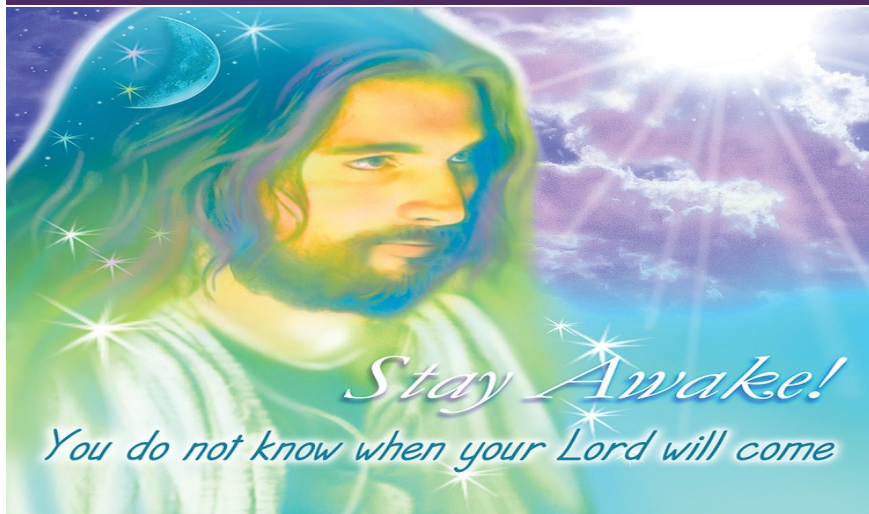


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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM.

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM &
6:00 PM.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

*Monday No Mass—Exposition &
Adoration 6:00–7:00 AM.*

Tuesday–Friday

Exposition & Adoration: 6:00 AM

Mass: 6:30 AM

Saturday: 8:30 A.M.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS:

8:30 AM

Exposition until 10:00 AM.

Confession 9-10AM.

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

Tuesday at 6:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Before all weekday and weekend
Masses or by appointment.

24– HOUR ADORATION:

Thursdays, 7 a.m.—Fridays, 6 a.m.

Held in the Souby Baptistery

BAPTISMS:

Second & fourth Sunday of each
month, 10:00 AM. BOTH parents
AND Godparents MUST attend a
baptism seminar held first Tuesday
of each month, 6:00PM in the
Gallen Room (parking lot entry).

WEDDINGS:

Couples should make an appoint-
ment with the parish priest at least
six months in advance.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Call the rectory anytime at
385-0770.

COMMUNION IN THE HOME/ HOME VISITS:

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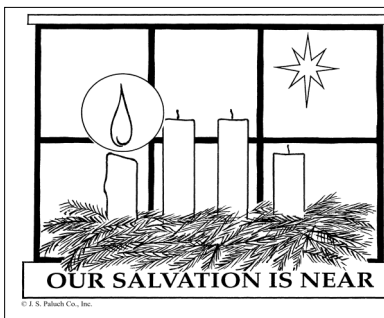
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Thought for Today

“ Let your light shine!” Jesus asks this of us all. But to keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it. Pray. Pray. Pray.

Do Something Beautiful for God- Mother Teresa



Prophet’s Candle

HOPE

Reminds us: Jesus is Coming

Verse: Romans 15:12-13



Our Lady Star of The Sea Thanksgiving Rosary

Wednesday, November 30th 2:00 P.M.

At the Statue site on Brashear Avenue.

The rosary is prayed in thanksgiving for all the blessings our area has received during this past hurricane season. Please Join Us!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

November 26 & 27

Sacristans:

- Sat., 4:30P.M. – June Pennison
Sun., 8:00A.M.– Loretta Landry
11:00A.M.—Cindy Marino
6:00P.M.— Rebecca Pye

Lectors:

- Sat., 4:30P.M. - Chris Hunter
Sun., 8:00A.M. - Leslie Smith
11:00 A.M.— Cathy Siracusa
6:00P.M. – Peggy Gowland

Eucharistic Ministers

- Sat.,4:30P.M.—June Pennison
Sun., 8:00A.M.– Loretta Landry
11:00 A.M.—Cindy Marino
6:00P.M.—Rebecca Pye

“Longing”

with Fr. Brett Lapeyrouse

Wednesday, November 30th
Wednesday, December 14th
6:30-8P.M. (Church)

Reflection talk, Eucharistic Adoration and Confession.

The Church leads us through the season of Advent to await the coming of the birth of Christ. As part of your Advent journey we welcome all to join in this night of reflection.



MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

The second collection next weekend Dec. 3 and 4 is for the Parish Maintenance Fund.

