

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church and School

First Sunday of Advent

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST:

Saturday Vigil:.....5:00 p.m.
Sunday:.....7:30 a.m., 9:30AM & 11:30 am
Weekdays (Monday through Friday): 7:00 am. & 8:30 a.m.
Saturday:.....8:30 am

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Daily (Mon.-Fri.):..... 7:45-8:15 a.m.
Saturdays:..... 3:45-4:45 p.m.
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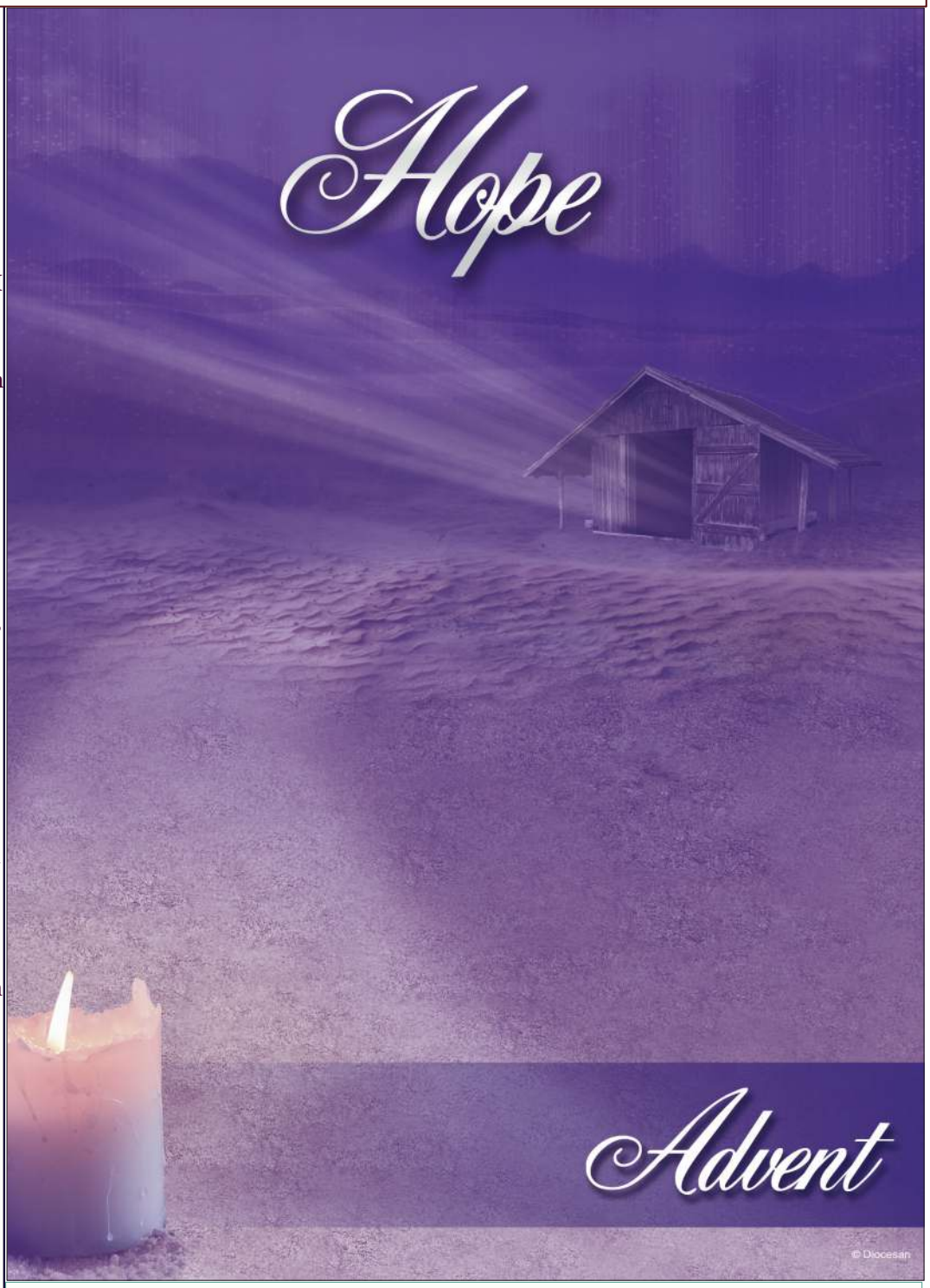

