

The new liturgical year begins on this 1st Sunday of Advent with Jesus' repeated call to watchfulness for His coming in glory and judgment at the end of time and at the end of our lives, but also for His daily coming among us in the people and events that touch our lives and bid us bear witness. Such watchfulness is also our best preparation for the Christmas remembrance of Jesus' "first coming among us in the lowliness of human flesh to fulfill God's loving design and open for us the way to eternal salvation".



This Advent, our watchfulness takes an especially practical form as we start to pray in the words of the Church's new English translation of the Mass. As we celebrate the unchanging mystery of Christ's sacrificial love for us, let us watch carefully for the changes made to many of our familiar responses and prayers, by referring more closely than we usually do to our parish worship aid.

This Week's Readings

Monday:	Isaiah 2:1-5;	Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Isaiah 11:1-10;	Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Romans 10:9-18;	Matthew 4:18-22
Thursday:	Isaiah 26:1-6;	Mt. 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Isaiah 29:17-24;	Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is. 30:19-21, 23-26;	Mt.9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8;

Next weekend's Readings (2nd Sunday of Advent)

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Prepare the way of the Lord.

2 Peter 3:8-14

We await new heavens and a new earth.

Mark 1:1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

Next Sunday's scriptures present Advent's serious message, in Isaiah's prophetic call to reshape our lives, in Peter's ominous reminder of the world's end, and in John the Baptist's stark summons to repentance. At the same time we also see Isaiah's picture of God as a caring shepherd gently carrying us home, we hear Peter's reminder of God's patience and desire for the salvation of all people and John the Baptist's promise of the gifts that will be given to us.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for *Eugene "Bud" Denning*, the uncle of Chris Jenkins who died recently in Indiana. Notes of sympathy can be sent to Chris & Bearl at 1077 Mt. Holston Rd., Bluff City, TN 37618.

THE CATHOLICISM PROJECT

This Thursday, December 1

7 p.m. at the Abingdon Cinemall

"The Ineffable Mystery of God — that than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought". Father Barron considers St. Anselm's description of God as "that than which nothing greater can be thought" and explains St. Thomas Aquinas' arguments which support the claim that God truly exists. He also speaks about the nature of God, as well as the challenging question of evil and the existence of God. Join us at 7:00 p.m. at the Abingdon Cinemall on Thursday. No cost to attendees due to the generous sponsorship of the **Knights of Columbus**. Please bring a food item to be donated to Bristol Faith in Action.

"The Infancy Narratives of Jesus"

Advent is the season in which we reread and relive the experience of ancient Israel as it longed for the Messiah and the dawn of salvation. By attuning our lives to the Scriptures that anticipate and describe the first coming of the Savior, we personally enter into the expectancy of our ancestors in faith and deepen our longing for his coming again. The infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke are an Advent preparation for the coming of Christ. Join us in this study on the **Mondays of Advent starting next Monday, Dec. 5**. We will meet on 12/5, 12/12 and 12/19. (Note: this is a slight change from the dates in last week's bulletin.) Please sign up at the table in the commons so study sets can be ordered. The cost of a study set is \$11.25 and can be paid at our first meeting on Dec. 5. We will meet at the **Brady Center on Mondays from 1:00-2:30 p.m.**

Men's Communion Breakfast

Saturday, December 3

Men of the parish are invited to the Knights of Columbus Hall this Saturday, Dec. 3 for Mass at 8 a.m., followed by breakfast and Fr. Tim's presentation *"From Father to Son"*.



**Senior High
Youth Ministry**

(Grades 9 thru 12)

All teens in **grades 9 thru 12** are reminded that this evening (Sunday, Nov. 27) is our monthly **“Senior High Fun Night”**. Join us at the Brady Teen Center from **6:00-8:00 p.m.** for an evening of fun, fellowship, and food! Remember this will be the last opportunity to decorate your “school spirit board” before the judging and prize awarding next Sunday. Hope you can attend—friends welcome!

Finance Council members are reminded of their meeting this Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 7 a.m. in the school library.

Parish Pastoral Council members are reminded of the change to the meeting date for December: PPC will not meet this Thursday, Dec. 1, but **WILL meet on Dec. 8 after the 7pm Holy Day Mass** (at approx. 8pm in the Great Room).

