



MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR  
THE WEEK



**LORD, REND THE HEAVENS AND COME DOWN. COME AND SAVE US FROM OUR SINS. LET US TURN AGAIN TO YOU AND SO BE FOUND BLAMELESS WHEN YOU RETURN IN GLORY.**

**TODAY'S LITURGY**

**MARK'S JESUS**

Mark's Gospel is the shortest and tersest of all four. The discourses of Jesus tend to be terser as well. Mark's portrayal of Jesus has none of the poetry of the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain as in Matthew or Luke, nor the extensive, reflective "I Am" discourses as in John. Mark's Jesus "cuts to the chase," we would say today. This is reflected quite well in today's passage.

It is no accident that the dialogue of Jesus at this point in the Gospel according to Mark—the concluding words about the end of the world—immediately before his passion, is riddled with exclamation points and an overall sense of urgency.

We would do well to re-tool our own way of living this Advent, for we live in a world urgently in need of hearing the message of Jesus proclaimed. It's time for us to "wake up!" and get out into the world to do it.

<b>READINGS FOR THE WEEK</b>	
Monday:	Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8



**ALL DAY ADORATION**

Following the 10:00 am mass on **First Friday, December 2nd**, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for day and night Adoration until **9:30 am** on **Saturday, December 3rd**. A sign up sheet is located in the back of church to ensure that someone is present before the Blessed Sacrament at all times.

A **Pro-Life Mass** will be held at 10:00 am on **Saturday, December 3rd** following the close of All Day Adoration.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

5:00 PM Mary Polinski +  
req. by Ted Polinski Family

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 (First Sunday of Advent)**

8:00 AM Sophie M. Bistarkey +  
req. by Elmer and Betty Sobansky

11:00 AM PARISHIONERS

4:00 PM **Vesper Service**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28 (St. Catherine Laboure)**

10:00 AM Virginia McGuire +  
req. by Roseanne, Fred, Mark and Richard Rockage

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

10:00 AM In Remembrance of the Poor Souls  
req. by Zimmerman Family

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 (St. Andrew, apostle)**

6:00 PM Josephine Jacobs +  
req. by Daughter, Toni Craig & Family

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1**

10:00 AM Pete Provenzano (Birth.) +  
req. by Tony and Barb Provenzano

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 (First Friday)**

**ALL DAY ADORATION**

10:00 AM Stanley Narus +  
req. by Wednesday Bingo Workers

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 (First Saturday)**

10:00 AM Pro-Life Mass  
5:00 PM Louis & Mary Bonazza and Son Louis, Jr. +  
req. by Andy and Rose Ann Hall

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 (Second Sunday of Advent)**

8:00 AM Lois Gaido +  
req. by Ed and Nancy Gregory

11:00 AM PARISHIONERS

4:00 PM **Vesper Service**

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**Advent Reflection -**

Today, the First Sunday of Advent, the first candle is lit on the Advent Wreath. As the world grows dark with the approach of winter, Advent prayer brings us closer to the light of hope at Christmas.

A **Vesper Service** will be held today, November 27th at **4:00 pm** and on **all Sundays** of Advent. Plan to attend.

**WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE PRAYERS AT MASS?**

At Masses today, Catholic parishes in the United States are for the first time in about forty years using a new English translation of all the prayers. These prayers are found in *The Roman Missal*, the large book that we are accustomed to seeing the priest use at our Eucharistic liturgies. In the early part of this century, the late Blessed Pope John Paul II called for the original Latin Missal (the official prayer book for Mass for the entire Catholic Church worldwide) to be re-translated into the various languages prayed throughout the world. In particular, he and other Church leaders felt that the English translation could be improved. He called for new translations that would be much more like the Latin texts upon which they are based, so that all Catholics throughout the world would become more closely united by praying translations that were closer to the original. The words that we pray at Mass express our beliefs; it is important that the translations capture and express these beliefs clearly. The translation process has come to a culmination now, and today we begin using this new translation at Mass.

**ROMAN MISSAL**

The new Roman Missal used at Mass for the first time today on this First Sunday of Advent, was generously donated to the church by Mr. Frank "Boots" Klein in loving memory of his wife, **Alice Klein**. A heartfelt "thank you" is extended to Mr. Klein for his gift to the parish!

**Saturday Evening Mass Broadcast Nationally**

Our parish has been chosen by National Public Radio as one of the **first** to broadcast the Mass using the new translation of the Roman Missal. The **5:00 pm Mass** this **Saturday, November 27th** will be recorded. Following mass, Fr. Carmen D'Amico will be interviewed along with a few parishioners. The mass will be broadcast on **Sunday, November 28th** at **5:00 pm** on NPR Program "All Things Considered" on FM radio 90.5.

**RCIA CLASSES TO BEGIN**

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you interested in learning about the Catholic faith? Classes will begin on **Thursday, January 5, 2012** at **7:00 pm** in the rectory basement. Please call the church office to register.



**ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE** will be held next **Saturday, December 3rd** following the 10:00 am Pro-Life Mass. Students who have made their First Holy Communion, and are interested in serving, should attend this practice.

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**MARCH FOR LIFE**

**Washington, DC**

Reservations will be accepted beginning in December for the March for Life bus trip to Washington, DC on **Monday, January 24, 2012**. Two buses will depart from our parish to take part in the March on the Capitol. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this year's 39th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. More details will follow in future bulletins.

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN**

**Workshop**

St. Hilary Parish, 320 Henderson Ave., Washington, PA will present **two** Workshops on "*Protecting God's Children*" on the following days: **Saturday, January 7th** at **9:30 am** and **Wednesday, January 18th** at 6:30 pm. The Workshops will be held in Fr. Zapora Hall which is handicapped accessible. Call the parish office (724) 222-4087 to register.

**PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Nov. 27 - First Sunday of Advent
- Nov. 27 - Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Rectory
- Nov. 27 - No CCD Classes today
- Nov. 27 - Vesper Service 4:00 pm
- Nov. 28 - Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Feast Day
- Nov. 29 - Pro-Life Meeting 6:00 pm Church Hall
- Nov. 30 - Cath. Men's Group meets 6:30 pm Ch. Hall
- Nov. 30 - BINGO 6:30 pm CCD Center
- Dec. 1 - First Friday - All Day Adoration
- Dec. 2 - Pro-Life Mass 10:00 am
- Dec. 4 - CCD Classes in session

Due to early transmission of the bulletin, the collection amounts for Sunday, Nov. 20th & Nov. 27th will appear in next week's bulletin.

**SMILE OF THE DAY -**

If God is your Co-pilot, swap seats!