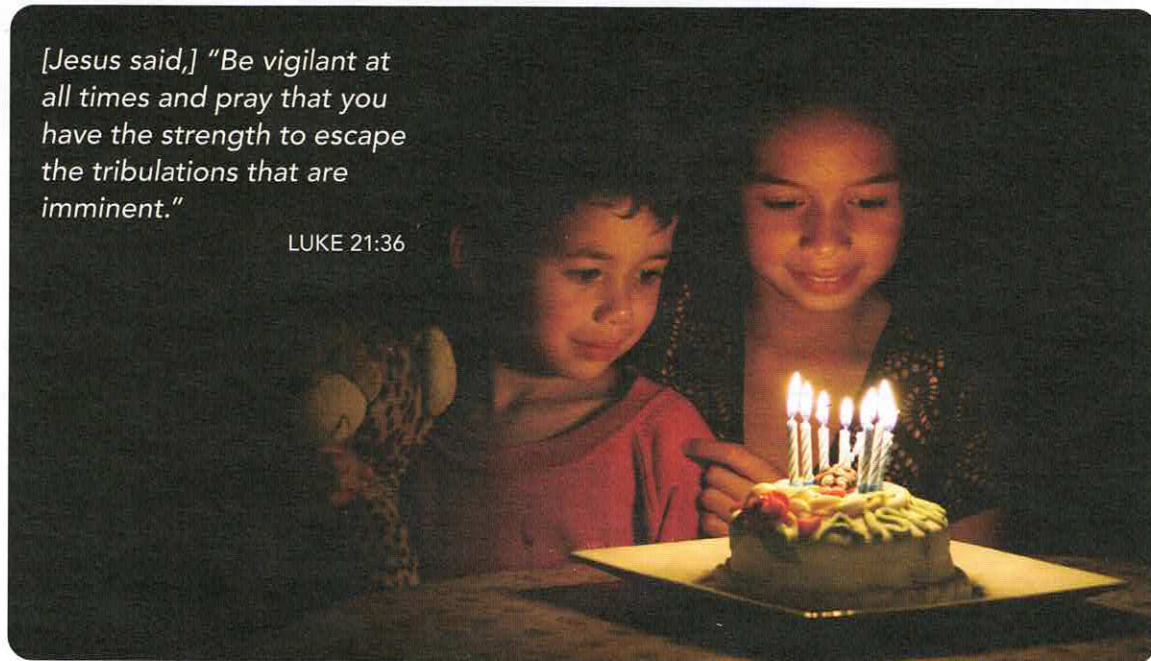


[Jesus said,] "Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent."

LUKE 21:36



Birth Day

Our *birth day* is not the anniversary of our birth—that is our *birthday*. Our birth day is the actual day of our birth. However, we do have a second birth day and it is this day to which this Sunday's readings refer. We might call it our final birth day, the day when we are born into fulfillment. Jeremiah assures us that will be the day when God's promises will be fulfilled in us. We will finally have a righteous leader; the nation will be safe, and the place where God dwells amid the people will be secure.

In the Gospel, Jesus is probably speaking figuratively about the end of the world—at least the end of the world as it is known to humans. However, it is not the end of everything, for after cosmic destruction takes place, "then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:27). After suffering the so-called birth pangs of the Messiah (see Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time), something new will appear; we will see that our redemption is at hand. We will be born into a new life in a new world.

Advent is the time to look forward to this new birth day of fulfillment. We do not simply await the anniversary of Jesus' human birth day, for that day announced the coming of the final birth day of each of us. *His* birth announces *our* new birth.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ How are you preparing for your final birth day?
- ★ What do you find most striking in today's readings? Why?



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NOVEMBER 28TH

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*This is my body, which will be given up for you.  
This is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
It will be shed for you & for all... so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.*

