

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT****December 5, 2021**

**ADVENT, A TIME OF JOYFUL ANTICIPATION AND PREPARATION.** On this Second Sunday of Advent, we hear the voice of John the Baptist calling us to repentance, to prepare the way of the Lord so that we may joyfully welcome the King of all. As we continue on our Advent journey to Christmas, may our joyful spirit stand as testimony that we are a people redeemed, a holy people, a hope-filled people in spite of the cares, concerns and anxieties of daily life.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,** our nation's patronal feast day and a Holy Day of Obligation is Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. It was only proper and just that the Most Holy Son of God, Jesus, should dwell only in a body that had been preserved from the stain of original sin. "Mary the font, Christ the Cleansing Flood; Mary the cup, Christ the Saving Blood. Mary the temple, Christ the temple's Lord. Mary the shrine, Christ the God adored."

**MINISTRY OF ALTAR SERVER.** As most of you have noticed, since the pandemic lockdown, we have lost most of our altar servers. Often times, this leaves us with only one or no altar servers at our Sunday Masses. We invite our young people from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older, whether in grade school, high school or college to consider participating in this important ministry of the Church. We also invite our adult parishioners to consider serving at Mass. We sometimes think that being an altar server is only for children. But at our cathedral and numerous other parishes, the majority of altar servers are adults.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR WOMEN & MEN RELIGIOUS.** Thousands of elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes, often for little pay. Now many of these religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aged members. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps keep a roof over their heads and provides for health and nursing home expenses. Please be very generous in giving back to those who gave us so much. (This annual national collection for Retired Religious does not help or benefit diocesan priests.)

**FALL FESTIVAL REPORT.** We are happy to report that after paying all of our Fall Festival expenses, we realized a total net profit of \$13,665.87. Of this, \$4,937.93 was from the raffle (255 people making ticket returns) and \$8,727.94 from the actual festival. Once again, our gratitude and thanks to everyone who supported the festival, especially our volunteers. Without your selfless generosity of time and talent, we'd never be able to do what we do for the good of the parish.

The Following are our Raffle Prize Winners:

- 1st Prize \$1,000: Marlene Sondergard
- 2nd Prize \$400: Tom & Michaelene McNulty
- 3rd Prize \$250: Terri Zupancic
- 4th Prize \$250: John Cain
- 5th Prize \$200: Tom & Michaelene McNulty
- 6th Prize \$200: Lucy Rozman
- 7th Prize \$100: Joseph Ogrinc
- 8th Prize \$100: Mihela Lesica
- 9th Prize \$100: Matthew Manning
- 10th Prize \$100: Arisa Sciarappa

**TODAY'S PSALM RESPONSE:**

**The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.**

**Last Sunday's Offering: \$4,549**

**Church Needs:** \$50 in memory of Janez Švigelj from wife, Antonia; \$100 in memory of parents Andrew & Josephine Fajdiga, sister Lillian Goryance and daughter Mary Ann Sovich Keylor from Josephine Sovich; \$100 in honor of the Baptism of Rozalia Marija Bruner from parents Zachary & Maria Bruner; \$50 in memory of Maria Nitsche from Florian & Pat Osredkar.

**The Following in Memory of Karl Zajec:** \$25 from Tone & Ani Medved, \$25 from Jeffrey & Gina Rotsky, \$25 from David & Anna Barret, \$25 from Mark & Joanne Celestina, \$50 from Mari Celestina, \$20 from Paula & Frank Dolinar, \$100 from Ioannis & Susan Giagtzoglou, \$50 from Milena Gobetz, \$100 from Ralph & Kathy Grajzl, \$50 from Joe & Mary Grcar, \$80 from Charles Grosel Family, \$50 from Tony & Vida Hauptman, \$20 from Joseph & Cecilia Horvat, \$175 from Clem & Fran Hren, \$200 from Ed, Carol, Connor & Meghan Hren, \$30 from Pavle & Pepca Hren, \$150 from Rudy & Mary Ann Hren, \$30 from Sophie Kosem, \$25 from Marinka Lah, \$20 from Amelia Maslac, \$50 from Ed & Sonja Mejac, \$50 from Tony & Chris Mihelic, \$50 from Mark & Debbie Mohar, \$25 from Anne Nemeec, \$25 from Zdravko & Andrea Novak, \$50 from Joe & Ani Omahen \$50 from Joe & Bernie Omahen, \$100 from Jože Omahen, \$100 from Nace & Vida Omahen, \$100 from Sonia Omahen, \$50 from Veronica Petric, \$50 from Jim & Cathy Poznik, \$50 from Jeff & Jo Randlett, \$50 from Frances Stepec, \$150 from Tom & Maria Stepec, \$100 from Rick & Judy Suydam, \$25 from Mary Tominc, \$30 from Edi Veider, \$200 from Dennis & Margaret Wylie & Family, \$50 from Louis Zajec Family, \$100 from Mark & Martina Jakomin, \$100 from Terri & Roman Liscynsky, \$30 from Rudolph Knez, \$30 from Anna Knez, \$100 from Adolph & Madeleine Znidarsic, \$100 from John & Terry Young, \$100 from Tony & Sherry Mohar, \$50 from Jim & Madeline Debevec.

