

A weekly resource for everyday evangelizers

DECEMBER 2, 2018 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Scripture Readings for the First Sunday of Advent can be found [HERE](#)

Today we begin a new Church Year: Happy New Year!

With the new year, we switch to Year C for our readings, which come predominately from Luke. In today's Gospel, Jesus is explaining that there will be signs of His Second Coming and that we must be ever vigilant in preparation for that day. Advent is a season that both remembers the coming of Jesus as an infant in Bethlehem, and looks forward to the Second Coming of Christ. The Scriptures for the season are attuned to both events. You can learn

more about Luke's Gospel [here](#).

- How can the practice of being vigilant impact your prayer life during Advent?
- Though the Gospel speaks of chaos, we are called to be people of hope. When have you encountered a situation of panic and despair and responded with hope?

Although a minor saint in the Church, the feast of St. Nicholas is celebrated with joy on December 6. In some families, children put their shoes out at bedtime on December 5, and find a small gift from St. Nicholas the next morning. You can learn more at his website: [here](#).

Saturday, December 8, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. This feast celebrates the gift of purity Mary received at her conception, preparing her to be the Mother of Jesus. Mary under the title of Immaculate Conception is the patroness of both our diocese and our nation. We will celebrate this Solemnity at 9 a.m. on December 8. You can learn more [here](#). and [here](#)

Learn more about Jon Leonetti who will give our parish mission this weekend— December 2, 3 & 4 [here](#).

You are strongly encouraged to attend one or more of the Mission evenings. Bring a friend!

From December 1 –12, we are collecting underwear (sizes 32-34-36) and long underwear for men, sizes Large and XL. Collection bins are located in the Gathering Spaces and Mulligan Room. These items will be distributed to the men we serve through Uplift. [Learn more about Uplift](#)

The Knights of Columbus are serving their Breakfast Buffet this Sunday, December 2, in the Auditorium. \$5 per person.

Would you like to become a Companion for someone becoming Catholic? Contact [Mary Pat](#) for more information!

Make your New Year's resolution and Lent practice early this year! Sign up for our newest small group faith formation for adults! Signups and information about Alpha will be available December 15 & 16 after Masses.

Questions? **Email mstorms@olpls.org**