

EPIPHANY



November 27, 2022

“So it will be also at
the coming of the Son
of Man”

First Sunday
of Advent

WELCOME to Epiphany

INCARNATION



ADVENT

The first Incarnation of God did not happen in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago. That is just the moment when it became human and personal, and many people *began to take divine embodiment as a serious possibility*. The Big Bang is really the first moment of Incarnation in our universe, before Jesus even took on human flesh. God takes shape in color, movement, shape and texture — incarnate and present in each living thing. From the moment of our universe's inception, along the slow stages of evolution, and through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, we see that life is headed somewhere good. We can trust that death simply brings new forms of love making itself known.



About God's Word

THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Sunday, Nov 27, 2022

The most wonderful time, indeed

"It's the most wonderful time of the year" as some popular lyrics go, and a lot of us agree. Andy Williams made the tune famous, but composers Eddie Pola and George Wyle wrote it. Ironically, Pola and Wyle were Jewish. Yet they assisted Williams in earning the title "Mr. Christmas" with their composition. The song celebrates holiday parties, caroling, mistletoe, good cheer, and loved ones near. But for believers, the season beginning today is really about anticipation and Incarnation, light illuminating the darkness, and God coming near. We know what time it is. Make this Advent a genuine celebration of hope.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44 (1). *"You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep."*

Monday, Nov 28, 2022

Time to get ready!

With the Thanksgiving holiday weekend wrapped up, Catholics yesterday began the Advent journey to Christmas. The word *advent* comes from Latin for "to come." All the days from now until the celebration of the birth of Jesus are preparation for his coming. Preparation in this case means remembering to be ready with a spirit of both penance and joy. Did you set out an Advent wreath on your dinner table yesterday? For many, it's the first of many Christmas decorations to come out—with festooned trees not far behind. The wreath is more than just a pretty adornment but also a daily reminder to pray as you count down each week with a new candle. Start the season out right by blessing your wreath with a prayer.

ADVENT WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11 (175). *"Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith."*

Tuesday, Nov 29, 2022

Listen with the ear of a child

"Advent is not a time to declare, but to listen, to listen to whatever God may want to tell us through the singing of the stars, the quickening of a baby, the gallantry of a dying man," wrote Christian writer Madeleine L'Engle, born this day in 1918. L'Engle is especially known for her children's books, including *A Wrinkle in Time*, which won the 1963 Newberry Medal. This Advent, consider what it might be like to imitate the Christ Child instead of the adult Jesus. As *A Wrinkle in Time* tells us: "To love is to be vulnerable; and it is only in vulnerability and risk—not safety and security—that we overcome darkness."

ADVENT WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24 (176). *"Although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike."*

Wednesday, Nov 30, 2022

Be first to follow the Lord

It's no coincidence that Saint Andrew the Apostle is linked to Advent (which traditionally begins on the Sunday closest to his feast day). In Eastern Christianity he is known as *protokletos*, "first called," because it was Andrew, who had been a disciple of John the Baptist, who persuaded his brother Simon (whom we know as Peter) to follow Jesus with his words, "We have found the

Messiah!" Andrew also has a devotion linked to Advent, known as the Saint Andrew Novena. Try it out and see if it supports and deepens your living out your own call.

FEAST OF ANDREW, APOSTLE

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22 (684). *"At once they left their nets and followed him."*

Thursday, Dec 01, 2022

Build on higher ground

Anyone who has followed the news over the past year has seen more images than ever of people coping with floods. Families waiting on rooftops, people stuffed in boats, neighbors wading through murky water. Jesus constantly used images to make his point, including the image of discipleship as a solid house that stands firm during storms and floods. "Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies," Saint Teresa of Calcutta once said. Are you building a strong, flood-proof house in the small things you do each day?

ADVENT WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27 (178).

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock."

Friday, Dec 02, 2022

Walk with each other

Today, the church remembers martyrs Jean Donovan, Maura Clarke, Dorothy Kazel, and Ita Ford, brutally murdered for standing with the poor in war-torn El Salvador in 1980. Their witness still speaks profoundly to us today as we encounter our own wars, violence, and suffering, especially among the most vulnerable. And still, we struggle to know what to do. Let us take courage as we ponder the questions posed by Ita Ford in 1977: "Am I willing to suffer with the people here, the suffering of the powerless? Can I say to my neighbors, 'I have no solution to this situation. I don't know the answers, but I will walk with you, search with you, be with you?'"

