



Monday
DECEMBER 1

Advent
Weekday
Is 2:1–5
Mt 8:5–11

Tuesday
DECEMBER 2
Advent Weekday
Is 11:1–10
Lk 10:21–24

Wednesday
DECEMBER 3
Saint Francis Xavier,
Priest
Is 25:6–10a
Mt 15:29–37

Thursday
DECEMBER 4
Advent Weekday
Is 26:1–6
Mt 7:21, 24–27

Friday
DECEMBER 5
Advent Weekday
Is 29:17–24
Mt 9:27–31

Saturday
DECEMBER 6
Advent Weekday
Is 30:19–21,
23–26
Mt 9:35–10:1,
5a, 6–8

Sunday
DECEMBER 7
Second
Sunday of Advent
Is 40:1–5, 9–11
2 Pt 3:8–14
Mk 1:1–8

Advent

November 30, 2014 ♦ First Sunday of Advent (B)

When my mother became pregnant with my youngest sister, I was old enough to be involved with the preparations for her birth. We added a crib to the room she would share, and we gathered clothes and toys suitable for an infant. I wasn't sure we'd get everything ready in time, and it seemed like forever before she arrived. We didn't know exactly when she'd go into labor, but when she did, we each had a job to do at home while my father took her to the hospital. I was overjoyed when my mother brought her home just before Christmas.

Advent is the Church's time to prepare for new birth. My family had nine months to get ready for my sister. The Church calendar gives us only four short weeks to make our hearts ready to receive Christ.

How do we do that? The Scriptures help us by recalling both the promise of his coming and the exhortation to stay awake because we don't know when it will happen.

How odd, we might think. Christmas is always December 25—of course we know when Jesus is born. What we have to remember is that while Christmas celebrates Jesus' birth at a particular time and place over 2,000 years ago, it also reminds us that Christ is alive today, waiting for us to open our hearts to him. It reminds us that Christ is coming again and that we don't want to be caught napping when he does.

We also prepare by taking extra time to pray, to practice kindness and service, and to remember those in need.

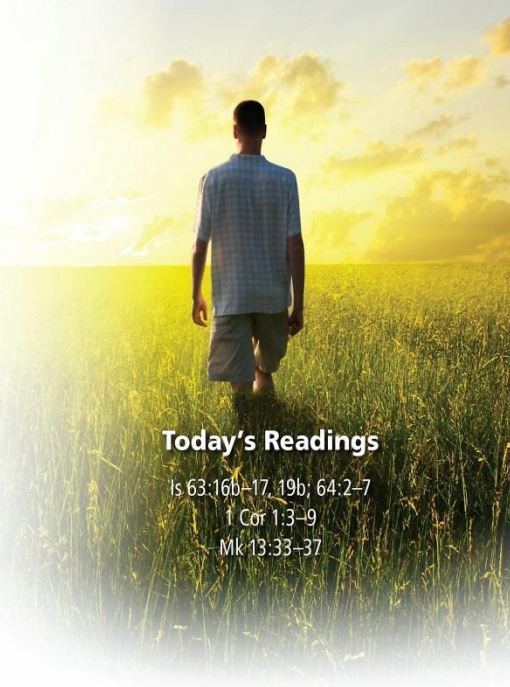
Where will Christ be born in you this Christmas? Will you be ready?

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waiting for us to open
our hearts to him.*

Today's Readings

Is 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7
1 Cor 1:3–9
Mk 13:33–37





1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



November 30 2014

St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Friday Adoration from 8:30
a.m. to 9:30 a.m

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**
Both Before Mass and by
Appointment.

Mass Schedule for this Week
Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule
Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family

St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions
Sat 5:30 pm spec int (T Osborne)
Sun 9:00am Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00 am spec int (T Osborne)
Tues 8:00 am spec int (T Osborne)
Wed 6:00 pm John Ladner
Thu 8:00am Kenneth W. Nelms Jr.
Fri 8:00 am Fr Pete spec int

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The season of Advent begins with this exclamation from the Lord. He urges us, "Be watchful! Be alert!" This is not the time for a spiritual snooze. Advent is meant to serve as a wake-up call for those of us Christians who have a tendency to start drifting off after a while. We get into our routines, find the patterns that work for us, and then run the risk of just going through the motions. Maybe we say a morning prayer with consistency but have begun to forget to really think about the words. Perhaps we rouse ourselves enough to get to Mass on Sundays, but when we're there we let our minds daydream. Some of us might have made spiritual resolutions to overcome a bad habit or to begin some regular program of service, but instead of following through with the hard work of perseverance, we gave up the effort and fell back into our previous rut.

