

**November 27-28, 2021**

**FIRST Sunday of ADVENT**

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

**First Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

**Luke 21:25-36**

**FRESH BEGINNINGS....a NEW START...here we go!!!**

Given the turbulence of these past two years, THIS Advent offers us the tantalizing HOPE of a more peaceful YEAR TO COME. While our focus has been wrenched by the myriad travails accompanying the Covid Pandemic, this FRESH opportunity, **ADVENT**, offers us the opportunity to re-order our priorities, to REMEMBER the stories we have heard for many, many years and now apply those stories to the confusions and upheavals from which we are beginning to emerge. Aside from Covid, we each have our own struggles and confusions, our own yearnings for God's intervention. These are the weeks in which to START FRESH, to brush ourselves off and re-introduce ourselves to God...and to allow God to re-introduce himself to us. Our assorted media, filled with Christmas-oriented advertisements, are primarily about the business of making MONEY. Within the walls of Santa Clara de Asis, our ADVENT messages will be about WELCOMING SOMEONE...the person we know as JESUS, the eternal son of God, who...once again...is renewed within our hearts and minds so that we may have strength and resilience as we face the many struggles that will naturally come our way in the year to come. Something wonderful is about to happen within EACH OF US...ADVENT is our opportunity to get ready and prepare a dwelling place for Jesus within our hearts!

**Glory to God**

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you; we bless you; we adore you; we glorify you; we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten son, Lord God, lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer, you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the lord, you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Responsorial Psalm Response:**

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

**Profession of Faith – The Apostles Creed (during Advent)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and of earth and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. AMEN.

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.

**Our Father**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

**Thank you for depositing this SINGLE USAGE Worship Aid in one of the WHITE trash receptacles at the back of the Hall.**

On this busy, busy, busy Thanksgiving Weekend, THANK YOU for setting aside the time to come to Mass and inaugurate our NEW YEAR of FAITH!! Please take note that our **ADVENT RECONCILIATION opportunity will be on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm**, with 9 priests participating...so as to help you cleanse your souls in anticipation of Christmas. THEN...on NEXT SUNDAY, December 5<sup>th</sup>, our Faith Formation Teams for Children, Teens and Adults will be presenting a SPECIAL ADVENT EVENT, beginning with the 10am Mass and including lunch and presentations and activities following. **Please note that ALL THE PRESENTS FOR OUR ADOPTED FAMILIES from Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish need to be brought to the Parish Offices NOW...**because they are all being delivered to the families at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish NEXT Saturday!!! (Thank you again for your generosity and kindness !!) **NEXT WEEK....AS WELL...we will accept a SECOND SPECIAL COLLECTION...to AID OUR AMERICAN RETIRED RELIGIOUS Sisters and Priests.** This has become something of a traditional Advent event, an opportunity to give BACK to those who gave their lives to pass along the stories of Jesus to US!!! The Collection Basket will be available in the middle of the Hall for your contribution...THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!! Welcome to the NEW LITURGICAL YEAR, a FRESH opportunity to meet Father, Son and Holy Spirit...and please remember, just as in the year just concluded...YOU ARE LOVED!! FKB