*Masses will be offered November 2021*

*+ All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members*

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| Sat, Nov. 27  | +Gerry Davis<br>+Richard Arguello<br>+Jose & Elida Valdez                                                                        | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Rose Cardenas                                                                                                 |
| Sun, Nov. 28  | +Sam Britt<br>+Thomas Romero Jr.<br>+Sandra Rael<br>(OLOG) +Theresa Witting<br>(OLOG) +Bernice Lamberson<br>(OLOG) +Kevin Kelsey | by Rosa Lee Britt<br>By Thomas & Elizabeth Romero<br>by Thomas & Elizabeth Romero<br>by Benny & Cecelia Bachicha<br>by Grant & Marjorie Long<br>by Grant & Marjorie Long |
| Tues, Nov. 30 | +Sam Britt                                                                                                                       | by Rosa Lee Britt                                                                                                                                                        |
| Wed, Dec. 1   | +Richard Arguello<br>+Sam Britt                                                                                                  | by Debbie & Kirk Jesko<br>by Rosa Lee Britt                                                                                                                              |
| Thurs, Dec. 2 | +Sam Britt                                                                                                                       | by Rosa Lee Britt                                                                                                                                                        |
| Fri, Dec. 3   | +Sam Britt<br>+Richard Arguello                                                                                                  | by Rosa Lee Britt<br>by Debbie & Kirk Jesko                                                                                                                              |
| Sat, Dec. 4   | +Gerry Davis<br>+Deceased of the Britt Family<br>+Ronnie Rael                                                                    | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Rosa Lee Britt<br>by Ross & Shelly Carter                                                                                                 |
| Sun, Dec. 5   | +Sam Britt<br>+Deceased of the Wood Family<br>+Richard Arguello<br>(OLOG) +Bill & Mary Wild                                      | by Rosa Lee Britt<br>by Rosa Lee Britt<br>by Debbie & Kirk Jesko<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long                                                                             |

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| November 20-21 | \$1,967.00 | \$ 365.00   |
| November 13-14 | \$1,979.00 | \$ 200.00   |
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**ATTENTION!!!**

We are in need of volunteers for the Church Bazaar.  
We need volunteers to help in the kitchen and as cashiers.

The Bazaar is Saturday, December 4, 2021. Our fundraiser will be from 11am to 7pm.  
Take-Out ONLY!

Call 575-207-6202 to make an order

The SFX drawing will be drawn on Monday December 13th.

Please have tickets bought and turned in by Thursday, December 9th!

Thank you!!!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

After almost two years of no singing or music at Mass, I would like to try and bring it back. But need volunteers to work the organ and sing at their discretion parts such as: the entrance hymn, Kyrie, Gloria, (Holy, Holy or Sanctus), the Mystery of Faith, (Lamb of God or Angus Dei) and closing hymn. All at volunteers' discretion.

Fr. Jason Pettigrew

"[The abortion] gave me grief and sorrow beyond expression. I was petrified to tell anyone. I have committed the most heinous of all crimes. Yet, the Lord forgave me, just as he forgave Paul. Yet I will always regret what I did and will probably always feel grief. But I pray that my experience can somehow prevent other women from making the same fatal mistake. I'm a nurse now, so I wear my uniform to all the pro-life things I do! It helps." Forgiveness and healing are available. Visit [www.RachelsVineyard.org](http://www.RachelsVineyard.org).

**Lectors for Masses**

- Sat, Dec. 4- Effie Walker
- Sun, Dec. 5- Raymond Saccoccia
- Sat, Dec. 11-Shelley Carter
- Sun, Dec. 12 Pat Crisp

# Dear Padre,

## What do Advent-wreath candles signify?

**M**ost Advent wreaths have three purple candles and one rose candle to echo the liturgical colors of the Church's Advent celebrations.

Whether the wreath is being used at home or in a church, the lighting of the candles should follow the liturgical colors of the Sundays of Advent. The vestments at Mass are purple during the first two weeks of Advent, so we light a purple candle on the first and second Sundays of Advent.

On the third Sunday, the Church celebrates *Gaudete* Sunday or Rejoice Sunday, named after the first word of the day's traditional entrance verse (Philippians 4:4-5). The priest wears rose vestments at Mass as a sign of our brightening hope and joy, and on the Advent wreath we light the rose candle to reflect the theme of the liturgy. The fourth Sunday of Advent sees the lighting of the last purple candle.

Some churches and families add a fifth candle to their Advent practices by placing a white candle in the center of the wreath. They light this at Christmas, again echoing the Church's liturgical color for the season and rejoicing in Christ our

Lord, whose birth brings light and life to our world.

*Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR / [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)*

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Advent is a continuous call to hope: it reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate goal, to lead it to its fullness, which is the Lord....God is not distant, he is always with us, to the extent that very often he knocks on the door to our heart.*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

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## Calendar

### Monday

NOVEMBER 29  
Advent Weekday

Is 2:1-5  
Mt 8:5-11

### Tuesday

NOVEMBER 30

St. Andrew,  
Apostle  
Rom 10:9-18  
Mt 4:18-22

### Wednesday

DECEMBER 1

Advent Weekday  
Is 25:6-10a  
Mt 15:29-37

### Thursday

DECEMBER 2

Advent Weekday  
Is 26:1-6  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

### Friday

DECEMBER 3

St. Francis Xavier,  
Priest  
Is 29:17-24  
Mt 9:27-31

### Saturday

DECEMBER 4

Advent Weekday  
Is 30:19-21, 23-26  
Mt 9:35-10:1,  
5a, 6-8

### Sunday

DECEMBER 5

Second Sunday  
of Advent  
Bar 5:1-9  
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11  
Lk 3:1-6

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