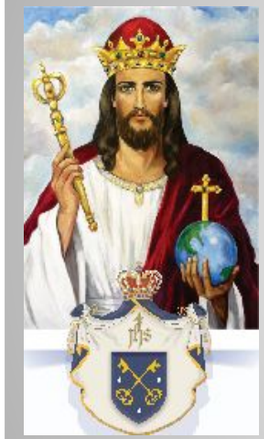
“Practice During Advent” by Dom Prosper Gueranger

The Threefold Coming of Christ. During Advent, our holy mother the Church prepares for the threefold coming of Jesus Christ. Like the prudent virgins, she keeps her lamp lit for the coming of the Bridegroom. We, her children, ought to enter into her spirit and take to heart the warning of our Saviour: ‘Let your loins be girt, and lamps burning in your hands, and ye yourselves be like unto men who wait for their Lord!’ [St. Luke xii. 35, 36]. He purchased the Church with His Blood, and each of us can say with St. Paul: ‘Christ hath loved me, and hath delivered Himself up for me’. - **Longing for the Messias.** Let us first join the saints of the old Law in asking for the Messias. The four weeks of Advent recall the four thousand years of waiting and the darkness in which the world lay before His coming. Let us thank Him who came down from heaven to save us from death and to experience our miseries, sin alone excepted. Though He has saved the work of His hands, He still wishes us to beseech Him to save us. Let us make our own the ardent supplications of the prophets which the Church puts upon our lips. - **Christ’s Coming into Our Souls.** The good Shepherd comes to visit His whole flock and seeks each sheep, even the hundredth which is lost. Our heavenly Father is pleased with us inasmuch as He sees His Son within us. Our Saviour therefore comes to transform us into Himself, if only we consent, so that He may live in us. This is the great work entrusted to the Church: ‘My little children, of whom I am in labour again, until Christ be formed within you!’. As He first appeared in the world as a weak Babe and grew to manhood, so He wills to grow within us. At Christmas He delights to be born in our souls and pours out upon the whole Church the grace of His birth. - **Christ Knocks at Every Heart.** At Christmas He finds some who live fully by His life and desire its increase, others in whom that life is weak because their charity has grown cold, and others who are dead in sin. During Advent He knocks at every heart, sometimes so forcibly that we must notice Him, sometimes so softly that only the attentive hear Him. The house is His, for He built it and preserves it. Yet He asks whether we have room for Him. To those who receive Him, He gives power to become the sons of God. - **How Each Soul Should Receive Him.** You who hold Him as your only treasure will find in the liturgy words worthy of the love you wish to express. You who have possessed Him without tasting the sweetness of His presence, open your hearts to Him with greater care. He has forgotten your past slights. Make room for the divine Infant, watch and pray, and let the Church give voice to the wounds and weakness which His mercy alone can heal. And you who are dead in sin, Jesus, your Life, is coming. Whether sin has held you for years or only lately wounded you, the feast of His birth will be a day of mercy if you give Him entrance. Where sin abounded, grace will more abound [Rom. v. 20]. - **The Coming of the Judge.** If the tenderness of His coming in grace leaves you unmoved, think of His coming in judgement. The heavens will flee before His face, and those who refused to know the time of their visitation will cry to the mountains and rocks to cover them. The same Saviour who wept over them will come as their Judge. Let those who are unmoved by the good Shepherd who gives His life for His sheep consider how a soul can deprive itself of the fruits of redemption by refusing to co-operate in its salvation. The Child who is to be born is also the mighty God. - **Holy Fear.** Every Christian should have a share in the holy fear which animates the Church. Fear alone makes a man a slave. Joined to love, it is the fear of a child who has offended his father and seeks pardon. Even in a soul perfected in love, holy fear may flash like lightning, awakening a keener sense of its misery and of the unmerited mercy of its Redeemer. At Sext the Church herself prays: ‘Pierce my flesh with Thy fear.’ - **Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord.** Advent is especially a season for the exercises of the purgative life. Let the just forget what lies behind and labour to acquire fresh merit. Let sinners break their chains at once, give up their bad habits, and bring the flesh into subjection to the spirit. Above all, let them pray with the Church. Then they may hope that our Lord will enter and dwell within them, as He Himself has promised: ‘Behold I stand at the gate and knock: if any man shall hear My voice and open to Me the door, I will come in unto him..’



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1st Sunday of Advent

November 29th, 2026

“...it is now the hour for us to rise from sleep. For now our salvation is nearer than when we believed. The night is passed, and the day is at hand. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light.” Romans 13:11-12

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Masses

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:30am,
10:30am (high), 1:00pm

Monday: 12:00pm
Tues: 9am; Wed-Thur: 7am & 9am
Friday: 9:00am & 6:30pm.
Saturday: 9:00 am.

Ocala:
Sunday: 4:30pm
Monday: 7:00am.