November 29,2026

Mass Intentions for the week of November 29th to December 6th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
7:30 AM George Thomas Duffy †by his wife	7:00 AM For those that have lost a loved on	7:00 AM Special Intention for Mary Klingelberger by Jim & Kathleen	7:00 AM Special Intention for John Grady by Colleen
9:30 AM Jeff Williams † by Pam & Lucian Raque	8:30 AM Cody Fisette † by his mom	8:30 AM Special Intention for Victor Colon by Bob & Bonnie	8:30 AM Special Intention for Sarah by Bob & Bonnie
11:30 AM Gene Gorrell † by the family	*Be Watchful! You do not know when the Lord of house is comin.*		

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Sunday of Advent
Thinking about the Readings

What kind of power do I have? How do I use it constructively?
2. Who speaks to me tenderly and to whom do I speak with tenderness?
3. When something good happens, whom do I tell?
4. When have I been carried by God?

Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent
December 6,2026

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Prepare the Way of the Lord.
Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14
We await new heavens and a new earth.
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8
Make straight the paths of the Lord

DEVOTIONS

Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) at 8:10am (before the 8:30 mass), Mon.-Thu. (unless no school on Fri.)
Recitation of the Rosary: Mon. – Sat., 9am in the Chapel.
Novena – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tuesday, after the 8:30am Mass.
Spanish Adoration & Prayer Group, Thursdays 6:00pm
Holy Hour 9-10 – Thurs. (except holidays) after the 8:30 Mass, Divine Mercy, Rosary, Silent Prayer, Benediction.
Holy Days — Same as Sundays (7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am)
Holy Day Vigil — 7:00pm
through October, 3-4:30pm. Litanies—After the 8:30am Mass

For Reflection:

"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 responsi-bility and vigilance. This 'vigilance' means the necessity, the urgency of an industrious, living 'wait'. '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"

Today's Good News

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.'

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.

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.

First Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions for the week of December 3 to December 6

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:00 AM Blessings & health for our parishioners	7:00 AM For Father Chris & Father Mark	8:30 AM Bobby Sindell † by his wife	7:30 AM Tinh-Pham † by the family
8:30 AM Special Intention for Nicole by Bob & Bonnie	8:30 AM JoAnn Nuthall † by Thomas Nuthall	5:00 PM Carol Yates † by the family	9:30 AM Michael Langan † (17 yrs in heaven) by his mother, Joni
			11:30AM Gene Gorrell † by the family

Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Sandra Lea Nida by Joan May

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Thought:
The Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are, and they strive to live in readiness for His coming.

Parish Sacrificial Giving (Regular Sunday Offering)
In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and visitors gave $13,095.00 for the ministries of St. Teresa.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

What attitudes and actions need to be reshaped by God?

First Friday
The first Friday of the month will be this **Friday, December 4th** We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel all day.

Please plan to spend some time in prayer with our Lord.
First Saturday

This Saturday, is the first Saturday of the month, **December 5th**. Special prayers will be prayed after the 8:30 AM Mass. Please join us

Eucharistic Adoration

We will have an all day, December 3rd **from 9am to 6:30pm** in the Chapel.

There will be the **Spanish Holy Hour and Exposition from 5:30-6:30pm.**
Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex on Wednesday outside the chapel for Thursday

SCHOOL NEWS

St. Teresa CATHOLIC SCHOOL

We are proud of our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who participated in the Math Kangaroo International Math Competition in College Park, FL



Mrs. M's Kindergarten class got creative with their adorable Turkeys in Disguise! So many fun designs!