**Your generosity to the parish is appreciated!**

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS.** If you wish to donate for Christmas Flowers and decorations for the church at Christmas in memory of your loved ones, please use one of the special envelopes by the church entrances.

**ADVENT GIVING TREE.** Please take a gift suggestion ornament from our Giving Tree, near the statue of St. Lawrence and return your unwrapped gift no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>. Again this year, we will be providing Christmas gifts for Westside Catholic Center and Birthright on E. 185<sup>th</sup> St.

**CHILDREN'S OFFERING ENVELOPES.** Boxes of Children's Offering envelopes for the year 2022 can be picked up in the entranceway by the priest's sacristy. All children from 1<sup>st</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade should have their own contribution envelopes, not only to teach them the responsibility and importance of supporting their parish, but also to help them understand their importance as members of a parish community.

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**ST. JOSEPH KSKJ LODGE # 169** will have its annual Christmas Party for members next Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

**SLOVENSKA PRISTAVA PENSIONERS** will have their annual Božičnica on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall. Doors open at 1:00 p.m.

**HILLCREST CONCERT BAND** will present a free concert in the parish hall on Tuesday evening, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is very welcome to this Christmas Concert to help put us in the Christmas spirit.

## Masses for the Week of December 6-12, 2021

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>(12/6) ST. NICHOLAS (Bishop)</b>
7:45 a.m.	Bill & Nada Manieri (Tim Spahlinger)
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>(12/7) ST. AMBROSE (Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church)</b>
7:45 a.m.	Jože & Ivanka Kete (Theresa Babuder)
7:00 p.m.	Theresa Kocin (M/M Joe Wojtila)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>(12/8) THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>
8:00 a.m.	Ana Medved (Tone & Ani Medved)
7:30 p.m.	Parishioners
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>(12/9) ST. JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN</b>
7:45 a.m.	Ivan & Veronika Kavaš and Brigita Kosednar (Daughter & Sister Elizabeth Žalik)
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>(12/10) ADVENT WEEKDAY</b>
7:45 a.m.	Poor Souls
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>(12/11) ST. JOHN DAMASUS I (Pope)</b>
7:45 a.m.	Eleanor Pavsek
5:00 p.m.	Mary Grozdanik (Sisters Judith & Christine)
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>(12/12) THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Josef Lah (Wife Marinka & Family)
12:00 p.m.	Edi Gobetz (Wife Milena)

Lectors/Extraordinary Ministers  
(Weekend of December 11th/12th)

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Jeanne Matuch/Lou Drasler
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Joanna Pope/Cathy Cerer
	10:00 a.m.	Urška Pisorn/Martha Rozman
	12:00 p.m.	Joe Valencic/Marie Kushner

**Please Pray for Our Sick:** Joseph Gorn, Tom McNulty, Ted Jenda, Pauline Barbish, Mladen & Dušanka Lengel, Mimi Cendol, Anica Knez

**May They Rest in God's Peace:**

+Robert Klancher  
+Agnes Valencic  
+Rev. Edwin Leonard,  
St. Columbkille, Parma



**KSKJ DRUŠTVO SV. JOŽEFA #169**, bo imelo svojo letno Božičnico za člane naslednjo nedeljo, 12. decembra ob 2:00 popoldan v župnijski dvorani.

**UPOKOJENCI SLOVENSKE PRISTAVE**, bodo imeli svojo letno Božičnico v torek 14. decembra v župnijski dvorani. Vrata bodo odprta ob 1:00 uri.

**HILLCREST KONCERT GODBA**, bo predstavila brezplačni koncert v župnijski dvorani v torek zvečer 14. decembra ob 7:30 uri. Vsi ste dobrodošli na ta Božični koncert, da nas pomaga pripeljati v božično razpoloženje.