Thank you for your continued support of this important fund~

The Sacrament of Marriage



“Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.” Genesis 2:24

Saturday, November 11 2022

Kobi Antoine Lombes & Olivia Claire Kraemer

#GIVINGTUESDAY

Global Day Of Giving this Tuesday, November 29th.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 27, 2022



MASS INTENTIONS: Sat., Nov. 26, 8:30am: Regina Clement, Marvin Compton, Joe Parsiola, Anthony Cannata, David Arcemont, Joyce & George Melancon, Joe Giordano, Genevieve Theriot, Eloise & Bill Gowland, Charles Gowland, Sr., John & Stella Mula, Pauline & Randolph Landry, Theresa & William Maxwell, M/M Eddie Landry, Nellie Blereau, Eugene Fields, Joe & Bet Cefalu, Roland & Jenna Fangue, Johnny & Jeffrey DeMatteo, Marion Bergeron, Cyrus & Shirley Giroir, Earl L. & Goldie M. Mayon, Rosalie, Milford, Butch & Fran Blum, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Larry Bergeron, Otis Rulf, Ed Paterson, Rosemary Cutrera, Howard Thibodaux, Larry Pennison, Prayer Intentions of SHC Parishioners, Debra Duhon & Family, Dorothy Whitley, Mary Laughlin.

Sat., Nov. 26, 4:30pm: Patrick J. Bergeron, Vera & Charles Dupuis, Larry Bergeron, Anthony Governale, Sr., M/M Walter Romero, Sr., Theodore & Pasty LaVerne, Kelley & Alan Thomas Family, Maggie & Raymond Keller & Fam., Elaine & Kenny Blaire & Fam., Charles Gowland, Sr., M/M Donald Kreider, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Frank & Corinne Mula, Marvin Compton, Seth & Jackie Sumrall, C.J. & Mary Doiron, Blackie Arceneaux, Santo & Stella Rousso, Adele & Red Arceneaux, Stephen Giroir, Lester & Belle Simoneaux, George & Joyce Melancon, David Arcemont, Arcemont/Landry Family, Anthony Cannata, Vincent & Fannie Cannata, Earl L. & Goldie Mayon, Pat Badaeux, Grace Napoli, Jeanne Picou, Theresa & William Maxwell, Pauline & Randolph Landry, Andrew, Bill & Eloise Gowland, Luda & Eli Fields, Vivian & Eddie Fields, John Robert "Bob" Keeling, Jr., Donald Fields, Sally Anderson, Ruby Miller, Marius Carlos, Elmo & Viola Goulas, Troy Fangue, Alfred/Holt Families, Martin & Deshotel & Prince Families, Robert & Maridel LaBauve, Mary & Ray Martin, Smith-Theriot Families, Betty & Philip Smith, Sr., Dirk Hoffpaur, Barbara Kreider, Joe & Bet Cefalu, Elfrey & Margie LeBlanc, Carroll & Zeder Kraemer, Melvin J. Pitre, Doris B. & J. Darwin Richard, Marion H. Bergeron, Marlene Gautier, David Duplantis, Nick & Katie Mancuso, Dee & Vincent Orcino, John Siracusa, Jerry Listi, Viola Percle, Otis Rulf, Rosalee Loupe, Steven Adams, Alice Shannon Guzzetta, Ed Patterson, Sidney Solar, Jr., Joe Parsiola, Agnes Robicheaux, Nick LaRocca, Judy Duval, Dot & Sonny Duval, Bill & Eloise Gowland, Rafael Basas, Dung Nguyen, Prayer Intentions of SHC Parishioners, Jaqueline Hebert, Warren & June Fortier, Rena & Ridley Blanchard, James Kullman, Sr., Ayo & Odelia Loupe, Debra Duhon, & Family, Pat Duplantis, Ray LaHoste, Lois Fryou, Linda Sue Webster, Pat Duplantis, David, Ann, Matthew Breaux, Leah Dupuis, Don Domino, Wilbert/Nan/Tim Melancon, Laura Glatter, Sonny Dupuis, Dorothy Whitley, Allen Bourdier.