ADVENT WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31 (179). *"Let it be done for you according to your faith."*

Saturday, Dec 03, 2022

Missionizing begins at home

Many of the practices of the great "missionizing projects" of centuries past are seen as problematic in our age, with its greater sensibility of the rights of indigenous peoples to worship freely as they wish. So, while the legacy of one of the patrons of foreign missions, Saint Francis Xavier, is a mixed one, it is significant to note that he always provided for ongoing pastoral care of the communities he missionized and also advocated for an educated native clergy (rather than foreign-born leadership). None of us acts with perfect justice, but each of us finds oneself living in a unique historical moment, called upon to help church and society live up to the best and most noble qualities of our tradition.

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS XAVIER, JESUIT PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180). *"At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd."*

Christmas Giving Opportunities

Plaza Christmas Trees Of Love

Buy one in memory of a loved one.

Shine Christ's Light on our neighborhood and provide food and blessings to or homeless neighbors

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<https://epiphanychurch.nyc/christmas-donation-page-2022>

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Sunday, December 11th
10:30am - 1:00pm

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EVENTS

NOV.27 - DEC. 4



**11:00am Family Mass &
Sunday Scripture Program**
12:00pm Hunger Sunday
12:30pm Parish Alpha
7:30 Young Adult Mass



12:10pm Mass
**12:30pm Miraculous
Medal Novena**



11:00am 22 Club
12:10pm Mass
2:30pm Prayer Corps (ZOOM)
7:00pm Connect



12:10pm Mass
12:40pm OLPH (Church)
6:30pm Cub Scouts
**7:00pm Breaking Open
The Word via Zoom**



12:10pm Mass
6:00pm Christmas Movie



12:10pm Mass
1:00pm Legion of Mary
2:00pm Pocket Prayer Shawl
6:30pm Sant Egidio



10:00am Parenting Ministry
3:00pm Rosary w/ Ladies of Charity
4pm Vigil Mass



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7:30 Young Adult Mass

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For application information and to
schedule a tour,
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Announced Masses 2023 (Offering \$20)

Reservations for announced Masses in 2023 will be accepted beginning Wed, November 2. Mass reservation forms are available in the narthex of the church, on the parish website, and in the rectory office. Guidelines for submitting requests are provided on the reservation form.

Remembrance & Special Intentions

A wonderful way to remember our loved ones who have passed on and to pray for special intentions, while giving back to God

Altar Bread & Wine (\$50 / week)

Sanctuary Lamp (\$20 / week)

Please make these arrangements at the rectory.

MASSES

Monday-Friday 12:10pm

Saturday Vigil: 4pm

Sunday 11am & 7:30pm

THIS WEEK'S

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 26

4:00pm Lillian & George Conard, Jack Warmbrand & James Lee

Sunday, November 27

11:00am the Kennedy & Stout families

7:30pm Carol Ann Roberson

Monday, November 28

12:10pm Antonia Astorina

Tuesday, November 29

12:10pm Carmine Marotta

Wednesday, November 30 *Feast of St. Andrew*

12:10pm Anant Bhavsar

Thursday, December 1 *Memorial of St. Francis Xavier*

12:10pm Virginia R. Brown

Friday, December 2

12:10pm intentions of Hector Diaz Sr.

Saturday, December 3

4:00pm Patricia Bertucci

Sunday, December 4

11:00am Jeanette Gaffney

7:30pm Dennis Shea

Monday, December 5

12:10pm Kevin F. Fitzgerald

Tuesday, December 6

12:10pm the Brown family, living & deceased

Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Bread & Wine

Nov 27 - Dec 3

Carol Ann Roberson

Advent Candle Nov 27 - Dec 3

**Lillian & George Conard, Jack
Warmbrand & James Lee**

**May their souls and the souls of all the
faithful departed, rest in peace.**

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