



St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church

*"Never have so few done so much so
well for so long!"*

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First Sunday of Advent



✠ Announcements ✠

The Blessing of Advent Wreaths will take place at the communion rail after each of the masses today.

The Blessing of Religious Articles will take place after both Masses next Sunday.

The Christmas Novena with the “Hail and Blessed...” prayer begins on the feast of St. Andrew, which is Monday, **December 1st** this year.

St. Nicholas will be visiting the children between the Masses next Sunday, December 7th.

📖Set Your Missal:

Mass: Advent II, Comm. St. Ambrose, Trinity Preface

Collection Totals:

High Mass: 54 souls, \$1335

Low Mass: 34 souls, \$671

✠ **The Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week for the following intention: **Friel Family (Steve & Joanne Heckenkamp)**

Serber Schedule

Friday December 5th: **AC1:** Timothy Sandberg **AC2:** Andrew Sandberg

Saturday December 6th: **AC1:** Elias Larson **AC2:** Bennett Larson

Sunday December 7th: **High Mass:** **MC:** Elias Larson **TH:** Andrew Sandberg **AC1:** Bennett Larson **AC2:** Timothy Sandberg **CB:** Andrew Kimpel **TB:** Dominic Scheeler and Christopher Scheeler **Usher:** Mitch Larson

Low Mass: **AC1:** Seamus O'Connor **AC2:** Sam Kimpel **Usher:** Chad McGinnis

Monday December 8th: **Low Mass (9am):** **AC1:** Bennett Larson **AC2:** Elias Larson **Usher:** Volunteer
High Mass (6pm): **MC:** Timothy Sandberg **TH:** David Sandberg **AC1:** Andrew Sandberg **AC2:** Dominic Scheeler **CB:** Christopher Scheeler **Usher:** Volunteer

Christmas Novena

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God
was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in
Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God!
to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of
Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.
(To be said 15 times daily from the feast of St. Andrew through Christmas Day)

Blessing of Advent Wreath

(Recite as you light the first candle of your Advent Wreath)

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who made heaven and earth.

Let us pray: O God, by Whose word all things are sancti-
fied, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant
that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of
Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through
Christ our Lord. **R.** Amen.

Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

Stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, O Lord, and come, so that
we may escape through Thy protection and be saved by Thy
help from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins.
Who livest and reignest forever and ever. R. Amen.

Advent

Light one candle, show the the way,
as two trav'lers leave today
Nazareth behind, ahead
David's town, the House of Bread.

Light two candles, as they walk.
Hear them, help them, as they talk
of their love and dreams for him
who will soon be born to them.

Light three candles as they near.
Bethlehem with hope and fear.

For the child whom Mary bears –
will they find a welcome there?

Light four candles, let your light
be their beck'ning sign at night.
With the oxen, lamb, and dove
welcome Jesus, Lord of Love.
-Thomas Mousin

Advent Wreath

One of the most popular of the ancient customs is the Advent wreath. It is made of evergreens bound to a wire circle. Originally taken from the pagan fire wheel, it represents the cycle of years from Adam to Christ. It bears four candles spaced evenly, one for each week. The wreath is usually suspended from the ceiling by four purple ribbons, but it may be laid on the dining room table or on an end table with the candle kept burning during the evening meal; some families like to set it up in the children's room. The little ones enjoy helping to make the wreath, which can be fashioned from several bunches of laurel leaves bound to a metal barrel hoop; the laurel, being significant of triumph, reminds us of Christ's victory over sin. One may use fragrant pine or whatever other greens are on hand. The Advent wreath is especially proper to the home, where the children as well as the parents take their turn in lighting the candle.

At the end of Advent the ribbons may be changed to white and tiny bells added for decoration. The festive wreath may then be hung in the entrance hall of the home, and to give the family an opportunity to explain the wreath to neighbors or friends who have not seen it previously.

– *Sr. Mary Laetitia, R.S.M.*

Prayer for the Conversion of Infidels

O eternal God, the Creator of all things, remember the infidel peoples whom Thou hast created in Thine own image and likeness. Lord, behold how, to Thy dishonor, hell is being filled with these souls. Bear in mind that Thy Son Jesus suffered a most cruel death for their salvation. Lord, do not permit that Thy Son be further despised by

these infidels, but be appeased by the prayers of Thy saints and the Church, the Spouse of Thy most holy Son. Remember Thy mercy, and blot out their idolatries and infidelities. May these peoples be ignorant no longer of Him Who is our salvation, life, and resurrection, through whom we have been saved and liberated. To Him let there be glory throughout all ages. Amen

(Saint Francis Xavier)

Prayer to St. Nicholas

(May be done as a novena)

Glorious Nicholas, my own protector! from that bright throne where thou dost enjoy the vision of thy God, in pity turn thine eyes upon me; ask for me from God those graces and helps most seasonable in my present necessities, whether spiritual or temporal, and especially the grace of (*Mention your intention*) if such be expedient for my eternal welfare. Forget not, glorious and holy bishop, our true Sovereign Pontiff, the holy Church, and this pious city. Bring back to the right way of salvation those who live steeped in sin, or buried in the darkness of ignorance, error, and heresy. Comfort the sorrowing, provide for the needy, strengthen the weak-hearted, defend the oppressed, help the sick; let all know the effects of thy powerful patronage with Him Who is the supreme giver of all good. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

