

Readings and Mass Intentions

SUN, NOV. 29 - First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14/
1Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

8:00 a.m. Mass David Parent †

10:30 a.m. Mass Susan Michaelson †

MON, NOV. 30 - St. Andrew

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/
Mt 4:18-22

TUE, DEC. 1

Is 11: 1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/
Lk 10:21-24

WED, DEC. 2

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,6/
Mt 15:29-37

9:00 a.m. Mass Bobbie Belanger †

THU, DEC. 3 - St. Francis Xavier

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/
Mt 7:21, 24-27

9:00 a.m. Mass Ione Dunn †

FRI, DEC. 4 - First Friday Adoration


Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

9:00 a.m. Mass Bobbie Belanger †

SAT, DEC. 5

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

5:30 p.m. Mass..John Patrick Forrest, Sr.+



HOLY REDEEMER'S PRAYER INTENTION BOOK
Please continue to remember and pray for all those listed in the prayer intention book and those listed below.
Remember in Prayer
Ray Devlin

Returning our Treasure in Thanksgiving

Financial Information thru the week of Nov. 21st and Nov. 22nd:

Weekly Need:	\$11,350.00
Weekly Actual:	\$10,560.75
2nd Collection (Campaign for Human Development):	\$2,094.52
Attendance: 719	
Church Debt Loan Balance: \$347,458.45	
Property Loan Balance:	\$436,438.60
(as of 10/20/15)	

Blessed Among Us Clement of Alexandria Christian Apologist (ca. 150-ca. 215)

Clement was the director of a Christian school in Alexandria, Egypt, at the time the center of Hellenistic culture. Little is known of his life. Apparently he was born in Athens and traveled widely in a quest for wisdom before converting to Christianity. As a Christian philosopher he strenuously opposed the anti-intellectual bias of many Christians. "What has Jerusalem to do with Athens?" asked his contemporary Tertullian. Clement's answer was that "Greek philosophy provides for the soul the preliminary cleansing and training required for the reception of the faith." He believed that God's wisdom had been communicated in some form to every people. The task of the Christian apologist was to seek out that primordial wisdom in the culture of a people - Greek philosophy in his case - and to build on that formation in expounding the Gospel.

While Clement pioneered the adaptation of the Gospel to the positive features of his culture, he was adamant in opposing those gnostic Christians for whom the Gospel was entirely subordinated to Greek philosophy. In contrast he affirmed the value of the created world, defended the role of free will, and expounded the virtues of Christian marriage.

For many centuries Clement was venerated as a Catholic saint. He was dropped from the Roman martyrology in the sixteenth century.

"There is but one river of truth, but many streams pour into it from this side and from that." - Clement of Alexandria



THE SEASON OF ADVENT

The word "advent" comes from the Latin *adventus* meaning "arrival" or "coming", particularly of something having great importance. The Advent wreath and the colors of Advent are probably the most popular symbols of the season. Each week we wait and light a different candle in anticipation of His birth. The purple candles represent the primary color of Advent and symbolize repentance. The rose colored candle used during the third week represents joy and reveals a shift in the season away from repentance and toward celebration. The white candle symbolizes the purity of the Christ child.

God Is Near

Stories and Reflections For Advent
Be sure to pick up your Lenten booklet. We hope you will find this helpful on your journey through this Advent Season.



Advent

Penance Service

Please plan to join us for the beautiful sacrament of Reconciliation. May our hearts be filled with the peace and joy that this sacrament can bring this Advent season.

