

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2017

Sunday, December 3

First Sunday of Advent

8:30 **BW** The Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **BW** Garhard Wedekind from the Mohr Family

12:00 **BW** Alvin Ober from Bernadene White

Monday, December 4

12:10 Peter Wilton from the Charles Family

Tuesday, December 5

12:10 Jack Cameron from Carolyn and Elmer Jones

Wednesday, December 6

12:10 Mike Martinez from Mike and Chris Ryan

Thursday, December 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:10 Alvin Ober from Mary Louise Gallagher

7:00 Evelyn Meier from Diana Allen

Friday, December 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Bill Rust from Margie Niesen

12:10 Purgatorial Society

Saturday, December 9

Saint Juan Diego Cuanhltlatotzin

12:10 Robert Pernotto from Tom and Mary Ann Myers

7:00 **BW** Susan Castleberry from Gus and Barbara Juengling

Sunday, December 10

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 **BW** Evelyn (Rose) Meier (Birthday Remembrance) from Her Family

10:30 **TH** Special Intention for Mary Windholtz

12:00 **TH** The Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

Lectors and Lay Distributors for December 9th and December 10th

7:00 J. Christmann, M. Gregorio, M. Luehrmann, F. McCune, W. Russ, L. Solimine

8:30 Matt Howland, Tom Perrino, Michael Trotta

10:30 Michael Alfieri, Roland Becker, Timothy McMahon, Dennis O'Connor

12:00 Jim Condo, Ron Frey, Matt Schwietering

In the back of church are boxes from St. Vincent DePaul to take home and fill with food for a family of four for Christmas. Please return them by December 16-17th. A sheet of suggested items is in the box.

From the Pastor's Desk

Kenneth Staudinger and **Maria Barbieri** were united in the holy sacrament of Matrimony November 4th here at St. Rose Church.

Bradley Joseph Zinnecker and **Lauren Winters** were united in the holy sacrament of Matrimony November 4th here at St. Rose Church

Kevin Burkhart and **Amber Williams** were united in the holy sacrament of Matrimony November 25th here at St. Rose Church.

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of **William Robertson** whose funeral was this past week here at St. Rose Church.

St. Rose Penance Service will be December 18th at 7:00 PM

Mass Schedule for Sunday, Dec. 24th 8:30, 10:30, 12:00.

Christmas Eve Masses: 3:00PM, 5:00PM, 7:00 PM & 12:00 Midnight. Christmas Masses: 8:30, 10:30 and 12:00.

In the back of church are your envelopes and gift for 2018. If you have any corrections on the name or address or cannot find your envelopes, please call Rose Ann @ 871-1162.

All parishioners and friends are invited to our annual **St. Rose Christmas Party** on Tuesday, December 12th starting at 6:00 pm. Tickets are being sold after the masses in back of Church for \$10.00 a person. Please plan to join us for dinner and a festive carol singalong. St. Rose will provide the meat and dessert. We ask you to bring a side.

Mark your calendars for our fourth annual St. Rose Choir **Christmas Concert** on Sunday, December 17th at 4:00 p.m. Admission is free, and tickets are not required. An instant hit last year, you will not want to miss this beloved, heart-warming celebration of the Christmas season. We hope you'll join us!

The **St. Rose Cookbook** is still available to purchase for those who are interested. Great to use as a party gift, house warming gift, or Christmas gift; the cost is \$15.00. Call Rose Ann at 513-871-1162 to purchase one or more.



Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come...May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

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Opening Prayer

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

We are plunged into the First Sunday of Advent with a reading from Mark 13. Jesus speaks about the coming end time, encouraging Peter, James, John, and Andrew (and us) to be watchful, to be prepared, and to recognize the signs of the times. The passage concludes this ominous chapter with the key word “watch” that occurs in each but one verse. “Watch” is an appropriate word with which to begin our Advent season. We are to be prepared for the Lord’s coming, not knowing precisely when that will be. We, like the gatekeeper, keep watch in the evening, at midnight, at dawn, and in the morning. Like the early disciples, we know not when he comes, but that he is coming. Many novelists have written books using this chapter to discern precisely when the end time will be. Though Scripture clearly states that nobody knows the day or hour, these charlatans claim to know the month and year, and you can too if you buy their books!

Today we read this passage from Mark 13 not as a code book to discern the exact “when” of the end time, while wondering what the “desolating abomination standing” is and when that might occur. Rather, we recognize that Mark wrote at a time when the early Christians expected Jesus’ imminent return. Still, we can discern the signs of our own times and recognize the Lord’s coming, perhaps not in an apocalyptic sense, but in the Christmas incarnation. That is, Jesus, the Word of God, comes to us in flesh and blood. Jesus is the incarnation of God, and he comes to us sacramentally in the Eucharist. Each generation seems to say the end is near. While we are looking to the sky for signs of the end time, the Lord is in our midst in weakness and vulnerability.

Closing Prayer

On this First Sunday of Advent we recall, “No ear has ever heard, no eye has ever seen” greater wonders than what God has done for us. You, O Lord, are the Potter and we are the clay, the work of your hands. Shape us in your ways of justice and mercy, form us in your peace, and craft us in your love. Amen.

For Reflection:

• What has been my most difficult experience of watching—and how was I able to persevere to its fulfillment?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the opening prayer (in *The Roman Missal* called the “collect”);
2. One person read aloud the gospel;
3. Each read prayerfully “Reflecting on Living the Gospel” and spend some time in personal prayer;
4. Share together responses to “For Reflection”;
5. Pray the “Closing Prayer.”

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Gospel

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man traveling abroad.

He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore;

you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

What I say to you, I say to all: “Watch!”



Readings for the week:

**1st Sunday
of Advent**
Isa 63:16b-17,
Isa 64:2-7
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,
18-19
1 Cor 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37

Monday
Isa 21:1-5
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b,
4c-d, 5, 6-7, 8-9
Matt 8:5-11

Tuesday
Isa 11:1-10
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-
13, 17
Luke 10:21-34

Wednesday
Isa 25:6-10a
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4,
5, 6
Matt 13:29-37

Thursday
Isa 26:1-6
Ps 118:1 and 89,
19-21, 25-27a
Matt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday
Immaculate
Conception**
Gen 3:9-15, 20
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Luke 1:26-38

Saturday
Isa 30:19-21,
23-26
Ps 147:1-2, 3-4,
5-6
Matt 9:35-10:1,
5a, 6-8

**2nd Sunday
of Advent**
Isa 40:1-5, 9-11
Ps 85:9-10, 11-12,
13-14
2 Pet 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8