

**OUR SAVIOUR PARISH**  
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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**SUN. DEC. 1, 2013 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:15AM -LAUDES/PRIME

\* 7:45AM - HOLY MASS (ENGLISH, ANCIENT FORM)

\*9:00 AM - HOLY MASS/BENEDICTION (ENGLISH)

+ Frank Holdyk - by Elizabeth & Victor McAlanis

\*10:30 AM (POLISH)

12:00 NOON - MIDDAY PRAYER

4:30 PM - VESPERS

6:30 PM COMPLINE

**MON. DEC. 2, 2013 - WEEKDAY MASS OF ADVENT - 9:00AM**

**TUE. DEC. 3, 2013 - WEEKDAY MASS OF ADVENT - 9:00AM**

**WED. DEC. 4, 2013 - RORATE MASS of the BLESSED VIRGIN (White)- 7:00AM**  
**WEEKDAY MASS OF ADVENT - 7:00PM**

**THU. DEC. 5, 2013 - WEEKDAY MASS of ADVENT - 9:00AM**

**FRI. DEC. 6, 2013 - WEEKDAY MASS of ADVENT - 9:00AM**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2013 - WEEKDAY MASS OF ADVENT - 9:00AM**

**SUN. DEC. 8, 2013 - SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT - (Mass & Prayer Schedule as above)**

• 9:00AM Mass Intention + Annette Kramer - by Elizabeth & Victor McAlanis

**TODAY'S ENTRANCE RITES:**

**LITANY - SUNG - pg. 64 in the Mass Booklets**

**HIGH MASS - RITE II - pg. 63 in the Mass Booklets**

**TODAY'S READINGS:**

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH**

This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

**READER - THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD! PEOPLE - THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**PSALM RESPONSE - LET US GO REJOICEING TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD!**

**(Repeat)**

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO THE ROMANS**

**Brothers and sisters: You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.**

**READER - THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD! PEOPLE - THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**+ A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW +**  
Jesus said to his disciples: “ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark, They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

**PRIEST - THIS IS THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD!**

**PEOPLE - PRAISE BE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The monthly parish committee meeting will follow the 9:00AM Mass immediately in the Fellowship Hall. Let us leave duties aside in order to start the meeting promptly.

**LITURGICAL NOTES:**

Today begins the holy season of Advent. As you have noticed, the dominant liturgical color of the priest and altar vestments is purple...the color which symbolizes penance and spiritual retrospection. And as we know, in close proximity to the beginning of ADVENT, falls the holiday of Thanksgiving, which we celebrated as a nation this past week. In fact did you know that this holiday, as pleasant as it is, was placed at the time it falls every year primarily to create a holiday shopping and merchandising period from the middle of November until Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>? Congress and FDR officially established it for THIS purpose. So, for most people, even many Christian Churches, the very idea of a period of quiet preparation to celebrate the Feast of the Nativity has been lost to what has become a new tradition...a retail rush. For these people, it is ALREADY CHRISTMAS. So we, as Catholics practicing the ancient faith must be on guard that we do not unthinkingly take on this mentality of the secular world...so as to preserve our faith and our identity. It is not yet a time for singing carols and putting up trees. Instead, every Sunday of Advent we light one candle of the ADVENT WREATH as the true Feast of Christmas approaches. In joyful expectation of that day, we use this holy season to put our own lives in order, doing penance for our sins, performing works of charity and intensifying our prayer lives, marking our time by a different clock...that is by the liturgical calendar and seasons of the Church. So then for us, the premature ringing of Christmas bells...should have a hollow and foreign ring as we are called to be “IN the world, but not OF the world” in our mentality as Catholic Christians. May your celebration of HOLY ADVENT, be for you a season of spiritual renewal and joyful expectation of the FEAST OF THE NATIVITY of CHRIST.