

MASSES FOR NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 6

Monday, 30	8:30 am	(SF)	Madge Rock (Peg Monigold Family) Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday, 1	8:30 am	(SJ)	Margaret Vanihel (CWC of Toronto) Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-224
Wednesday, 2	8:30 am	(SF)	For the People Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday, 3	8:30 am	(SJ)	Wilma Sabol (Charlie & Linda Rock & Fam.) Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday, 4	8:30 am	(SF)	Michael Simone (Newbold Family) Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday, 5	5:00 pm	(SF)	Ann Restifo – 90th Birthday Wishes (CWC of Toronto) Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8 (Daily Readings)
Sunday, 6	9:00 am	(SJ)	Charles Estep (Family)
	11:00 am	(SF)	Michael Shuma (Mom, Sisters, Nieces & Nephews) Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY:	Vespers & Benediction – 6:00pm (SF)
WEDNESDAY:	Parish School of Religion – 6:00pm (SJH)
SATURDAY:	Confessions – 10:30am (SJ)
SUNDAY:	Vespers & Benediction – 6:00pm (SF)

As of 11/23/2020: Due to COVID-19, hospitals have restricted visitation, except for anointing the sick. Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes. If you or a family member becomes hospitalized, please be sure to contact the rectory.



Wanda Hughes, a lifelong parishioner of St. Francis/St. Joseph parishes will celebrate her 91st Birthday on December 3rd. **Ann Restifo**, another lifelong parishioner of our parishes will celebrate her 90th Birthday on December 5th. If you would like to remember them on their birthdays send greetings to **Wanda Hughes, 6100 North Rd., West Jefferson, OH 43162** and **Ann Restifo 1308 Ridge Ave, Toronto OH 43964**.

A **Big CWC Thank You** to the cooks and the workers for all your help and hard work in making our Cabbage Roll Sale a huge success. We especially want to thank Father Vennitti and Larry Cernansky for their assistance during this event and **YOU**, our parishioners, and friends in our community for supporting this event, especially during this extraordinary time that we are experiencing in our daily lives.

50/50 Raffle Tickets are available at the church entrances. The drawing will take place on Tue., Dec. 15, following morning Mass.



Christmas Giving Trees: The Giving Trees are up with tags beginning this weekend. Kindly return the gifts to the church no later than December 13th but please do not wrap them. Just tape the tags to the packages. If you have any questions, please reach out to Leah at 740-346-5626 or lperdue@diosteub.org.



Vespers & Benediction for Advent will begin today at 6pm at St. Francis Church. Please come and give yourself the gift of remembering what Christmas is all about! If changes due to the pandemic are required to be made, please make sure to either check out parish website www.sfsjtoronto.com or if you have provided a current email address, the parish secretary will send an email out to notify of the changes



CHURCH SUPPORT: **St. Francis:** Adult: \$1,958.00; Loose: \$40.00; Candles: \$83.00; Human Development: \$222. **St. Joseph:** Adult: \$1,137.00; Loose: \$20.00; Candles: \$30.00; Human Development: \$38.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for November 22nd:** Saturday 5:00pm: 54; Sunday: 9:00am – 65; 11:00am – 58;

MASSES: In Memory of **Theresa Demko** by Jose Blackburn; Steve & Mary Lynn Lewis; Roth Family; Janice McClain; Rose Rebres; Sally Wenner; Gloria & Greg Zamborsky. **Helen Susi** by Gloria & Greg Zamborsky; **Tom June** by Gloria & Greg Zamborsky; **Steve Romey** by Gloria & Greg Zamborsky; **Jim & June Dayton** by Gloria & Greg Zamborsky.

MEMORIALS: To **St. Francis/St. Joseph Educational Fund** in memory of; To **St. Joseph Church Building Fund** in memory of **Mary Smurda** by Bob & Anita Montgomery; **Theresa Demko** by Bob & Anita Montgomery; to **St. Francis Church** in memory of **Theresa Demko** by David & Karen Lower; Marie Bernabei; Carol Rogers; Bill & Judy Smith.

*First Sunday of Advent
by The Faithful Disciple*

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

GROW: Sometimes I grow nostalgic for the laid-back Advents of my childhood: making a list for Santa, digging into the perforated cardboard Advent calendar for chocolate for breakfast, and lighting the Advent wreath (fire!) each Sunday. We all know, however, that the season can quickly become usurped by things to do – shopping, family, cleaning, etc. Today’s readings remind us that this is not what Advent is about. The tone in our Scriptures which begin the Advent season is not subtle. Isaiah asks God to return, to “rend the heavens and come down” – to save and deliver his people. The psalm is equally adamant: “Lord, make us turn to you.” We, as a Church, are waiting for the fullness of the Kingdom on earth, and we must prepare.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

GO: I’m a cradle Catholic, but for me, Advent was always about waiting to celebrate the birth of Christ. I love pulling out the Nativity scene and lighting the candles each week leading to the celebration of Christ’s birth. Only in recent years have I grown in awareness of the dual meaning of Advent – that we Christians also are waiting for Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. I admit, it’s always seemed to me something far into the future and perhaps not applicable to my lifetime here on earth. However, as Jesus reminds us in the Gospel, “You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming.” And while this is true, it not something to fear, but something to prepare for and look forward to! We wait in joyful hope, asking for the grace to remain faithful to our baptism and to live in a way that makes Christ’s presence known to others.

STUDY: Remember the pre-pandemic holidays? Chances are, you’ve got some extra time on your hands this season. Why not use it to take a deeper dive into Advent this year, by participating in an online Bible study or reading and praying with the Scriptures each day of Advent.

Thought for the Week:
Prepare the way of the Lord!