Monday, Dec. 7th at 7:00pm



Angel Wings

Hopefully you were able to take a wing from our tree last weekend. If you didn't and would like to participate, please call the parish office to see if any wings remain available. Remember the gifts are due back to the parish unwrapped by **Dec. 6th**.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| Nov. 29: No Faith Formation Classes | Dec. 2: RCIA 7:00 PM |
| Nov. 30: Rosary Making 9:00 AM | Dec. 3: A.C.T.'s Meeting 6:30 PM |
| Nov. 30: Adult Faith Formation 6:30 PM | Dec. 4: First Friday Adoration 9:30 AM |
| Nov. 30: Boy Scouts 7:00 PM | Dec. 6: Children/Youth Faith Formation
9:05 AM-10:20AM |
| Dec. 1: Men's Group Meeting 6:30 PM | Dec. 6: Baptism Prep Class 9:00 AM |
| Dec. 2: Wednesday Morning Ladies
9:30 AM | Dec. 6: Breakfast with Santa 11:30 AM |
| Dec. 2: Youth Group 6:30 PM | |

A Manger for Baby Jesus

Advent is a time for us to connect with God in prayer, and with others through helpfulness and kindness. The empty manger represents simple and humble hearts that are ready to welcome Jesus when he comes. Advent is the time to rid ourselves of distractions, self-centeredness and superficial longings and replace them with charity and loving expectation so that Jesus will find a cradle of love in our hearts in which to rest.

We would like to make our manger more welcoming for the baby Jesus. We ask that you offer up every good deed, every helping and kind act you perform, and every time of prayer that you give to Jesus this Advent season. As a symbol of your gift, place a small amount of straw in the manger in the church to symbolize your weekly gift to Jesus. Parents, please encourage your children of all ages to participate. The straw is next to the manger, simply put a few pieces in the manger before Mass. By Christmas, Jesus will find a comfortable manger made up of our charitable acts.



Christmas Mass Schedule

- Christmas Eve, December 24th**
 Mass @ 4:30 (children's program) &
 Midnight Mass
- Christmas Day, December 25th**
 10:30 am
- New Year's Day, January 1st**
 10:30am

DIOCESE NEWS



Patriotic Rosary

St. Patrick Cathedral
Monday, November 30th, 2015
 From 7:00 to 8:00PM
 (free rosaries will be available)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Rachel's Corner

"The retreat restored my life. I feel whole again, alive and capable of love." –Testimony after a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

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Next retreat February 26

CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOPPING OPPORTUNITIES! St Stephen Gift Shop in Weatherford will be open extended hours Wednesday Dec 2 and Dec 9 from 1 to 3 pm. Also, on Saturday Dec 5 and Dec 12 from 1 to 5:30 pm. Normal business hours are Saturday 4-5:30 pm, Sunday 9:15-10:45 am and Noon until 12:30 pm. Crucifixes, Bibles, Rosaries, Jewelry, Christmas Décor, Advent Wreaths and much more!! Come and See!

THANK YOU TO ALL

**WHO ARE CALLED TO SERVE:
 SAT, DEC. 5 • 5:30 PM MASS**

ALTAR SERVERS

PS - Olivia Caggiano PS - Kate Mayer

READERS

Jim Hughes Garrett Gibson

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Bobby Zeigler Steve Weaver
 Elizabeth Weaver Karen Marsh

Roxanna Young

USHERS

Bobby Zeigler Tom Merkley

Rose Young

SOUND

Larry Mask

SUN, DEC. 6 • 8:00 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS

PS - Scott Tudor PS - William Rudd

READERS

Barbara Anderson Clay Melton

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Clay Melton Jackie Voss
 Paulette Brodie Jan Ford

USHERS

Jeff Hensley John Brown

Kandi Smith

SOUND

Robert Speer

SUN, DEC. 6 • 10:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS

PS - Courtney Andrews

PS - Clayton Crawford

READERS

Mark Fluker Chester White

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Arturo Sandoval Maria Sandoval

Carolyn Pierel Chris Lane

Sandy Moore Monica Collins

Maureen Munson Melissa Watzlavik

Maureen Munson Val Grooms

Margaret Edmonston

USHERS

Sheila Hill Caitlyn Andrews

Nathan Garner Stephen Grammer

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Robert Speer

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