

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**November 29, 2020****“O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL AND RANSOM CAPTIVE ISRAEL!”**

So we begin this 4 week Advent Season of waiting, joyful expectation, patience, prayer, preparation and perseverance as we hasten to Bethlehem to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. How many times we hear in Scripture, “Do not be afraid!” As we deal with this pandemic, polarization of our nation, social unrest and a myriad of other fears, we can only imitate Mary, the Mother of Jesus, who gives us a wonderful example of faith, trust, and prayerfulness. Like Mary, we keep watch for the coming of our God, not with fear, but with trusting hope. Like Mary, we welcome Jesus, the Light of the world that overcomes the darkness of uncertainty and fear. Like Mary, we know that God is always with us, for He is Emmanuel. Like Mary, do we really believe?

A NEW LITURGICAL YEAR. On this First Sunday of Advent we begin the Cycle “B” readings for Sunday liturgies and Year 1 for weekday liturgies.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION. Every Thursday during Advent, the church will be open from 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Considering these desperate and difficult times, we need the opportunity to beseech our Lord in fervent prayer for his healing graces for both the physical and spiritual sickness that is besetting us, and to open our hearts in peace and preparation for his holy birth. We will conclude with Litany of Mary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

ADVENT GIVING TREE. Please feel free to take a gift suggestion ornament from the Giving Tree near the St. Lawrence statue. There are also some gift bags by the tree which you can use for your gift donations. Once again, we will be bringing some Christmas joy through the charitable work of Westside Catholic Center and Birthright.

ADVENT CALENDAR FOR THE FOOD PANTRY.

Along with today’s bulletin is a food suggestion for each day of Advent to help keep our Food Pantry well stocked during the winter months. You can fill your Advent Food Box at home and bring it into the church on Christmas Eve or you can bring your gifts every week if it is more convenient. This is a wonderful project for the entire family, as we are reminded that Christmas isn’t just about receiving gifts, but also giving from the heart.

TODAY’S PSALM RESPONSE:

“Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.”

Last Sunday’s Offering: \$4,882.00**For the Needy: \$865**

Church Needs: \$100 in memory of husband Ivan, \$20 in memory of Mollie Jurecic and \$20 in memory of Josephine Strle from Maria Novak; \$1,000 in thanksgiving for her sister Karen Nemec for her birthday and in appreciation for her loving care to family from sister Bernie Barnette; \$100 to the food pantry in memory of Mollie Jurecic and William Tomsick from Jim and Madeline Debevec; \$50 in memory of Mollie Jurecic from Mike & Gloria Orsog; \$50 in memory of Mollie Jurecic from Mary & Bill Musick; \$40 in memory of Ani Zajec from Jaculin Nieser Puntel.

Your generosity to the Parish is appreciated!

FIRST FRIDAY CONFESSIONS will be heard from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m. this Friday, December 4th.

USE COMMON SENSE!! With the spike in Covid cases, please wear masks (alligators and bandanas do nothing), maintain social distancing, wash your hands frequently, use hand sanitizer. We have had hand sanitizer dispensers in each entrance way of the church since the first week of June. When in church, please keep 6 feet away from other people unless you are all family members. Remember that the ushers’ room and cry room are off limits, except to use the rest rooms. Please use common sense, and stop the whining. This too shall pass.

IS ST. NICHOLAS COMING? O you of little faith! Of course! While Good St. Nicholas will visit the Slovenian School students this Saturday, December 5th without all the angels of heaven and the threats of the devils, he wouldn’t think of disappointing the boys and girls who have been trying to be good all year long. Mask and all, St. Nicholas will distribute gifts to our students beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the parish hall. St. Nicholas asks that all students wear their masks and stay socially distanced.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY will be prayed on Wednesday, December 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Join us as we pray for healing of our nation.

2021 WORD & SONG MISSALS. Since no worship aids or hymnals are permitted to be left in the pews for our own safety, we ask that you pick up your own personal missalette for the new Liturgical Year, take it home with you and bring it to church whenever you attend Mass. The Word & Song Missallettes may be picked up by each of the church entrances.

ALTAR SOCIETY CORPORATE COMMUNION will be at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. There will be no Holy Hour nor meeting.

Masses for the Week of November 30 - December 6, 2020

Monday:	(11/30) ST. ANDREW APOSTLE
7:45 a.m.	Ciril Stepec (Family)
Tuesday:	(12/1) ADVENT WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Jože Štirn (Mary Miklavcic)
Wednesday:	(12/2) ADVENT WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Julia Fabish (Marlene Sanek)
Thursday:	(12/3) ST FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST
7:45 a.m.	Mollie Jurecic (30 Day)
Friday:	(12/4) ADVENT WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Dorothy Spental (Family)
Saturday:	(12/5) ADVENT WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Robert & Jane Hozjan (Grandchildren)
5:00 p.m.	Tomaž, Helena & Srečo Gaser (Joe & Martha Gaser)
Sunday:	(12/6) SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Altar Society
12:00 noon	Deceased of Umek & Dujmovič Families (Mary Umek)

Please Pray for Our Sick: Rev. William Jerse, Brenda & Lou Prebevsek, Tom Adamich, Mladen & Dusanka Lengel, Zdravko Novak, Tim Petric, Tom McNulty, Gabriel Mazi, Maria Nitsche, George Rozman, our government.