Sunday, Nov. 27, 8:00am: David Loupe, Rose H. Percle, Alvin Ackerman, Jr., Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Joe & Bernice Giandelone, Claire & Sheldon Bergeron, H.V. Choo Choo Fondren, Forcheimer/Fondren Families L/D, Jason DeHart, Anatole & Ida Fangue, Roland & Virginia Fangue, Earl & Goldie Mayon, Cy & Shirley Giroir, Mr. & Mrs. John Parker Conrad, Sr., Ed Fontenot, DiMatteo Family, John/Josephine/Johnny DeMatteo, Jeffery DeMatteo, Richard, Sr. & Hilda Landry, Jimmy LeBoeuf, Rickey Arceneaux, C.J. & Viva Solar, Blackie Arceneaux, Stephen Schaub, Mark Manfre, Larry Pennison, Charlie Roy, Tracy Lajaunie, Delores Lajaunie, Souls in Purgatory, Carroll "Bobby" Bertaut, III., Biundo/Bourgeois Families, Sonny Dupuis, Lois Fryou, Wilbert/Nan/Tim Melancon, Connie Domangue, Shirley Chaisson, Allen Bourdier. **11:00am:** Jim Holt, Holt/Alfred Families L/D, Mr. & Mrs. Oliver J. Bergeron Family L/D, Parker & Shirley Conrad, Hugh & Nell Egle Brown, M/M Raymond Egle, Vivian & Ferris Romaire, Sr., Luda & Eli Fields, Marian & Richard Romaire, Nolan & Katherine Michel, Walter & Irma Michel, Nellie Blereau, Joe Giordano, Genevieve Theriot, Adam E. & Dorothy Conner, Fred & Edna Williams, Bill & Eloise Gowland, Charles Gowland, Sr., Hogan/Landry Families, Mac, Mary & Stephen McCleary, Dehart/Duhon Families L&D, Dr. C.R. Brownell, Lorraine B. Moreau, Leonard & Florence Bernucho, Charles Moreau, Ozio/LeDoux Families, Marion & Oliver Bergeron, Jr., Barbara Kreider, Betty Rink, Pat DeHart, David Duplantis, Mark Manfre, J.P. Morella Family L/D., Beverley Hamer, Conner & Williams Families, Sonia Hebert, Josephine & Rocco Guarisco, Sr. & Rocco Guarisco, Jr. & Fam./L/D, Betty Theriot Smith, Pat & Carmen Prestenbach, Sonia Hebert, Susan Aucoin, J. A Garcia, Jr. Fam., Lois Fryou, Laura Glatter. **6:00pm:** All Abandon Souls, Charles Gowland, Sr., Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Marion Bergeron, Genevieve Theriot, Janet/Beverly/Charles Fernandez, Leonard & Enola Klutts, Barbara Miller, Yvonne Fernandez, George Fernandez, Carl J. & Glenda W. Strevia Family L/D., Prayer Intentions of SHC Parishioners, Dalia & Manuel Ramirez, Zweigle Fam. L/D, Albarado Fam. L/D., Wilbert, Nan & Tim Melancon, Conner-Melancon Fam., Mary B. Ashman Fam. L/D., Don Domino, David, Ann, Matthew Breaux.

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 6:30am: Ted McManus, David Arcemont, Boudreaux/ Sewart families, Eloise & Bill Gowland, John & Stella Mula, Pauline & Rudolph Landry, Theresa & William Maxwell, George & Joyce Melancon, Nellie Blereau, Dupuis family, Elaine Naquin, Robert & Maridel LaBauve, Cy & Shirley Giroir, Bernie Marino, Alice Shannon, Mr. & Mrs. John Parker Conrad, Sr., Marvin Compton, Jeffrey DiMatteo, Anthony Cannata, Grace Napoli, David Duplantis, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Larry Bergeron, Charles Gowland, Sr., J.P. Morella & Fam. L/D, Cyrus Giroir, Rickey Arceneaux, Larry Pennison, Mark Manfre, Jim Holt, Prayer Intentions of SHC Parishioners, Debra Duhon & Family, Ray LaHoste, Linda Duke, Wilbert/Nan/Tim Melancon, Shirley Chaisson, Allen Bourdier, Laura Glatter.

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 6:30am : Mark Manfre, Marvin Compton, David Arcemont, Joyce & George Melancon, Roy & Dee Simoneaux, Emery & Mary Besse, John & Stella Mula, Pauline & Randolph Landry, Skeezi & Flora Bergeron, Bertin/Dupuis Families, Manfre/Grizzaffi Families, David Duplantis, Gerald Blanchard, Bet & Joseph Cefalu, Sr., Robert LaBauve, Nellie Blereau, Jason DeHart, Elaine Naquin, C. C. & Barbara Clark, Earl & Goldie Mayon, Nolan & Katherine Michel, David Loupe, Celeste Loupe, Cy & Shirley Giroir, Loulie & Lelia Boudreaux, Gerald Blanchard, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Charles Gowland, Sr., Gladys & Clive Cloutier, Larry Bergeron, Beverly Hamer, Nguyen Family, Dung Nguyen, Prayer Intentions of SHC Parishioners, Protection from Storms, Debra Duhon & Fam., Linda Duke, Ray LaHoste, Walter & Irma Michel, Garnette/Gerald Listi, Listi/Theriot Fam., Shirley Chaisson, Wilbert/Nan/Tim Melancon, Allen Bourdier.