Confession: 30 min before Mass

Adoration: Fri 10am-6:15pm

Date and Time		Mass Intention	Requested By
11-29	7:00 AM	Intentions of the Confraternity of St. Peter	Ted & Afra Wade
	8:30 AM	Deceased Classmates of Quigley Sem.-1969+	Bill Schuetter
	10:30 AM	*Pro Populo*	
	1:00 PM	Thomas & Patricia Fabyanic++	Anonymous
11-30	12:00 PM	Aaron Pruitt	Mary Pruitt
12-1	7:00 AM	Henry Knovac+	Anonymous
	9:00 AM	Peter Balaskas+	Ken & Kathleen Collins
12-2	7:00 AM	Daniel Corman	John G. Motzenbecker
	9:00 AM	John & Elizabeth Hoops	Hoops family
12-3	7:00 AM	Dean Naccarato	Michael D. Gardner
	9:00 AM	People in Federal Witness Protection	Janet McGonigle
12-4	9:00 AM	Christopher Lawton	His family
	6:30 PM	Kimberly Meadows	Deana Meadows
12-5	9:00 AM	Priest's Intention	
12-6	7:00 AM	William Cunningham+	Antonette Cunningham
	8:30 AM	Lino Carvallo Jr.+	Brenda Rodriguez
	10:30 AM	*Pro Populo*	
	1:00 PM	Mary Ellen Russell+	Kathleen Tucker Collins

"If all the prayers of loving hearts from the beginning of the world, and all the seraphic worship of the thrones and principalities of heaven, and the burning devotion and love of the Virgin Mother of God, and the voices of the all creatures of heaven and earth were offered up in one universal and harmonious act of praise and adoration, they would not equal or even approach in value and efficacy the infinite worth of a SINGLE MASS."

1962 Liturgical Calendar				
11-29	**1st Sunday of Advent**	**1**	**V**	
11-30	St. Andrew, Apostle	2	R	Feria of Advent
12-1	Feria of Advent	3	V	
12-2	St. Bibiana, Virgin and Martyr	3	R	Feria of Advent
12-3	St. Francis Xavier, Confessor	3	W	Feria of Advent
12-4	St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor	3	W	St. Barbara, Virgin & Martyr, Feria of Advent
12-5	Feria of Advent	3	V	St. Sabbas Abbot
12-6	**2nd Sunday of Advent**	**1**	**V**	

From the Choir Loft: 1st Sunday of Advent 11/29/26: Entr: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel SEC 797; Asperges SEC 567; Mass XVII SEC 762; Credo I SEC 768; Exit: Alma Redemptoris SEC 947

Alma Redemptoris Mater - From the First Sunday of Advent through the Presentation (Feb. 2), the seasonal Marian antiphon is Alma Redemptoris Mater SEC 947. The text is attributed to Hermanus Contractus (1013-1054).

Holy mother of our Redeemer, thou gate leading to heaven and star of the sea; help the falling people who seek to rise, thou who, all nature wondering, didst give birth to thy holy Creator. Virgin always, hearing the greeting from Gabriel's lips, take pity on sinners. -- Reverend Adrian Fortescue, 1913

Weekly Schedule	
Holy Face Devotions	Tue, Dec 1, 10:15 AM
Women's Lectio Divina	Tue, Dec 1, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM
Adoration	Fri, Dec 4, 10:00 AM - 6:15 PM
Young Adults Group	Fri, Dec 4, 7:30 PM
Contemplative Rosary	Sat, Dec 5, 7:30 AM

Prayer Corner

Please pray for: John Beggy; Cindy Lane; Robert Burns; Lisa Eagles; Baby Tiberius; Arianne Gardner; Baby Gardner; Sciscenti family; Carol Labrecque; Terry Angley; Wis family; McNamara family; Crowell family; Aaron Pruitt; Gary Syvertsen; Stacy Steindorf

The **Contemplative Rosary** will be offered by the Lectio Divina group on First Saturday, 12/5/26. Materials will be available in the vestibule at 7:15am, with prayers beginning at 7:30am in the church. Both men and women are welcome to join us! If you have questions, contact Missy Funderburk at 316-258-4319.

Christmas Giving Tree - serviced by **Our Mother's House**, a Catholic Charities program. Select ornament from the tree found in the vestibule with an item requested by a family. Please drop-off your items in the social hall before or after Masses on December 13. Questions? Contact Zack Kanter at (941) 861-3541.

Please join us the hall after Mass on Monday, November 30 to celebrate the birthday of Father Huber!

We have chosen a General Contractor for our building project and will be working with them over the next couple of weeks to value engineer the best price, after which we will sign a contract, and establish a schedule for the construction. More information to follow. Thank you again for your generosity and for your prayers. Please continue to pray our prayer to St. Joseph!

Keep the **CFA** in mind for your end of year giving!



Parish Groups

St. Joseph's Guild

St.Theresa Devotions Guild

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Altar Servers

Choir

Youth Catechism

Youth Group

Holy Face Archconfraternity

Women's Book Club

Women's Lectio Divina Prayer Group

Seven Sisters Apostolate/Fasting Brothers

St. Monica Prayer Group

Finances

Last Sunday's collection: cash $5,213.00; online $2,238.77;
Do This in Memory of Me: cash $7,550.00; online $3,070.32

2026 CFA status at CtK as of November 24, 2026: $104,000.00 assessment; $67,444.92 pledged; $66,032.22 paid; 23.41% of HHolds. **Thank you for your support!**

Mass Attendance
Nov 22 - 600 souls
7:00 am- 77
8:30 am- 171
10:30 am- 214
1:00 pm- 138
Ocala- 311