

The Second Coming of Christ.

It has been quite a year, the Jubilee of Mercy, the election process, and, of course, our building process and capital campaign at St. Luke. This week of course, Thanksgiving, black Friday and the inevitable ramp up to the holiday crunch.

Last Sunday, we celebrated the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, I want to say two things about that, because we are led into Advent from that feast. First, at the heart of our faith, despite whatever is going on in our world or whatever occupies our lives, we need to look to Jesus. That's why this feast day exists and leads us into Advent, to remind us of who is ultimately in charge. And from that central role we should have the hope and strength we need to make it through and help each other.

Second, this image of the second coming of Christ is not one we explore very much, yet each year, as we enter Advent, there it is. We don't enter Advent unaware of the Incarnation (Christmas), even as we look back and consider the long ages where only prophecy kept hope alive and the people moving forward. Prior to Christ's coming the world was in darkness, so our Advent readings keep coming back to the light that will come.

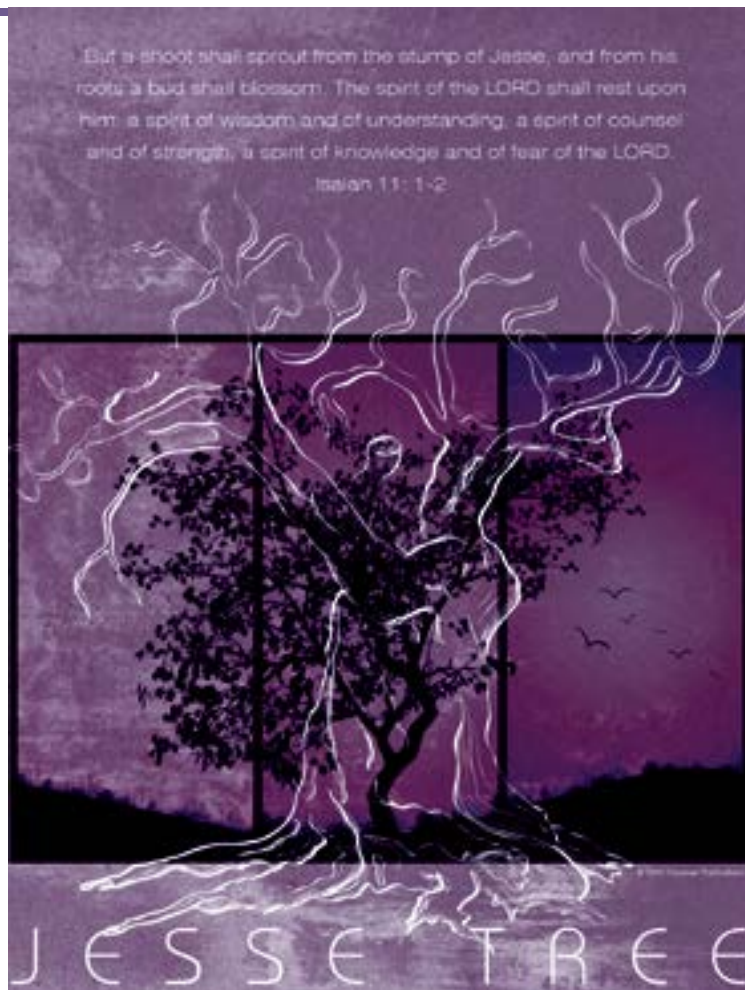
Christ's second coming is the culmination of the Kingdom of God – which I don't think is a kingdom like the monarchies that have ruled in our world – it is the making of Christ's message of love fully real. It is the day when “put up or shut up” is explicit before us and we must choose.

Step one to that day, our Advent quest, try to make Christ's life the life we live now – accept him fully in our hearts and let that transform our actions.

Step two, beyond our Advent quest, the day we see Christ in all his glory and with all our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ gathered together.

The second coming of Christ – let's make it our focus this Advent through what we do, so that when it ultimately comes at the end of time it will find us awake, ready and present before Christ who loves us.

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Readings for the week of November 27 - December 4

Sunday First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Monday

Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Andrew, Apostle

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

Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 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 Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9;
Mt 3:1-12



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Happening this Week in Our Parish

Sunday (11/27) 1st Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m.	Mass	For Our People	Parish Ctr
9:15	Faith Formation (K-2)		Parish Ctr
10:30	Mass	+ Judy Hokanson	Parish Ctr
5:30 p.m.	Mass	Blessings of Advent	Cook-DeWitt

Monday (11/28)

9:30 a.m.	Pastor Conversations		Biggby Allendale
12:10 p.m.	Mass	Success of Transition	Parish Office Trailer
12:30	Reconciliation		Parish Office Trailer
7:00	Exposition and Adoration		Cook-DeWitt Greenroom
7:00	Reconciliation		Cook-DeWitt Rm 120

Wednesday (11/30)

5:00 p.m.	Mass	For the Paulists	Parish Office Trailer
5:30	Reconciliation		Parish Office Trailer
6:00	Youth Group (6-12)		Kirkhof Thornapple Rm
6:15	Young Disciples (3-5)		Cook-DeWitt

Thursday (12/1)

8:00 p.m.	Catholic Student Ministry		Thornapple Rm
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Friday (12/2)

