayer. In sorrow, in grief, be near, hear our prayer, O God.
2. For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer. In weakness, in fear: be near, hear our prayer, O God.
3. For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer. In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.
4. Lord save us, take pity, light in our darkness. We call you, we wait: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

POST COMMUNION HYMN (O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)
O Come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel. That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appears.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high. Who ord'rest all things mightly; to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her way to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

RECESSIONAL HYMN: (Come, Lord Jesus/Angrisano/Tomaszek)

Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come and fill my heart with your life. Hold me close, Lord, hold me tight, and come, Lord Jesus, come.

1. Where there's despair in life, Lord, let me be your voice of hope. Where there's injury, Lord, let me be your voice of peace.
2. Where there is sadness let me be your comfort and your joy. When there's fear in our hearts let me be a sign of faith.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Michael Beard, Karen Becker, Mary Benivegna, Kyle Brincat, Margarita Bogle, Tom Carver, Sean Chin, Robert Clark, Mary Collis, John Cooper, Logan Costante, Gregoria Daen, Sam DeMarco, Ines DeSalle, Roseanne DeSimone, Lisa DeStasio, John Dooney, Nelson Douaihi, Peggy Duff, Susan Fabbri, Lisa Findlay, Megan Forrester, Joshua Freeman, Richard Gossett, Ana Gilajota, Stephen Goch, Keri Greenan, Tyler Harrison, Cindy Hogman, Kara, Nancy Hernandez, Tiffany Kentosh, Butch Klinger, John LaNeve, Rey Lizcano, Judith Kolo, Tamika Lee, Bernie Ligget, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Betsy McMahan, Clare McMahan, Frank McNeil, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Thomas O'Brien, Barbara Perry, Della Mae Reblin, Lucy Reitano, Coleen Riley, Dee Ripple, Matilda Rivier, Charles Rousseau, Anthony Ruggiero, Theresa Schluter, Brad Schroder, Ellen Seaman, Roger Sherman, Jim Smullen, Vivian Spasiano, Rick Steffan, M. Stoufer, Richard Taylor, Antoinette Teresi, Constantino Thomas, Margarita Verano, Peggy Weiss, Ed Wrisley, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 28

- 4:00 p.m. † Joseph Pavlik by Sandi Shofner
† Mary Stupi by Maryann & Paul Surprenant

Sunday, November 29

- 9:00 a.m. † William Blaha by Patsy Jones
10:45 a.m. † James Campbell by Pat O'Neil
Kurt Donald by Anita

Monday, November 30

- 8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, December 1

- 8:00 a.m. † Daniel A. Murphy by Daniel T. Murphy

Wednesday, December 2

- 8:00 a.m. † Kevin Chase by Daniel T. Murphy

Thursday, December 3

- 8:00 a.m. Ronald Joseph by Youseline

Friday, December 4

- 8:00 a.m. † Anita Polt by Family

Saturday, December 5

- 4:00 p.m. † Deceased Casey & Scott Family
by Elizabeth Scott
† Mary Stupi by Joanne Adamik

Sunday, December 6

- 9:00 a.m. † James Riedy by Friends
10:45 a.m. † Casimir & Marie Kolodziejki by son JP
† Dottie Jewett by Sharkey Family