The students and teachers of St Teresa School, wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving







FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education (CCD)

Religious Education Classes (CCD) this **Wednesday, Dec 2nd at 6:15PM** in the school.

First Holy Communion Prep Classes

Prep Session for 3rd Grade Students (School and Religious Ed.) will be **Wednesday, Dec 2n**d, from **6:15pm to 7:30pm** in Avila Hall. If you have any questions, contact the Faith Formation office.

"O"ur Catholic Nugget

A Quote from St. John Paul II "Remember the past with gratitude. Live the present with enthusiasm. Look forward to the future with confidence."

OCIA

Our OCIA weekly meeting will be this **Wednesday, Dec 2nd at 6:00pm** in the Avila Hall. If you would like further information, please contact the Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org

Adult Bible Study

Matthew: The King and His Kingdom:

Monday Class: **November 30th, 9:15AM** Avila Hall Faith Formation Room

Tuesday Class: **December 1st, 6:30PM** Avila Hall

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Community Service

The Church is continuing to work with the "Under the Bridge" ministry to collect needed items for the homeless. Please bring your donations (blankets, coats/jackets, and socks) to the bins outside the church. In our first four weeks we collected four pickup truck loads of clothing, Thank you! For your generosity!

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'...'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'(Matthew 25: 3

Welcome to Our New OCIA Candidates

William Cox, Deborah Cox, Carol Flipse, Kailey Gustafson, Brittney Harris, James (Jim) Melton, Donna Melvin, Michael Melvin, Nina Moussawel, Stella Nagel, Sebastian Orrison, Logan Pittman, Amanda Powell, Cory Powell, Morgan Quinones, Elizabeth Robert, Jonte' Robinson, Alex Rodriguez, Mildred Ross, Benjamin Thompson, Laurel Williams, Matthew Willey.

Blessings on your journey!

Bereavement /Grief Support Group



A Grief, Prayer, Support Group has been organized for anyone that has lost a loved one or is interested in participating.

You do not need to be a member of the Parish to participate. Meetings will be held on **Thursdays from 4:30-6:3PM.**

Blue Army Rosary



Blue Army Rosary and Chaplets
The St. Teresa Chapter of the Blue Army is host- ing, in the Chapel, a **weekly:**
Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy on **Monday** nights at **6pm**

Choir Rehearsal



Contemporary choir rehearses every **Tuesday at 7pm** in the church.

Traditional choir rehearses **Wednesday at 7pm** in the church

Food Pantry Cor Jesu



All food donations are always appreciated.

The Food Pantry is in need of cereal and pasta. They **especially** need food store gift cards for perishable items for holiday meals.

If you chose to send a check please make out to Cor Je- su. Grocery store gift cards are always welcome for per- ishables. They can be placed in the box outside the gift shop.

Thank you for your weekly generosity.



Moms of Tiny Saints

A Catholic ministry where moms can find community in the messiness and joy of raising tiny saints.Join us at one of our upcoming events.

Contact Kasey at (321) 289-6399 for any questions. .

Dec 8th 9:30AM St Teresa at Manzo Memorial Park



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First Sunday of Advent

Season of Advent November 29th



Advent beginstoday, November 29th. Try to think ahead to lessen the stress of the holidays. Have materials for your advent wreath or chose to participate in lighting of the Advent Wreath before the beginning of Mass.

Bishop Disaster Relief

Grace and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are called to assist our brothers & sisters in our own coastal communities who are faced with Devastating losses after unprecedented rains drenched Central Florida We offer prayers to all our families affected by this disaster. In solidarity with our brothers & sisters, I ask you to participate in DISASTER RELIEF 2026, a voluntary special collection for the needs arising from such calamities. The funds will be used for such necessities as water, food, shelter, medical care and aid in rebuilding and recovery across the Diocese of Orlando.

