

ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH, PHILADALPHIA, PA

SUNDAY DECEMBER 1st 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT, (BLUE)

BLESSING AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

9:30AM Mass for the Intentions of our Parish Family.

MONDAY DECEMBER 2nd MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT, (BLUE)

8AM Mass for the intentions of our Parish Family

TUESDAY DECEMBER 3rd ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST, (WHITE)

8AM Mass for an increase of Vocations.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4th ST. BARBARA VIRGIN AND MARTYR, (RED)

8AM Mass for the health of the sick.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 5th THURSDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT, (BLUE)

8AM Mass for the soul of the departed Fr. Sr. Rene Zawistowski

FRIDAY DECEMBER 6th ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA, ABBOT (WHITE)

PUT YOUR SHOES OUT ST. NICK COMES TONIGHT

8AM Mass for peace.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8th 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, (BLUE)

LESSON: Baruch 5:1-9 LESSON: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 GOSPEL: St. Luke 3:1-6

9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed George Bolock.

C CYCLE: With the first Sunday of Advent we begin a new cycle readings. Throughout this year most of the Sunday Gospels will come from St. Luke's account.

ST. NICHOLAS: His feast day is this Friday. Tradition says for us to put out our shoes to receive a gift. This comes from the tradition of St. Nicholas of Myra, an Abbot who saved some village girls from being sold by their father. In the American culture St. Nick became Santa Claus.

SACRED VOCATIONS: Please pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Diaconate.

ADVENT BEGINS: We are beginning the Church's New Year's Day, the First Sunday of Advent. In Advent we meet up with people we don't see through the year. Our Gospel readings will come from St. Luke. We are told that St. Luke was putting his account together he spoke with our blessed Mother. He also drew the picture of Our Lady of Czestochowa. He carved it on the table top. Luke also wrote the Acts of the Apostles.

Today's Gospel account begins where last Sunday's left off. Jesus speaks of terrible things to come. These things will not for people to see. They will bring fear and hopelessness. Jesus tells us to take courage, the Lord is coming. He will save those who are His own. All of us who believe in Jesus. Advent is not like Lent. We do not fast, it is a time of getting things ready for the coming of Christ. We can fast we if wish to, in the Orthodox Church they do. This is the season of getting ready. We are busy getting our homes in order for company coming. We also need to get the manger of of our hearts and souls ready to receive Jesus at Christmas.

IN NEED OF PRAYER: Michele Elliot, Bridgette Roth, Christi Duff, Nancy, Kyle, Fr. Carmen, Maria Harrington.