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November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

MARK'S JESUS

Mark's Gospel is the shortest and tersest of all four. The discourses of Jesus tend to be terser as well. Mark's portrayal of Jesus has none of the poetry of the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain as in Matthew or Luke, nor the extensive, reflective "I Am" discourses as in John. Mark's Jesus "cuts to the chase," we would say today. This is reflected quite well in today's passage.

It is no accident that the dialogue of Jesus at this point in the Gospel according to Mark—the concluding words about the end of the world—immediately before his passion, is riddled with exclamation points and an overall sense of urgency.

We would do well to re-tool our own way of living this Advent, for we live in a world urgently in need of hearing the message of Jesus proclaimed. It's time for us to "wake up!" and get out into the world to do it.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;

Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;

Mt 7:21, 24-27

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

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;

Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14;

Mk 1:1-8

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent Monday: St. Andrew, Apostle

Tuesday: World AIDS Awareness Day

Thursday: St. Francis Xavier Friday: St. John Damascene

Friday: First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday

FEAST OF FAITH

What Is the Mass?

What is the Mass? There is no simple answer to that question. The Church uses many different images and terms to describe our most important prayer. The Mass is the celebration of the Eucharist, a Greek word that means "thanksgiving." It is the Lord's Supper. It is the Breaking of the Bread. It is the memorial of the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. It is the Holy Sacrifice, in which the sacrifice of Christ on the cross is perpetuated. It is the holy and divine liturgy, the sacred mysteries. It is the source and summit of our Christian lives, the new covenant, the work of the Holy Spirit, the paschal mystery. The many different words and images that we use when we speak of the Mass are not signs of confusion, but of wonder at what the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1328) calls the "inexhaustible richness" of the Eucharist. The Mass, our greatest prayer and our deepest mystery, is celebrated every day, many times a day, the world over. The Eucharist is both "bread from heaven" and "daily bread." The Mass is our everyday miracle.

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UNWRINKLED

To keep the heart unwrinkled, to be hopeful, kindly, cheerful, reverent—that is the triumph over old age.

—Thomas Bailey Aldrich

LIKE A CHILD

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's.

BIG AMBITION

Give up your small ambitions; come with me to save the world.

—St. Francis Xavier

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

Please pray for the joyful rebirth into the eternal celebration of God's love for the departed

Natalie Wlezen Maura Atherton

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September Budget: \$66,000 Actual: \$75,243 Surplus: \$9,243

October Budget: \$66,000 Actual: \$61,717 Shortfall: \$4,283

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Your prayers have been a tremendous source of healing, empowerment, enrichment, and prophecies for all of the sick of Our Lady of Peace, especially those listed below.

Join us daily by sharing your spirituality and prayer devotions for the sick.

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And for the seriously ill children
of our Parish:
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Martin Viau

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Sean Sebastian



Sean Sebastian Andy Shreckengost



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November 18, 2020

Dear Friends of Our Lady of Peace Church,

Thank you for supporting the ministry of our school! Recently, our school was incredibly blessed to receive a number of items donated to our school from your parish; items that included classroom furniture, technology, and textbooks. We are beyond grateful for this generous support. These donations came at a moment that our school truly needed them!

At Tolton Academy we are *a community forming scholars and saints*. We are a school located in Chicago's Park Manor neighborhood, and we are committed to providing a quality Catholic education for our scholars. We value the investment so many make in the life of our school community—and now, Our Lady of Peace Church joins those who are investing in the lives of our students.

We are grateful for the support of Fr. Mark Baron and Kellie Moore. We are grateful to your entire parish for helping us during this difficult time. This pandemic has challenged all of us, but the support from your parish has helped us continue to provide both in-person and remote learning options for our scholars. It is such a blessing to know that because of your generosity we have been able to ensure that all of our preschool and kindergarten students have access to their own technology devices!

Please know of all of our continued prayers for your community! I pray that God continues to bless your parish abundantly and continues to use you to make an impact in this world! On behalf of all of the scholars at Tolton Academy, *THANK YOU!*

In God's Peace,

Rev. Matthew S. O'Donnell

Pastor



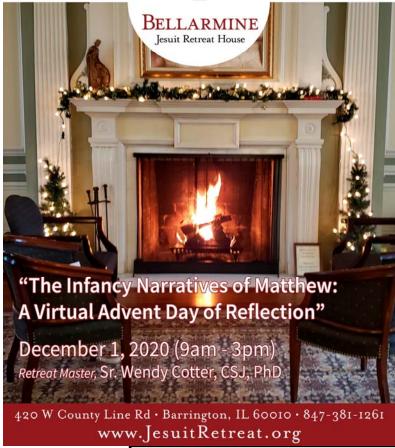
















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For more information about the CMAA before Giving Tuesday, please follow @DOJCMAA on Facebook or Twitter or visit jolietdioceseappeal.org.



We've moved our parish offices to the school!

Please note that as of November 25th, the phone service at the new office space has yet to be repaired. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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MARRIAGE:

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Our Parish is a wonderful setting to celebrate your Sacrament of Marriage. Couples must make arrangements at least 1 year before your proposed wedding date to allow for ample time for Marriage Prep.

Please contact **Deacon Larry Fudacz at 630-323-4333 Ext. 20.**

BAPTISM:

Baptisms are celebrated on the second and on the fourth Sunday of each month immediately following the 12 Noon Mass. We ask that the parents be registered members of the parish. First time parents <u>must attend</u> one hour (plus) of <u>Pre-Baptismal instruction</u> held on 2nd or 3rd Tuesdays of February, April, June, August, October and December at 7p.m. in the School Library. The Pre-Baptismal class may be taken <u>before</u> the birth of the child.

Please contact Deacon Frank Vonesh for more information at 708-793-3505.

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