An invitation for:

Catholic Doctors, Nurses, Medical Workers

Come to the first meeting of:

the **Catholic Medical Association**

Monday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m.

at St. Mary’s Catholic Church Day Chapel (2211 Lakeview Drive, Johnson City, TN 37601). The topic will be **“Conscience in Conflict with Law”** by speaker Deacon Joe Stackhouse, PhD. Snacks will be served. Catholics in any medical profession are welcome. For more information contact Jim Holt at 423-767-6392 or Deacon Frank Fischer at 423-292-9323.

The PARACLETE is coming.....

(the *Paraclete Catholic Bookstore*, that is!)

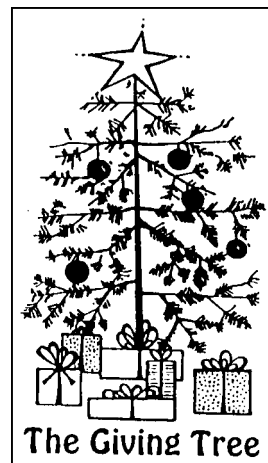
Be sure to plan to stop in the Great Room next weekend, December 3 & 4, after Mass to browse and shop! There will be lots of Catholic religious items, Advent items, Christmas gift ideas, religious books and music and more! Don’t miss this opportunity to purchase Catholic religious items for yourself and for those you love.

Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class
“Understanding the Revised Mass Texts”
“The Communion and Concluding Rites”

Today, **Sunday, Nov. 27**, will be the last of our series on **“Understanding the Revised Mass Texts” - The Communion and Concluding Rites**. Join us in the Great Room at 9:45a.m. for hospitality. The presentation begins promptly at 10 a.m. We’ll take an Advent/Christmas break from Sunday Morning Adult Religious Ed. Class and resume after New Years. We ask that you plan to attend the Sunday School of Religion Christmas program during our usual class time on **Sunday, Dec. 11**. Watch the bulletin for more information about our return to “The Catholic Church: A History” series which will resume in January.

Tuesday Morning Book Club

The Tuesday Morning Book Club begins our new book this Tuesday: **Saint Anthony—The Wonder-Worker of Padua** by Charles Warren Stoddard. Join us this **Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 10 a.m. at the Brady Center**. Books have been ordered. If you are just now signing up, please call Sydney at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 to pick up your book. Cost of the book: \$7.95. Everyone is invited and welcome to join us.



Can you help make Christmas “Merry” for someone in need in our local community?

Take an ornament or two from the Giving Tree...

Buy the gift(s), wrap them, and put the Giving Tree Tag on the outside of the package.

All packages need to be back to the commons by 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18.

Thank you & God bless you!

Save the Date: St. Anne’s Sunday School of Religion Christmas Program will be presented twice this year. Please join us on **Saturday, Dec. 10, after the 5:30 Mass** for the play and a reception afterwards OR join us on **Sunday morning, Dec. 11 after the 8:30 Mass**. This year, we have a new play — **“St. Anne’s Christmas Gift”** written by Carol Grayson Reynolds, a parishioner. Please attend the play and show the Sunday School children your support for all their hard work. Thank You!

MASS INTENTIONS for this Week

Monday, November 28

7:30 a.m. †Maria Costagliola Lubrano

Tuesday, November 29

7:30 a.m. †Libra Costagliola

Wednesday, November 30

12:15 p.m. †Marie Mann

Thursday, December 1

7:30 a.m. †Richard Burke

Friday, December 2

7:30 a.m. †Angel Kuzio

Saturday, December 3

5:30 p.m. †Felipe Rentas

Sunday, December 4

8:30 a.m. †Neal Jewell

11:30 a.m. †Virginia Winzenried

2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

Alternative Gifts

Benefit Bristol Faith in Action

Don't know what to get a family member or business associate? Want to get your teacher or dentist or neighbor a gift but you don't know what they would like or need? Can't remember what color Aunt Sally liked? Consider giving a gift this year that can make a difference right here in our community. Your donation to Bristol Faith in Action in honor of or in memory of your loved ones, your friends or your work associates is guaranteed to positively impact lives right here in our community! BFIA will provide you a beautiful Christmas card and envelope that you can personalize with your message about donating in honor or memory of someone. The artwork is very nice and the cards are professionally printed. Your gift to BFIA can help our needy neighbors with winter heat, shelter, acquiring food, accessing prescriptions, finding transportation and help with the struggles of their financial crisis. See your parish office or come by the BFIA office (located in St. Anne's Vincent de Paul Center on Chester St.) to make a donation and receive your gift cards.