Whatever the case, now is the time to shake ourselves free and to ask God to invigorate us once again. Now is the time to stop zoning out and start tuning in. Jesus' message today has the intention of getting our attention. He's doing what he can; the rest is up to us. As Advent begins, we would do well to pause for a few moments and reflect. What might be preventing me from being fully awake to my faith? What activities preoccupy my time and my thoughts? What bad habits blur my spiritual vision? How could I really listen to the voice of the Lord this Advent season? Saying a special prayer during these four weeks, committing to some spiritual reading, even simply putting an Advent wreath on the table: any of these things can help us stay awake as we continue watching and waiting for the coming of Christ. I hope that our Advent reflection booklets, available at the doors of church this weekend, will prove to be beneficial for

your spiritual journey as we prepare to celebrate Christmas.

Monday December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary which is a holy day of obligation. Under that title, Mary is the patroness of the United States. We will celebrate Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at St Ann Church.

Have a great week! May God bless all of us!

...Fr. Khoa

New Mass Time: Starting **next Saturday**, December 7, 2014, the Vigil mass will be at 4:00pm.

Thanksgiving Mass: Thank you Altar Society and all people who helped the Holy Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

Yard Sale: **Thank you Beverly and Loretta** and those who help the yard sale.

Christmas Flowers: There are envelopes for donations for Christmas flowers at each pew. Thank you for your generosity.

Calendar: New Calendar for 2015 arrived. They are available at the back of the church. Donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary Monday December 8th - Mass Times **8:00am and 7:00pm.**

RCIA: RCIA classes are on Wednesdays 6:30pm from September to May at Parish Chapel. Please contact Tim Brogdon at 344-5449. Thank you.

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| Sat Nov 29 5:30pm | Lisa Cuevas | Doris Snowden, Mike Mays, Diane Mays | Katie Ladner Boots Moran | Doug Ladner Kermit North. | Mary Ladner |
| Nov 30 7:30 | Sandra Ammons | Daniel Squillante | (OLC) | Gil Aguirre | (OLC) |
| Sun Nov 30 9am | Beverly Saucier | Valeria Ladner, Marlow Ladner, Robin Peterson | James Rines Nicholas | Robert Jimmy | Pat & Robin Peterson Fam. |
| Sat Dec 06 29 5:30pm | Dr. Lanny Acosta | Rita Acosta, Richard Dunlap, Henrietta Ladner | Katelyn Casey Boots Moran | Doug Ladner August Sch. | Ira Necaise |
| Dec 07 7:30 | Sandra Ammons | Daniel Squillante | (OLC) | Gil Aguirre | (OLC) |
| Sun Dec 07 9am | Sharon Leimer | Dale Babin, Carolyn Brewer, Kim Wood | Keegan Rylie Rines | Robert Pat Leimer | Lester Palmer Family |

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: ** 46Identifiable:
\$1,041.00; Loose: \$819.00; Total: **\$1,860.00**;
Children: **\$23.00**. Building Fund: **\$110.31**, Human
Development: **\$35.00**

OUR LADY OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:
Identifiable: **\$93.00**; Loose: **\$80.00** Total:
\$173.00.

Amount needed weekly **\$2,908.84.

Thank you for your generosity.

2015 Diocesan Directory: The Gulf Pine Catholic publishes an annual diocesan directory with detailed information about our diocese, its priests, religious, laity, parishes, schools, ministries, councils and organizations. The 2015 Diocesan Directory will be available in January. To get your copy, send \$10 cash or check to: Gulf Pine Catholic, 1790 Popp's Ferry Rd., Biloxi, MS 39532. Deadline is December 19.

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES

Bible Study: Classes are on **Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm, and on Thursday from 9-10:30am at CCD Building**. For more information, please contact **Ruth Schonewitz and Henrietta Ladner**

Religious Ed: CCD after 9:00am Sunday mass. During school year, we have Bible Study on Sundays for parents in the parish hall. Thank you.

Church Cleaning: Please contact Ellen West for more information.

Parish Council: meet on third Sundays.

Altar Society: Meet on second Sundays. For more information, please contact **Lenell King**.

CYO: meet every other week on Sunday 6:00pm. You can visit St Ann CYO on **www.facebook.com/stannslizanacyo** or contact **Katelyn Moran and Danielle Ladner**.

Project Hope and Compassion: For more information, please contact the office.

MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are available at the office.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560 or in emergency, 234-6005.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Betty Pierce, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Annette Moran, Darlene Billingsley, Janet Thompson, Victoria Moran, Michael Gilbert, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Sr Joann Lowry, Ezekiel Rutherford, Julia Perronne, and Loretta Ladner.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS † PLEASE FILL OUT A NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM AND SUBMIT TO PARISH OFFICE FR. KHOA WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT WITH YOU AND HELP YOU ASSESS YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS.