

PRAYER CORNER

Almighty God, as we ask your help
for our brothers and sisters who are ill,
we ask you to help us to be healing people in our time and place.
May your love touch others through us,
and may I help all people to live in peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Frances of Assisi

JESUS SPEAKS TO US

“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing
and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day
catch you by surprise
like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the
face of the earth.
Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to
escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before
the Son of Man.”

Luke 21:34-36

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*FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT—November 28th*

For Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a ‘vigilant’ disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming:

‘Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, “the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob”, is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.’¹

The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the ‘Light’ to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives

and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives.

As Blessed John Henry Newman reminded us in a homily for the Advent Season: “Advent is a time of waiting, it is a time of joy because the coming of Christ is not only a gift of grace and salvation but it is also a time of commitment because it motivates us to live the present as a time of vigilance and responsibility. This ‘vigilance’ means the necessity, the urgency of an industrious, living ‘wait’. To make all this happen, then we need to wake up, as we are warned by the apostle to the Romans: ‘Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed’ (Rm 13:11).

We must start our journey to ascend to the mountain of the Lord, to be illuminated by His Words of peace and to allow Him to indicate the path to tread (cf. Is 2:1-5). Moreover, we must change our conduct abandoning the works of darkness and put on the ‘armor of light’ and so seek only to do God’s work and to abandon the deeds of the flesh (cf. Rm 13:12-14). Jesus, through the story in the parable, outlines the Christian life style that must not be distracted and indifferent but must be vigilant and recognize even the smallest sign of the Lord’s coming because we don’t know the hour in which He will arrive (cf. Mt 24:39-44)

¹ Pope Benedict XVI, *Celebration of First Vespers of Advent, Vatican Basilica, December 2006*

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Mass Schedule:

Monday—Friday — 7 a.m.

Saturday — 8 a.m.

Saturday — 5 p.m.

Sunday — 10 a.m.

Holy Day -- see bulletin

Reconciliation
(Confession):

Wednesday 6:00 p.m.—6:50 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m.— noon

Saturday 4:00 p.m.—4:50 p.m.

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FATHER BART'S CORNER

My sisters and brothers:

Our Lady of Kibeho

Many Catholics are unaware of the Marian apparitions that took place in Kibeho, Rwanda between 1981 and 1989 to three students in high school. Recognized by the Vatican in 2001, Our Lady of Kibeho is the only Marian apparition site on the Africa continent approved by the Catholic Church.

November 28 is the feast day of Our Lady of Kibeho. As we celebrate National Black Catholic History Month, it is a most opportune time to share the Blessed Mother's message to the world.

At the time of her appearance, Kibeho was a peaceful town. The visitations took place 13 years before the brutal genocide of over one million people in Rwanda. The messages from Our Lady to the three young visionaries included a foreshadowing of the impending tragedy. However, her messages were not only for the people of Kibeho. Our Lady stated, "If I am coming here it does not mean that my message is only for Rwanda, nor just Africa, but for the entire world."

Her messages reminded us to pray the rosary daily. Furthermore, she requested the visionaries reintroduce the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of the Virgin Mary to the world. She promised that the recitation of this rosary in conjunction with (not in place of) the traditional rosary would result in forgiveness of our sins as well as the understanding of why we commit such sins, so we can avoid the snares of the devil and fill our hearts with the love of God.

With prayers and love,
Fr. Bart, S..V.D

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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Monday, November 29

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

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Tuesday, November 30

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

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Wednesday, December 1

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

Adoration: 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Confessions: 5:00 p.m.—6:50 p.m.

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Thursday, December 2

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

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Friday, December 3

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

Adoration: 8:00 a.m.—noon

Confessions: 9:00 a.m.—noon

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Saturday, December 4

Live Stream Mass: 8:00 a.m.

Adoration: 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Confessions: 4:00 p.m.—4:50 p.m.

Mass: 5:00 p.m.

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Sunday, December 5

Live Stream Mass: 10:00 a.m.

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Weekday Confessions thirty minutes before morning Mass.

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Weekly Readings

11/29—IS 2:1-5; MT 8:5-11

11/30—ROM 10:9-18; MT 4:18-22

12/1—IS 25:6-10a; MT 15:29-37

12/2—IS 26:1-6; MT 7:21, 24-27

12/3—IS 29:17-24; MT 9:27-31

12/4—IS 30:19-21, 23-26;

MT 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

12/5—BAR 5:1-9; PHIL 1:4-6, 8-11

LK 3:1-6

Vocation View

Be on the watch!

Allow God to lead you in the ways of truth and justice.

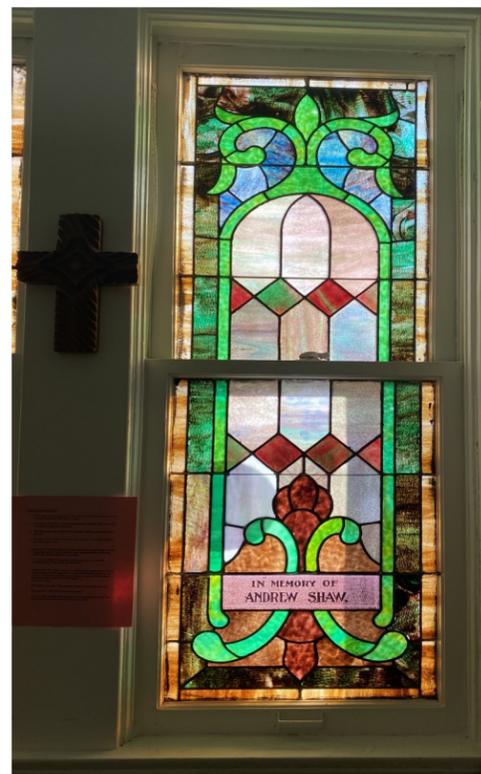
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PARISH CORNER

On October 20, 2021 a rock was thrown through the stained glass window in our confessional. After an extensive search we located someone to make the necessary repairs. These repairs were completed on November 20th.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adoration and Confessions

Starting December 1st, during the 4 Wednesday's of Advent, Adoration and Confessions will be extended from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

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Knights of Peter Claver Council 89 #GivingTuesday

On Giving Tuesday, November 30th, the Knights of Peter Claver, Council 89 joins the National Headquarters of Knights of Peter Claver in supporting those impacted by Hurricane Ida in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana.



Hurricane Ida had a devastating toil on the state of Louisiana, particularly the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux.

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, LA asks for our help.

Donations can be given through www.kofpcntx.org

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That like Mary, our lives, too reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

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CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHRISTIAN PRAYER

"THE SUMMARY OF THE WHOLE GOSPEL"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

2763 All the Scriptures - the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms - are fulfilled in Christ.¹⁰ The Gospel is this "Good News." Its first proclamation is summarized by St. Matthew in the Sermon on the Mount;¹¹ The prayer to our Father is at the center of this proclamation. It is in this context that each petition bequeathed to us by the Lord is illuminated:

The Lord's Prayer is the most perfect of prayers.... In it we ask, not only for all the things we can rightly desire, but also in the sequence that they should be desired. This prayer not only teaches us to ask for things, but also in what order we should desire them.¹²

2764 The Sermon on the Mount is teaching for life, the Our Father is a prayer; but in both the one and the other the Spirit of the Lord gives new form to our desires, those inner movements that animate our lives. Jesus teaches us this new life by his words; he teaches us to ask for it by our prayer. the rightness of our life in him will depend on the rightness of our prayer.

¹⁰ Cf. Lk 24:44.

¹¹ Cf. Mt 5- 7.

¹² St. Thomas Aquinas, STh II-II, 83, 9.