May They Rest in God's Peace:

ADVENTNI KOLEDAR ZA SHRAMBO HRANE. Poleg današnjega Oznanila je nasvet za hrano za vsak dan v Adventu, da pomagamo napolniti našo Shrambo hrane dobro založeno v zimskih mesecih. Vi lahko napolnite Adventno škatlo hrane doma in prinesete v cerkev na Božični večer ali prinesete vaša darila vsak teden če vam je bolj primerno. To je lep projekt za vso družino, ko smo opomnjeni, da Božič ni samo prejeti darila, ampak tudi dajati iz srca.

2021 ANGLEŠKI MOLITVENIKI. Ker ne smemo pustiti molitvene knjige v klopeh, za našo lastno varnost, prosimo, da vzamete mašne knjige kot vašo last za novo Liturgično leto in ga prinašate v cerkev kadar pridete k maši. Knjige lahko poberete pri vseh vhodih v cerkev.

Velika zmota bi bila samo na svetnike se zanašati, Boga pa pozabiti. Svetniki niso vsemogočni, le Bog nam pomaga po njih priprošnjah. (bl. Anton Martin Slomšek)

Vsak kristjan, ki mu je dana vera v Jezusovo vstajenje, si lahko reče, da se mu je prikazal Vstali. Prikazal neviden, v globini tistega, ki ga izreka v Veri. (Alojz Rebula).

DANES JE PRVA ADVENTNA NEDELJA.

“VI OBLAKI GA ROSITE ALI ZEMLJA NAJ GA DA!” Tako mi začenjamo ta 4 tedni Adventni čas, čakanja, radostnega pričakovanja, potrpljenja, molitve, priprave in vztrajnosti, ko mi hitimo v Betlehem za praznovanje rojstva našega Odrašenika Jezusa Kristusa. Kako velikokrat mi slišimo v Sv. Pismu, “Ne bojte se!” Ko se ukvarjamo z pandemično polarizacijo našega naroda, družbeno v nemirjenosti in nešteto drugega strahu, mi lahko samo posnemamo Marijo, Jezusovo Mater, ki nam daje lep zgled vere, zaupanja in molitve. Kot Marija, mi čakamo na prihod našega Boga, ne s strahom, ampak z zaupnim upanjem, Kakor Marija, mi sprejememo Jezusa, Luč sveta, ki premaga temo negotovosti in bojazni. Kakor Marija, mi vemo, da je Bog vedno z nami, zato, On je Emanuel. Kakor Marija, ali mi tudi verujemo? **NOVO LITURGIČNO LETO.** Na to prvo Adventno nedeljo začenjamo Leto “B” berila za nedeljsko liturgijo in Leto 1 ob delavnikih.

EVHARISTIČNO ČEŠČENJE. Vsak četrtek v Adventu, bo cerkev odprta od 2:00 do 6:30 zvečer za privatno molitev pred Najsvetejšim. Upoštevanje te brezupne in težke čase, mi potrebujemo priložnost, da prosimo našega Gospoda v goreči molitvi za njegove milosti ozdravljenja za oboje, fizično in duhovno bolezen, ki nas oblegata in naj odpre naša srca v mir in pripravo za njegovo sveto rojstvo. Zaključili bomo z litanijami Matere Božje in blagoslovom z Najsvetejšim.

UPORABITE ZDRAVO PAMET!! Z naraščanjem Covid 19, prosimo nosite maske (aligatorji in bandane ne naredijo nič), držite daljavo, večkrat umijte roke, uporabljajte sanitizer za roke. Mi imamo sanitizer dispenser pri vseh vhodih v cerkev že od prvega tedna v juniju. Ko ste v cerkvi, prosimo držite 6 feetov razdaljo od drug drugega, razen če ste člani ene družine. Ne pozabite sobi za jokajoče otroke in pobiralce so omejene, razen če rabite stranišče. Prosimo uporabite možgane katere vam je dal Bog in neahajte nergati. To bo tudi prešlo.

OLTARNO DRUŠTVO ima skupno sv. obhajilo v nedeljo 6. decembra pri maši ob desetih. Molitev sv. ure in sestanek odpade. **SPOVEDOVANJE ZA PRVI PETEK,** bo od 7:00 do 7:30 zjutraj v petek 4. decembra.

PATRIOTIČNI ROŽNI VENEC, bomo molili v sredo, 2. decembra ob 6:30 zvečer v cerkvi. Pridružite se nam, ko molimo za ozdravljenje našega naroda.

DREVESCE OBDAROVANJA. Prosimo vzemite ornament z nasvetom darila z drevesca, ki je pri kipu Sv. Lovrenca. Pri drevescu so tudi vrečke za darilo, katere lahko uporabite za vaš dar. Spet bomo prinesli nekaj Božične radosti po dobrodelnem delu v Westside Catholic Center in Birthright.

ALI SVETI MIKLAVŽ PRIDE? OH TI, TAKO MALO VERE! SEVEDA PRIDE! Dobri Sv. Miklavž bo obiskal učence Slovenske šole to soboto 5. decembra brez nebeških angelov in groženj parkelnov. On ne bi razočaral dečkov in deklic, ki so skušali biti pridni vse leto. Z masko bo Sv. Miklavž začel deliti darila našim učencem ob 11:00 uri dopoldan v župnijski dvorani. Sv. Miklavž prosi, da vsi učenci nosijo masko in so razdaljeni od drug drugega.

ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:

RAZJASNI SVOJE OBLIČJE IN REŠENI BOMO.