Oakley-Cook Funeral Home presents:

"It's a Wonderful Life"

Come watch this classic Christmas movie at the beautiful Paramount Theatre in downtown Bristol on **Sunday, December 18 at 2 p.m.** Come early and listen to Mr. Rex Ward on the Mighty Wurlitzer beginning at 1 p.m.! There is free admission but a ticket is required and can be picked up at the box office at 518 State St., Bristol, TN. Reception and refreshments will follow the movie.

**Emmanuel Episcopal Church
30th Annual Christmas Dinner**

Emmanuel Episcopal will once again open its doors to the community for the 30th Annual Christmas Dinner on **Sunday, Dec. 25, from 4-7** (the church is located at 700 Cumberland St., Bristol, VA). Reservations are not necessary and there is no fee for the dinner. Just bring your family and friends and some holiday spirit to share. They welcome everyone to partake in the joy of Christmas and share a wonderful meal and a fun-filled evening of fellowship, entertainment and caroling.

COLLECTIONS: Due to the bulletin having to be sent early because of the publisher's Thanksgiving schedule, the collection amounts from last weekend will be listed in next Sunday's bulletin.

ONLINE GIVING: If you are interested in signing up for Online Giving, please visit our website at www.stannes-bristol.org. Online Giving is a safe, secure and dependable means of income for the parish. You can sign up to donate to the regular Sunday collections, the School monthly second collection, Building/Debt Reduction, Holy Day collections, and all of the second collections that we take up during the year. For more information you can call Steve Helbrecht at 276-591-5375 or email him at shelbrecht@stannes-bristol.org.

Liturgy notes...

The **Advent Wreath** originated with the Lutherans of Eastern Germany a few hundred years ago. The custom of the lighting of the wreath during the four weeks preceding Christmas took place only in the homes of believers. Gradually, especially in Roman Catholic parishes, this custom made its way into the church spaces. Chapter 47 of the Book of Blessings tells us that the wreath "*should be of a sufficient size to be visible to the congregation*". The wreath is blessed only on the First Sunday of Advent, and is simply lighted on the remaining Sundays.

Roman Missal III

The new English translation of the Roman Missal begins this weekend! We hope you will embrace these changes with joy and enthusiasm and allow the new translation to bring about a renewed sense of worship here at Saint Anne's. Remember — it takes some time to learn the new words so **please use your worship aids during Mass!!**



Bloodmobile here
This Wednesday
(Nov. 30)
2:30 to 6:30 p.m.

If you forgot to sign up in the commons to give blood this Wednesday, and are willing to come donate, please call or email the parish office to schedule a time: (276-669-8200, ext. 0) or stannes@stannes-bristol.org. **Please Give the Gift of Life!**

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in appreciation for their generosity to our parish!

Sponsor of the Week

We would like to thank *Ed's Pizza* ([parishioner Charlotte Schaaf](#)) this week for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

CHOIR NEWS.....

- **Children/Teens in Grades 3-8** are invited to sing for the **4 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve**. If you'd like to join this choir, you need to come to three rehearsals: Wednesday, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, and Dec. 21 at 3:15 p.m. in the church. Questions? Contact Richard Davis at the parish office.
- **Adult Choir rehearsals** this week are:
 - Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 7pm (Women only)
 - Wed., Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m. (Full choir)*(Adults/High School teens who'd like to sing with our Choir for Christmas should be attending rehearsals as the Choir is already working on the Christmas music.)*

Looking ahead a bit into Advent.....

- **24-Hour Adoration** (Dec. 6/7)
- **Immaculate Conception/Holy Day** (Dec. 8)
(Masses: 7:30a, 12:15p, 7 p.m.)
- **Advent Penance Service** (Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.)