## DANES JE DRUGA ADVENTNA NEDELJA

**ADVENT, ČAS VESELEGA PRIČAKOVANJA.** Na to drugo nedeljo v Adventu mi slišimo glas Janeza Krstnika ki nas kliče naj se spokorimo da pripravimo Gospodovo pot, tako da moremo veselo sprejeti Kralja od vsega. Ko mi nadaljujemo našo adventno pot v Božič, naj naše veselo razpoloženje bo kot dokaz, da smo ljudje odrešeni, sveti ljudje, upanja polni ljudje, čeprav so skrbi, zadeve in nemir vsakdanjega življenja.

**PRAZNIK BREMADEŽNEGA SPOČETJA**, zavetni praznik naše dežele in zapovedan praznik, je v sredo 8. decembra. Bilo je upravičeno in primerno, da najsvetejši Sin Boga, Jezus, biva samo v telesu, ki je bilo zaščiteno od madeža izvirnega greha. "Marija, posoda časti vredna; Kristus, odrešilna milost. Marija, kelih; Kristus, rešnja kri. Marija, tempelj; Kristus, Gospod templja. Marija svetišče, Kristus Bog česčenja."

**SLUŽBA MINISTRANSTVA.** Kot večina od vas ste opazili, da od zapiranja zaradi pandemije, smo izgubili večino naših ministrantov. Velikokrat smo samo z enim ali nobenega ministranta za nedeljske maše. Mi vabimo naše mlade ljudi od 3. razreda in starejše bodisi v osnovni šoli, višji šoli ali univerzi, da premislite za sodelovanje v tej važni cerkveni službi. Mi tudi vabimo naše odrasle župljane da pomislijo ministrirati pri maši. Včasih mislimo, da biti ministrant je samo za otroke. Toda, v naši katedrali in tudi številnih drugih župnijah, so večina odrasli ministranti.

**DAROVANJE BOŽIČNEGA CVETJA.** Če želite darovati za božično cvetje in okras za cerkev ob Božiču v spomin na vaše rajne, prosimo, da uporabite eno posebnih kuvert pri vhodih cerkev.

**POKOJNINSKI SKLAD ZA REDOVNICE IN REDOVNIKE.** Tisoč ostarelih sester in bratov in redovniških duhovnikov je služilo leta v Katoliških šolah, bolnicah in župnijah, velikokrat za malo plače. Sedaj mnogo teh redovniških skupnostih nimajo dovolj pokojninskih prihrankov in se s težavo prebijajo da preskrbijo za ostarele člane. Vaš dar za pokojninski sklad za redovnike, držati streho čez njihove glave in preskrbeti za zdravje in domu za ostarele stroške. Prosimo, bodite zelo velikodušni v vrnitvi tistim, ki so dali nam zelo veliko. (Ta letna narodna nabirka za 'Retirement Religious' ne pomaga ali koristi škofijskim duhovnikom.)

**ADVENTNO DREVESCE DAROVANJA.** Prosimo vzemite okras z predlaganim darom iz našega drevesca darovanja zraven kipa Sv. Lovrenca in vrnite nezavite darila najkasneje do 15. decembra. Tudi letos mi bomo preskrbeli božična darila za Westside Catholic Center in Birthright na E. 185<sup>th</sup> St.

**POROČILO JESENSKEGA FESTIVALA.** Veselo poročamo da po vseh naših stroških Jesenskega Festivala, je čisti dohodek \$13,665.87. Od tega, \$4,937.93 je od srečk (255 ljudi so vrnili srečke) in \$8,727.94 dejansko od festivala. Še enkrat, naša hvaležnost in zahvala vsem ki so podprli festival, posebno naši prostovoljci. Brez vaše nesebične velikodušnosti časa in talenta, mi nebi nikoli mogli storiti kar mi naredimo za dobrobit župnije. Za imena dobitnikov žrebanja, prosimo, poglejte na angleško stran oznanila.

**OTROŠKE NEDELJSKE KUVORTE.** Škatlice otroških nedeljskih kuvert za leto 2022 lahko pobere v veži pri zakristiji. Vsi otroci od 1. razreda do 12. razreda bi morali imeti svoje lastne kuverte za prispevek cerkvi, ne samo učiti jih odgovornost in pomembnost podpirati njihovo župnijo, ampak tudi pomagati njim razumeti njihovo pomembnost kot člani župnijske skupnosti.