V. Pray for us, blessed Nicholas.

R. That we may made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

God, Who has honored, and ceasest not daily to honor, Thy high-priest and glorious confessor, blessed Nicholas, with innumerable miracles: grant, we beseech Thee, that, by his merits and prayers, we may be delivered from the fires of hell and from all other dangers. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Indulgence of 50 days, Pope Gregory XVI., 1880)

Note From Father

Dear Faithful,

We now begin the holy season of Advent. This season is often the forgotten penitential season. In the early Church, a fast was prescribed for forty days, starting after the feast of St. Martin of Tours, which was very much similar to the season of Lent. By the time of St. Gregory the Great (6th century), this time of fast had been reduced to the four weeks of Advent and by the 12th century, it was only a recommendation for the faithful and no longer a precept. For us now, the idea of fasting for Advent is truly a thing of the distant past. However, it still remains a penitential season and we can do much good to add sacrifices or prayers to our season as we prepare ourselves for the coming of Our Lord and the beginning of the work of redemption. Certainly, we all have dear intentions we would like to pray more for or offer sacrifices for. At the very least, we can make reparation for the blasphemies which attack Our Lady and Our Lord coming from the Novus Ordo church.

Speaking of important intentions, please keep in your prayers Bp. Nkamuke, the clergy, and the faithful of Nigeria. Bp. Nkamuke wrote the other day to report that the Mohammedan terrorists of Boko Haram and other such groups has been increasing in its persecution of Christians and is mobilizing its efforts south into the Christian south. If the actions are enough to cause concern with Bp. Nkamuke, it means that the threats are very proximate, as he is largely unflappable concerning the dangers of his native land.

I hope that you all had a very nice Thanksgiving holiday. Some of the faithful here at St. Gertrude organized a Thanksgiving dinner in Helfta Hall. It was a wonderful time. Several families joined us as well as a number of people who otherwise wouldn't have family around to celebrate with. It is easy for us to focus on what we worry about in life, but it is important to never lose sight of the many blessing the Good God has given us which we should return many acts of thanksgiving for.

In Christ,

Fr. Stephen McKenna

This Week's Schedule

Mon	12/1/25	St. Andrew, Ap
Tue	12/2/25	St. Bibiana, VM
Wed	12/3/25	St. Francis Xavier, C
Thu	12/4/25	St. Peter Chrysologus, BpCD St. Barbara, VM 6:00 PM Holy Hour
Fri	12/5/25	Feria St. Sabas, Ab 5:00 PM Exposition, Rosary, Sacred Heart Devotions 5:20 PM Confessions 6:00 PM Mass, Holy Face Devotions <i>Holy Souls</i> (Tony Friel) 7:50 PM Benediction
Sat	12/6/25	St. Nicholas, BpC 7:30 AM Rosary, Confession 8:00 AM Mass, Benediction <i>John Dominic DEMPSEY</i> (Gary & Karen Dempsey)
Sun	12/7/25	Advent II St. Ambrose, BpCD 8:00 AM Rosary, Confession 8:45 AM High Mass <i>Laura Barren & Family</i> (Bob & Bridget Mueller) 10:45 AM Rosary, Confession 11:15 AM Low Mass <i>People of St. Hugh of Lincoln</i>

General Information

Baptism: By appointment. At least one parent as well as the sponsors must be practicing Roman Catholics who attend the Traditional Latin Mass exclusively.

Confession: Before Mass on Sundays, and other times as indicated in the weekly bulletin.

Confirmation: Solemnly administered periodically in the year and may be administered privately by request. Catholics who received confirmation in the post Vatican II rite (1971) should arrange to receive confirmation conditionally in the traditional rite.

First Holy Communion: Administered each year on the Sunday after Corpus Christi. Adequate knowledge of the catechism is required.

Matrimony: If you are contemplating marriage, please make an appointment to speak with a priest before you set a date. At least one of the parties must be a practicing traditional Catholic and member of this parish. Weddings are forbidden during Advent and Lent.

Communion for the Sick: Please contact the pastor or coordinator when a church member is hospitalized or too ill to attend Mass.

Extreme Unction: Do not put off making arrangements until the last moment, but contact the pastor or coordinator promptly if a church member is gravely ill or in danger of death.

Decorum in Church: Respect for God in the Blessed Sacrament requires a reverent silence. Please turn off cell phones and keep children well behaved. Both young and old should wear dignified and modest clothes in church, and women should wear a dress or skirt, and a veil or hat. Veils are available in the vestibule. Men should wear shirt and tie as well as a jacket or sweater.

Holy Communion: Only baptized practicing Catholics in the state of grace may receive Holy Communion. You must be fasting:

- Three hours from solid foods and alcoholic beverages.
- One hour from other liquids.
- Water may be taken at any time.

The communicant kneels at the communion rail, and receives the Blessed Sacrament on the tongue. The communicant does not say “Amen” after the priest says “*Corpus Domini nostri Jesu Christi custodiat animam tuam in vitam aeternam. Amen.*”

Singing: The faithful are invited to join in singing any hymns preceding or following the Mass, but only the choir sings during the course of the Mass.