5:00 p.m.	Mass	For the Parish	Parish Office Trailer
5:30	Reconciliation		Parish Office Trailer

Sunday (12/4) 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m.	Mass		Cook-DeWitt
9:30	Children's Choir Rehearsal		Cook-DeWitt
10:30	Mass		Cook-DeWitt
5:30 p.m.	Mass		Cook-DeWitt

Ministries for Dec. 4

Lectors

8:00 a.m.	John Graveline (1st), Sandy Meyer (2nd)
10:30	Rick Meyer (1st), Sandy Meyer (2nd)

Altar Servers

8:00 a.m.	Kalib Perry, Jacob Vantrepott
10:30	Aaron Morgan, Simon Morgan

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

8:00 a.m.	Jeanne Benedict, Gene Smith, AJ Sujkowski
10:30	Barb & Bruce Grzegorzcyk, Linda Mitchell, Rod Morgan, Sally Forslund, Jon Noworyta

Ushers

8:00 a.m.	Sue Sandberg (lead), Jerry Casha
10:30	Tom Garvelink (lead), Kevin Devos, Sub Needed

Fund Raiser Church Vehicle

Do you hate taking back your pop & beer cans? Problem solved! Just bring them to the church and give them to Diane Emelander or Ginny Molenkamp. You may also drop them off to Diane's home at 10301 68th Ave. Allendale.

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First Sunday of Advent

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Things Liturgical

Transitions – with our pending shift of our worship space to the Cook-DeWitt Center auditorium, we wish to call some things to your attention:

1. Mass Times will remain the same.

Parking is not curbside, like here, so *please add* some time, at least 10 minutes, to your home departure/commute.

2. There will be a shuttle service available for those with mobility issues.

3. We will be an even more missionary church for the next couple of months:

a. We are guests in this space and need people to **volunteer to come early** (7:15 a.m.) to setup and to **stay late** (approximately noon) to tear down **for Mass every Sunday**. There will be guidance, but all the items we use will need to be moved from the campus office to the stage and returned properly (storage space is at a premium).

4. Over the last 10 years a sense of community has developed and we do not wish to lose that identifying trait! While some may find these days inconvenient and desire to go elsewhere, we **encourage you to continue** to be part of the ongoing life and mission of the Catholic Church as lived out in worship and action at St. Luke University Parish.

This transition time can be preparation so we can experience true joy when we move into our new church space.

Changes in daily Mass times... over the last few years we have had an additional "daily" Mass on the Mondays of Advent. With our space transitions, to an office trailer on-site and Cook-DeWitt, we are going to see if a 12:10 p.m. Mass on the Mondays of Advent might be of benefit to more people. We are also going to shift the Wednesday Mass to 5 p.m. The Friday Mass will continue at 5 p.m. Confessions will follow these Masses.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Season of Advent – many find celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation an appropriate way to help prepare to celebrate the Birth of Jesus of Nazareth. Along with our *regular times*, following the weekday Masses (office trailer) and Monday, when GVSU is in session, 7-9 p.m. in Cook-DeWitt room 120, one of the priests will be available for confession from 7-9 p.m. on

- Dec. 12 at Cook-DeWitt (Fr. Chuck) and the office trailer (Fr. Brad)
- Dec. 13 (Fr. Brad)
- Dec. 14 (Fr. Brad)
- Dec. 15 (Fr. Chuck)
- Dec. 16, 5:30-6:30 p.m. (Fr. Chuck)

You are also welcome to make an appointment.

SCRIP

Shopping with SCRIP makes for a splendid season!

Don't forget to purchase your prepaid cards before shopping (on-line or in the mall). Did you know that scrip is safer than using credit cards? In this day and age, credit card fraud and data breaches continue to crop up in the news. By completing your transactions with scrip gift cards, all your information remains safe. Whether you are in the store or online, paying with scrip prepaid cards ensures that no credit card information will be comprised. Stop by the scrip table next Sunday and talk to a scrip volunteer! Purchasing prepaid cards as gifts? We have gift card holders available for purchase as well.

SIMPLY GIVE (Meijer)

Through Dec. 31 the Standale Meijer has picked St. Luke's Food Pantry for their *Simply Give* campaign. Purchasing a *Simply Give* donation card, in increments of \$10, will give the Food Pantry an equal amount in a Meijer food-only gift card. **This campaign is only good at the Standale Meijer.**

Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal

Rehearsals for this year's Children's Christmas Choir begin next Sunday, Dec. 4 at Cook-DeWitt between the morning Masses.

Christmas Gifts for Love INC families

This year, we have adopted two families from LOVE INC and will also help provide Christmas gifts for Children in Foster Care. Each year, children are placed in Foster Care right before the holidays, and families may not have an opportunity to get them gifts. Social Services tries to help. There is a basket at church designated for dropping off the gifts. If you were unable to take a tag, or have questions, please contact Barb Grzegorzczuk at Barbgrz@outlook.com or 616-240-1783. Thanks for your support.

Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is a global campaign to turn away from commercialism and toward what really matters following the example Jesus set to help each other. Please consider focusing that generosity locally by donating online on Nov. 29 at the Catholic Charities West Michigan website: ccwestmi.org/get-involved/donate/.

Financial Update

Due to the holiday the financial update is not available this week. A new update will be available next week.