St Teresa Parish will have a special collection on November 29th, benefitting those affected by the flooding.

Envelopes will be available in the narthex, or you can place a check in the second collection Please note on the check Disaster Relief. All checks will be counted then sent to the Diocese. We pray our love of God & neighbor are worthy of His Mandate..... Sincerely, Bishop Noonan

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From Father Chris:
St. Teresa Church humbly asks for your prayers and support as we work to cover the unexpected and exceeding costs of paving our parking lot and refencing the ditch on the South side of the parking lot.
The new Parish Center roof, re-sealing of the parking lot and a few other projects totaled close to ***$200,000*** in a short period of time. Church Projects to date - **$ $116,026.**

Thank you for your generosity, kindness, and continued support of St. Teresa Church. If you would like to donate, please use an envelope and write Church projects on it or you may also give online under church projects.
Thank you to those that have already donated to Church project.

Blessing and Prayers for Advent Wreath

During the Advent season families should spend time together prepar-ing for the approaching celebration of the birth of Christ. An Advent wreath can be a great focal point for family prayers and holiday celebrations.

On the First Sunday of Advent, we light THE CANDLE OF HOPE. We have hope because God is ever faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our HOPE comes from God.

An Advent wreath is a wreath of laurel, spruce or similar foliage with four candles that are lighted successively in the weeks of Advent to symbolize the light that the birth of Christ brought into the world. Traditionally three of the candles are purple, the color of kings and of penance.

Heavenly Father, bless this Advent wreath and bless all of us. Fill us with your Spirit and the spirit of Hope so that we may be strengthened in our daily tasks. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.





Knights of Columbus Christmas

Tree Sale-2026



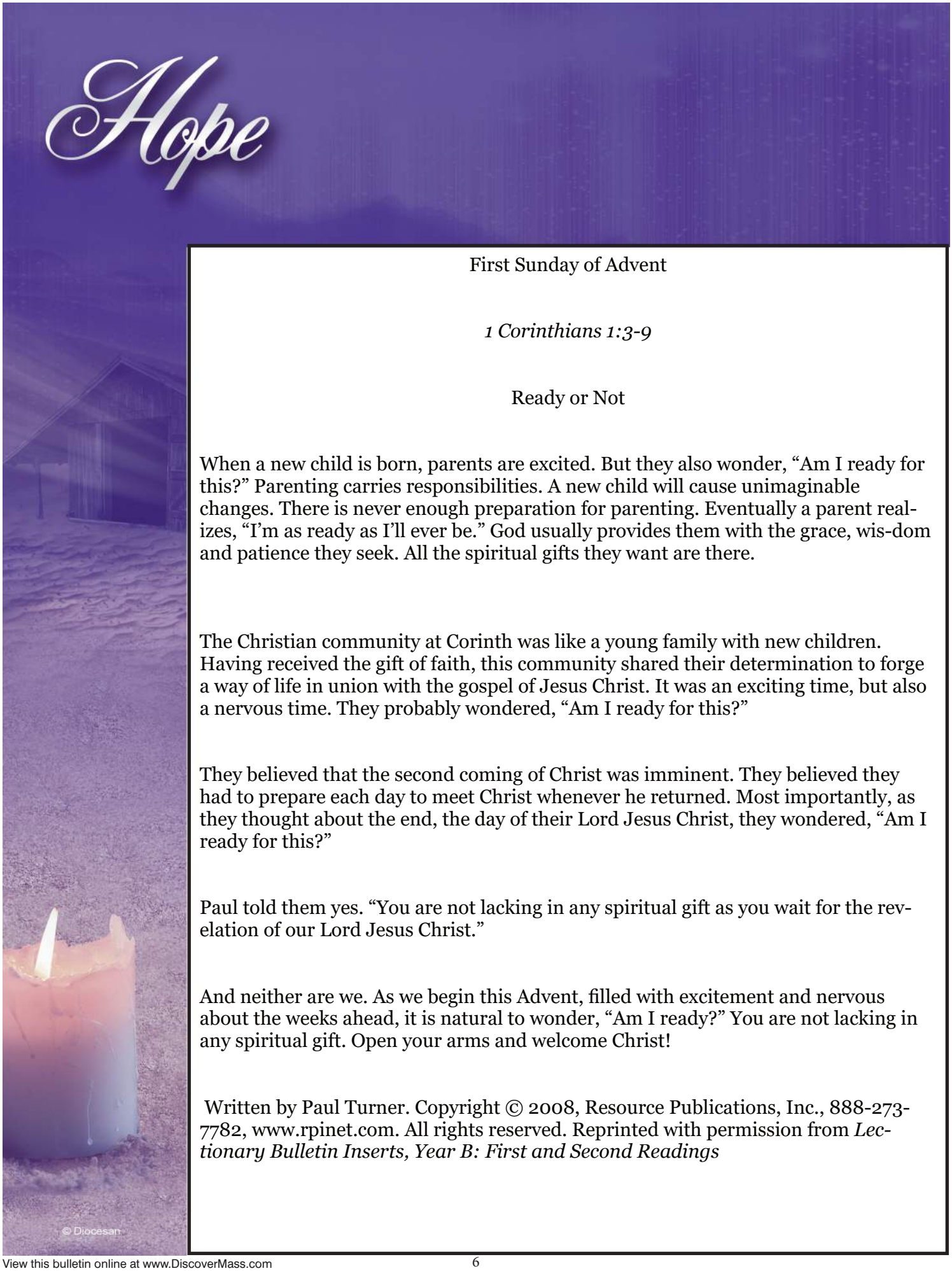
Knights of Columbus Council #5667 inTitusville invites you to celebrate the season with a freshly cut Christmas tree or wreath! Sales begin **November 28,** 2026, under the big tent on the church and school lot at 207 Ojibway.