Thursday, Nov. Dec. 1, 6:30am: David Arcemont, Joyce & George Melancon, Bessie Roy, Nellie Blereau, Manfre Family, Teresa & William Maxwell, John & Stella Mula, Randolph & Pauline Landry, Bet & Joe Cefalu, Santo & Stella Rousso, Adam & Dorothy Conner, Fred & Edna Williams, Joe Parsiola, Marvin Compton, Jeffery DiMatteo, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Charles Gowland, Sr., Horace Naquin, Dung Nguyen, Rosalee Loupe, Otis Rulf, Rickey Arceneaux, C.J. & Viva Solar, Blackie Arceneaux, Betty Smith, Prayer Intentions of SHC Parishioners, Therol Naquin, Debra Duhon & Family, Shirley Chaisson, Allen Bourdier.

Friday, Dec. 2, 6:30am: Holy Souls in Purgatory, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Pat DeHart, Charles Gowland, Sr., David Duplantis, Dung Nguyen Family, Mark Manfre, Santo & Stella Russo, Alice S. Guzzetta, Anthony, Vincent C. & Fannie Cannata, Ed Patterson, Patrick Bergeron, Prayer Intentions of SHC Parishioners, Henry Daigle, Debra Duhon & Family, Linda Duke, Wilbert/Nan/Tim Melancon, Marvin Thomas Braddock, Shirley Chaisson, Laura Glatter, Allen Bourdier.

Angel of God

my guardian dear to whom His love commits me here ever this day be at my side to light and guard to rule and guide. **Amen.**



STEWARDSHIP: 11/13/2022

Regular Collection: \$4,810.00

Maintenance: \$1,887.00

Money Counters: Team (4)

PRAY FOR... PEACE, Protection from floods & storms, Harold Ross, Huan Tran, Mary Ann Crocker, Kathryn Stadalis, Carol Bergeron, Rexall Howard, Stephen Giroir, Ana Rogers, Beulah Deshotel, Mona Thibodeaux, Hilda Landry, Kim Verrett, Rodney Frederick, Roger Liner, Donna Henry, Jane Davis, Louis Wilson, Roger Adams Jr., Gene & Edie Nezat, Ross Rock, Brittany Thomas, Dalton Dupree, Noah Fryou, Tara Trahan, Ashley Ribardi, Deanna Rome, Jimmy LeBlanc, Dale Hubert, Pat Rock, Barbara Breaux, Stacy Giroir, Eston Roger, Drew Clements, Robbie & Kacie Toups, Janet Bennett, Jean Stephens, Zweigle/Dupree Families, Gloria & Jessie Michel, Donald Loupe, Ida Mae Percle, Lelia Johnson, Nicki Plessala, Jim Miller, Jaiden, Tammy Fitch, Chad Duval, Jr., Harley Blanco, Demarius Granger, Darrel Beadle, Killian Mabe, Joan Judycki, Mary Ann Trosclair, Anna Hargrave & Family, Shannon Swiber, Holly Brasseaux, Amanda Jennings, Katy Bourgeois, Ina Clarke, William LaPoint, Marilyn Pye, Leonard & Priscilla Scully, Catherine & Elijah Landry, Robin Jeansonne, Charlie Solar, Sr., Karen Duhon, Barbara Olson, Herman Bailey, Jahmarla Guidry, Bob Opperman, Susan Nelson, Laine Mosher, Aceson Alleman, Catherine Thibodeaux, Scott Barbier, Martha Guillory, Will Lapoint, Edwin Bergeron, Jason Theriot, Anna Rogers, Evie Herrington, Mac Percle, Yvonne Zweigle, Bryson Plaisance, Betty Ross, Larry Giroir, Nedra Giroir, Jim Davis, Rachel Adams, Ave Ross, Elijah Carter, Valerie Streety, Larry Guillory, The Fitch Family, Anna Broussard, Reberta Ford, Margie Aucoin, Gentry Garrett, Cherie Dyer, Lovenia Percle, Francis Smith, Layla Giroir, Wendy Hotard, Charles Gibson, Jr., Billy Cantrell, Patty Fontenot, Rhonda Lile, Beth Naquin, Raymond Daniels, Renee Harper, Warren Landry, Louis Tamporella, Judy Solar, Vera Judycki, Buddy Rogers, Russell Vicknair, Mable Lester, Howard Rogers, Tammy Richard, Elliot Prejean, Rip & Cheryl Verdin, Kim Hanks, Kattie Ghirardi, Lynette Breaux, Darlene Hamm, Anthony "Tony" Richard, Nanette S. Landry, Mary Lou Conrad, Barbara McCloy, Ashia Starling, Gene Arceneaux, Mary Ann Adams, Jimmy Russo, Kay Olds, Franklin Pierce, Marlene Pierce, Brent Gravois, Ava Carpenter, Ellen Rink, Richard Ford, Kelley Dalton, Theresa & Jason Babin, Jim Mestepey, Ryan, Odalys Ultra., Francis Loupe, Willie Mae Lewis, Earline & David Gastins, Elias Dupree, Peggy Perry, Keely Price, Robin Bailey Jeansomme, Jerry "Butch" Robicheaux, Steve Sealine, Shirley Verdin, Celeste Laitimen, Robbie Sword, Holly Barbier, Mary Price, Austin Courtney, Elijah Allen, Jerry Trosclair, Christian Miguez, Danny Chiasson, Howard Johnson, Gene Falcon, Zet Frederick, Kenneth & Judy Hope, Russell Vicknair, Max Anderson, Steve Morell, Jeanne McCloy.

