

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday, November 29, 2009  
11:00 am**

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**The Liturgy of the Word**

**Reading I**

Jeremiah 3: 14-16

**A reading from the book of Jeremiah**

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "the Lord our justice."

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 25: 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

R: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

**Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior, and for you I wait all the day.**

R: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

**Good and upright is the Lord; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, he teaches the humble his way.**

R: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

**All the paths of the Lord are kindness and constancy toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees. The friendship of the Lord is with those who fear him, and his covenant, for their instruction.**

R: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

## **Reading II**

I Thessalonians 3: 12 to 4: 2

### **A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians**

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord increase you and make you overflow with love for one another and for all, even as our love does for you. May he strengthen your hearts, making them blameless and holy before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones.

Now, my brothers, we beg and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, even as you learned from us how to conduct yourselves in a way pleasing to God – which you are indeed doing – so you must learn to make still greater progress. You know the instructions we gave you in the Lord Jesus.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

## **Gospel**

Luke 21: 25-28. 34-36

### **A reading of the holy gospel according to St. Luke**

Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: *"There will be signs in the sun, the moon and the stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish, distraught at the roaring of the sea and the waves. Men will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the earth. The powers in the heavens will be shaken. After that, men will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with great power and glory. When these things begin to happen, stand up straight and raise your heads, for your ransom is near at hand.*

*"Be on guard lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence and drunkenness and worldly cares. The great day will suddenly close in on you like a trap. The day I speak of will come upon all who dwell on the face of the earth, so be on the watch. Pray constantly for the strength to escape whatever is in prospect, and to stand secure before the Son of Man."*

**This is the gospel of the Lord.**

## **Thoughts from the Pulpit**

### **The First Sunday of Advent**

[Luke 21: 25-28. 34-36]

As we begin Advent, we think of the coming of Christ. We live between two comings of Christ – his first coming in humility and weakness, and his second coming in majesty and power. With each passing year, as St. Paul says, "our salvation is nearer than we first believed."

At the start of the new liturgical year the Church invites us to embark on a great journey – to follow the footsteps of Christ in all his mysteries so that we may live as he lived. Now, if you want people to embark on a journey, you have to give them some idea of the destiny of that journey. A vague shadowy goal is not much use. It must be real, concrete, and desirable. That is the reason why on this 1<sup>st</sup> Advent Sunday, the Church directs our eyes towards the end, towards the final destination of THE JOURNEY, towards the second coming of Christ when The Lord Of Salvation will close the chapter of the human journey and will open the glory of his Kingdom to all who were faithful to Him.

God has a goal for the world and God will attain that goal! The Lord is Coming!

The Gospel today offers us two indispensable pieces of advice. First, "be on guard lest your spirits become bloated." Bloated with what? The Gospel spells it out for us: "with indulgence and drunkenness and worldly cares." If the person's heart is "bloated," he is not free to read the signs of the Lord's coming. And second, "So be on the watch. Pray constantly."

When we follow God's advice from today's Gospel, we will witness something great: "When these things begin to happen, stand erect and hold your heads high, YOUR DELIVERANCE IS NEAR AT HAND."

For God prepares all this not for our destruction, but for our Salvation! For those who are faithful! Praise the Lord! Amen!

## **The Communion**

Welcome to participation in the Holy Eucharist. By receiving Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we fully participate in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should be baptized, should not be conscious of grave sin, and normally should fast for one to two hours. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive Communion without prior Sacramental Confession.

We always welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Communion. We pray that our common Baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions separating us.

## ***Announcements for November 29, 2009***

Please join us today after Holy Mass for coffee hour. Our thanks to Richard for providing us with today's goodies.

The next pickup date for pierogi/kielbasa orders will be Sunday, December 13. Please get your orders to Pat or Carol by December 6. Thank you.

Christmas wafers are available starting next Sunday, December 6, on the table at the back of the parish hall. Please place \$2.00 per pack in the basket on the table.

If you have names of individuals in need of our prayers and support as they heal, please let Pat know by Thursday of each calendar week. Thank you.

### **Weekly Calendar**

Monday, November 30      FEAST – ANDREW, APOSTLE

Tuesday, December 1      6:00 pm      Choir practice

Sunday, December 6      SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT with Benediction to the Blessed Sacrament

Intention: +

10:30 am      Bible Study for Children

11:00 am      Holy Mass with Benediction to the Blessed Sacrament

12:00 pm      YMS of R Breakfast

COMING UP: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18: Chicken and Biscuit Dinner for the Community: 4:30 to 7:00 pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19: Chicken and Biscuit Dinner following Holy Mass

***Have a wonderful week in the Lord.***

***See you next Sunday!***

### **Monthly Financial Summary**

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Weekly Income</b>	<b>Weekly Income Needed</b>	<b>Balance</b>
November 1	\$502	\$642	-\$140
November 8	\$ 577	\$642	-\$65
November 15	\$459	\$642	-\$183
November 22	\$808	\$642	\$166
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2346</b>	<b>\$2568</b>	<b>-\$222</b>