Hours are **10 A.M.–7 P.M**. on **weekday**s and **9 A.M.–7 P.M. on weekend**s. Sales will continue seven days a week until all trees are sold

Pope Leo's Intentions for December



December – For single-parent families: That families missing a mother or father find support and strength.



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1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Ready or Not

When a new child is born, parents are excited. But they also wonder, "Am I ready for this?" Parenting carries responsibilities. A new child will cause unimaginable changes. There is never enough preparation for parenting. Eventually a parent realizes, "I'm as ready as I'll ever be." God usually provides them with the grace, wis-dom and patience they seek. All the spiritual gifts they want are there.

The Christian community at Corinth was like a young family with new children. Having received the gift of faith, this community shared their determination to forge a way of life in union with the gospel of Jesus Christ. It was an exciting time, but also a nervous time. They probably wondered, "Am I ready for this?"

They believed that the second coming of Christ was imminent. They believed they had to prepare each day to meet Christ whenever he returned. Most importantly, as they thought about the end, the day of their Lord Jesus Christ, they wondered, "Am I ready for this?"

Paul told them yes. "You are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ."

And neither are we. As we begin this Advent, filled with excitement and nervous about the weeks ahead, it is natural to wonder, "Am I ready?" You are not lacking in any spiritual gift. Open your arms and welcome Christ!

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Advent Incarnation of the Blessed Mother
The Angelus

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.

Advent is not as strict as Lent, and there are no rules for fasting, but it is meant to be a period of self-preparation. The purple color associated with Advent is also the color of penance. The faithful should fast during the first two weeks in particular and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The **Angelus** is a Catholic devotion commemorating the Incarnation. ... The angel referred to in the prayer is Gabriel, a messenger of God who revealed to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive a child to be born the Son of God.

The Angelus
V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary, etc.
V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.
Hail Mary, etc.
V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary, etc.
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Let Us Pray
Pour forth, we beseech Thee O Lord,



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