

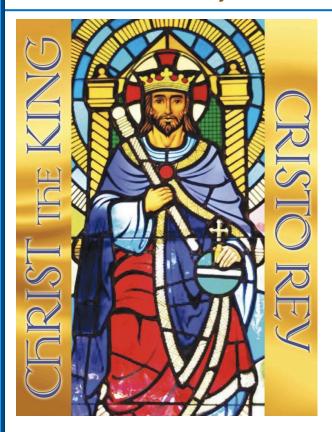
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Jesus Christ King of the Universe & First Sunday of Advent



November 26 & December 3



NOVEMBER 26: Today's Gospel passage concludes Jesus' discourse with his disciples, and Matthew's report on this part of Jesus' story: his life and ministry. It describes the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. Here we conclude our liturgical year, with tribute and attention paid to the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ who is King of the Universe.

Remember how last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we've been given are meant for the service of others, especially the least among us? God will judge us on how we have used those gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Jesus said that whenever we have served the least ones, we have really served *Him*.

In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus as king is also to accept Him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones. —*Exerpts from* LoyolaPress.com

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A farewell but not "Goodbye" to Lyndi

We are saddened to let you know Lyndi will be stepping away from her role as "assistant to the pastor" effective December 1, 2023. She has played such a vital role and is a joy to have here at St. Philip Neri every day. We wish her all the best as she moves forward.

Lyndi is not leaving totally. She is going to be here still volunteering, in many capacities so you'll see her around helping out possibly on the weekend, or in the office or food pantry, or if I had an event— just to name a few. So, she will be here and around!!!

In the meantime, THANK YOU LYNDI FOR BEING YOU AND FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE.



-Fr. Andrew



DECEMBER 3:

The First Sunday of Advent. We begin a new church calendar: the second year of a three-year reading cycle.

Our narrator for this year's "Good News" is Mark. Scholars believe Mark wrote around the time of the Roman's wholesale destruction of the great Temple in Jerusalem (A.D. 70). His audience was largely of Christians who were struggling through stressful social and political times, times of conflict. With such difficulties, he helped them recall that Jesus had foretold about such things. The early Christian community took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful and they found in His words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is more than our preparing for celebrating Christ's birth, but also about preparing ourselves for the Lord's return in glory at the end of time. We

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Just click on the **GIVE ONLINE** button and take a look around. It's designed to be easy. It can be found on the lower right of our

HOME PAGE on our website <u>www.stphilipneripdx.org</u>. Thank you for your generosity and *God Bless You* always.



Concerts coming to St. Philip Neri For more information check the websites

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must stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the tough ones, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

- Exerpts from LoyolaPress.com

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception



will be celebrated on Friday, December 8th at 12:10 p.m. Please join us!

Altar Society Holiday Potluck

On **December 12th**, 2023 at noon, the Altar Society of St. Philip Neri, will hold its annual holiday meeting which will include a potluck luncheon and an optional gift exchange. This is always a fun event and our members really get into the holiday spirit! Please contact Tina Jarvis at 503-239-9055 or <u>tinagattojarvis@gmail.com</u> to R.S.V.P.



Christmas Masses

Family Mass, Sunday December 24, 4:00 PM

> Midnight Mass, Sunday December 24, 8:00 PM

Christmas Day December 25, 8:00 AM Please consider having one of our \$25 Poinsettias or \$75 Trees dedicated in memory of your loved one.

This is the third year we will have an **Angel Giving Tree** during Advent in support of the unwed/single mothers at the Father Taaffe House. You can begin by selecting tree tags for the girls, then bringing back your un-wrapped gift/s by **December 10th**. We will get them wrapped for Christmas and taken down to the girls around the third week of December.



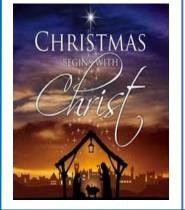


Andrea Del Rosario ♥ Antonette Amato ♥ Georgene Raab ♥ Colin Andries ♥ Bill Dietzler ♥ Tessa Parise Murdock

Please contact the office if you, or someone you know needs our prayers!

"We the welcoming community of St. Philip Neri Parish, empowered by the compassion of Jesus and supported by the Eucharist and the Word,

dedicate ourselves to engage with and enrich the lives of those we touch."





Advent Penance Service

Date coming in next bulletin

| Sat. Nov 25: Sun. Nov 26: | 4:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m. | Jim and Julie Fait † Barbara Kneeland – Kellee Harris | |
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| Wed. Nov 29: | 12:00 p.m. | † Mary Murphy | |
| Thur. Nov 30: | 6:00 p.m. | Fr. Andrew | |
| Fri. Dec 1: | 12:10 p.m. | † George Spada – Josephine Ruseitti | |
| Sat. Dec 2: | 4:00 p.m. | Theresa Techtman – Rossetto Sisters | |
| Sun. Dec 3: | 9:30 a.m. | † Joe Graziano – Mary Jo Graziano | |
| Wed. Dec 6: | 9:00 a.m. | † Barbara Raab – Paul & Georgene Raab | |
| Thu. Dec 7: | 9:00 a.m. | † Mary Murphy | |
| Fri. Dec 8: | 12:10 p.m. | † Annetta & Delfino Antrosio – Carol & Jane | |
| Sat. Dec 9: | 4:00 p.m. | † Frances & Augie Gatto – Gatto & Jarvis | |
| Sun. Dec 10: | 9:30 a.m. | † George Spada – Mary Schleich | |



November 26 – December 2 † Ambrose Calcagno Jr

MASS INTENTIONS

December 3 – December 9 Joanne Dindia

Reconciliation Times Saturday by appointment only

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