

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023



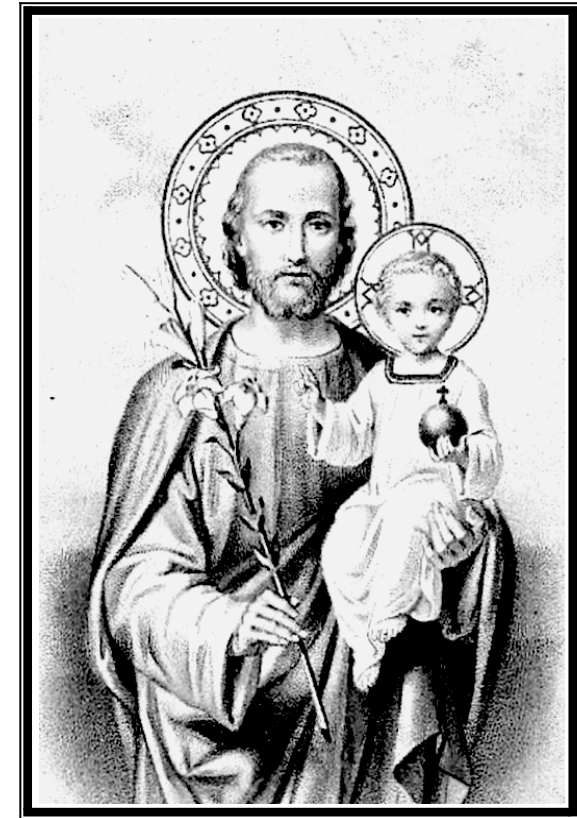
“See the fig tree and all the trees: when they now shoot forth their fruit you know that summer is nigh; so you also, when you shall see these things come to pass, know that the kingdom of God is at hand.”

At Christmas Jesus will be born in our hearts, for at that time the anniversary of His birth will be celebrated. He refuses nothing, to the prayer of the Church, His spouse, and thus He will grant to our souls the same graces which He gave to the shepherds and wise Kings.

Christ will come again also, at the end of all time, to “condemn the guilty to the flames, and call the just with a loving voice to heaven.”

The whole of to-day's mass is a preparation for this double Advent of mercy and justice. Some parts of it can be applied equally to either (e.g., the Introit, Collect, Gradual, Alleluia), while others refer to our Divine Redeemer's lowly birth, and others again, (e.g. the Epistle and Gospel), to His coming in the splendour of His power and majesty. The same welcome will be given to us by our Lord when He comes to judge us, as we give to Him now when coming to redeem us. Let us prepare for the Christmas feast by holy prayers and aspirations and by reforming our lives, that we may be ready for that last great assize upon which depends the fate of our soul for all eternity. And all this with confidence, for those "who wait upon the Lord will never be confounded" (Introit; Gradual; Offertory).

In former times, on this First Sunday of Advent, all the people of Rome made the station at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, to assist at the solemn mass which the Pope celebrated, surrounded by his clergy. This particular Church was chosen because it is Mary who gave us Jesus and because relics of the in which the Blessed Mother placed her Divine Child are preserved in this Church.



*Saint Joseph's
Traditional Roman Catholic Chapel
Traditional Latin Mass*

*29968 County 22
Harmony, Minnesota 55939*

Sunday, December 3

1st Sunday of Advent

Confessions 12:30 pm
Holy Mass 1:00 pm

(St. Francis Xavier)

Friday, December 8

Immaculate Conception BVM

Confessions 8:30 am
Holy Mass 9:00 am

(St. Macarius, M)

Sunday, December 10

2nd Sunday of Advent

Confessions 12:30 pm
Holy Mass 1:00 pm

(Translation of the Holy House of Loreto)

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MASS INTENTIONS may be submitted to Father for a stipend of \$25.00. If you wish a specific date, please submit well in advance. Mass Intention envelopes are available in the vestibule.

MEAL VOLUNTEERS: There is a new sign up sheet in the vestibule for the month of December to help provide Father with a meal-to-go after Mass. *Thank You* to all those who have been assisting with this Corporal Work of Mercy to feed the hungry; and supporting your parish priest.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND for May of 2024 is being coordinated by Fr. Benedict Hughes. Please see flyer in the vestibule and contact Fr. Benedict if interested.

BANNS OF MATRIMONY are announced for the third time for Nathan Rider and Doreen Christensen. If anyone is aware of any impediment to this marriage, please notify Father.

SAINT NICHOLAS will be coming to see the children after Mass today. Please gather downstairs in the basement to meet him!

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS – Upcoming Day of Recollection for the Confraternity of Christian Mothers will be held Saturday, December 16. It will begin with Holy Mass at 6:30 am.

SECOND COLLECTION for the CMD Sisters for the month of December will be today December 3rd.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Reminder that Friday, December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy day of Obligation. Attendance at Mass is obligatory and unnecessary servile work is forbidden. Even though it is a Friday, you may eat meat on this day, since it is a holy day.

DECEMBER 7TH -The vigil of the Immaculate Conception is a day of fast for those 21- 59 and complete abstinence for those 7 and older.

TOTAL CONSECRATION will be after Mass on the 8th.

ORDINATIONS: On Tuesday, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12th, there will be ordinations to the major and minor orders. Please keep those preparing for ordinations in your prayers.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – Please join us after Mass on December 17th, in the basement of the Church for our Christmas Program. All our welcome! Please bring some finger foods to share!

CHRISTMAS: Mass will be at midnight this year!

FINANCIAL AWARENESS: FROM THE PARISH BOARD:

For some time the chapel has been struggling at a deficit.

Please give generously if you can afford to.

Average Weekly Operating Costs: \$590

Average Weekly Collection (year-to-date): \$728

Last Four Collections: 11/5 \$649 11/12 \$957 11/19 \$962 11/26 \$657