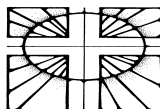


PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

U.S. Armed Forces and All who serve & protect us, Craig Bourdier, Ryan Bourdier, Andrew Bourdier, Joseph Johnson, V, Tony Malbrough, Mathew Young, Luke Zweigle, Draven Smith, Brian Hartman, Ory Arcemont, Ryan Hunter, Cameron Case, Matthew Tregle, Tanner Richards, Johnathan Villegas.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please send your prayer intentions to shsecretary@hdiocese.org or call the rectory 385-0770 and we will include them in our daily prayers.



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The symbolism of the Advent wreath is quite beautiful.

The circle of the wreath, with no beginning or end and made with evergreens, represents eternity and the everlasting life found in Christ.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent whose progressive lighting expresses the expectation and hope surrounding the coming of the Messiah.

Week 1 Symbolizes **HOPE** (purple candle)

Reminds us: *Jesus is coming*, Verse: Romans 15:12-13.

Week 2 Symbolizes **FAITH** (purple candle)

Reminds us: *Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem* Verse: Luke 3:4-6.

Week 3 Symbolizes **JOY** (Rose candle)

Reminds us: *The joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus*, Verse: Luke 2:7-15.

Week 4 Symbolizes **PEACE** (purple candle)

Reminds us: *The message of the angels "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men,"* Verse: John 3:16-17. If a fifth white candle is used, it naturally represents Christ, light of the world, and is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

November 27, 2022

First Sunday Of Advent

Psalm 25(24):1-3

Entrance Chant:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Show us, Lord, your love; / and grant us your salvation.

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

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**Reflection: St. Andrew, Apostle
Feast Day— Wednesday, November 30th**

As in the case of all the apostles except Peter and John, the Gospels give us little about the holiness of Andrew. He was an apostle. That is enough. He was called personally by Jesus to proclaim the Good News, to heal with Jesus' power and to share his life and death. Holiness today is no different. It is a gift that includes a call to be concerned about the Kingdom, an outgoing attitude that wants nothing more than to share the riches of Christ with all people.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).



First Sunday of Advent
"You . . . must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

— Matthew 24:44

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, Advent had a strong penitential tone, reminiscent of Lent. From as long ago as the fourth century, some Christians began a solemn fast on St. Martin's Day, November 11. This "Saint Martin's Lent" extended all the way to Christmas, and was widely followed in the dioceses of France and Germany, and in the Middle Ages in England. Fasting was required, and dancing and similar activities were banned for the duration. The fast had a social function, too, assuring that the winter food supplies would stretch into spring.

At the Second Vatican Council, some bishops argued that a revival of the long winter's fast would give the Church a chance to establish the message and themes of the Incarnation long before the holiday hubbub took hold. This proposal didn't pass, and Advent emerged as a four-week period of reflection, expectant waiting, and joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord. The season has two principal phases, with the first beginning this Sunday. The second phase commences on December 17, when the liturgy begins to unfold the story of the Savior's coming. Interestingly, the Eastern Church maintains a strongly penitential note in Advent, which is called "Winter Lent," "The Nativity Fast," or "Christmas Lent," and has laws forbidding people to absent themselves from liturgy from December 17 onward.

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Thank You!

Gina Dupuis