



December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent

Collection Nov. 27, 2022

<i>Regular Collection</i>	<i>\$659.00</i>
<i>Flowers</i>	<i>112.00</i>
<i>Immaculate Conception</i>	<i>10.00</i>
<i>All Saints Day</i>	<i>10.00</i>
<i>Human Development</i>	<i>10.00</i>
<i>Attendance</i>	<i>41</i>

December 11, 2022

Lector: *Patty Williams*
 Commentator: *Debbie Grubb*
 Ushers: *Schlottmann family*

Readings for December 11, 2022

Reading 1 *Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10*
Reading 2 *James 5:7-10*
Gospel *Matthew 11:2-11*

Information about St. Edwards- *Daily readings, the bulletin, homilies, and other information can be found on our webpage at:*
<https://stedwardpulaski.org>

Prayer List - *Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Stephen Petrowski, Christine Scarpinato, Michael Linkous, Megan Talbert, Rosanna Vallo, Jim Trowbridge, Orlando LoMascolo, Jerry Stanley, Bill Vest, Caroline Jewell, Raegan Ray, John Millard, and Father Bernie.*

Let the Stanleys know if you have additions or deletions.

Christmas Flowers Donations- *If you would like to make a donation for Christmas flowers in memory of deceased family members, please use the envelop provide in your box of envelops. Also, please provide the names of the deceased family members.*

Outreach chair person needed- *The pastoral council is in need of a person to chair our outreach program. If interested and willing to help out, please see Sally Warburton for more information.*

Immaculate Conception-*We will celebrate The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, with Mass here at St. Edwards this Thursday, December 8, at noon.*

SAM Sunday- *Next Sunday plan to stay for our December SAM Sunday. Please fix one of your favorite foods for the holidays to share with our St. Edward's family. Hope you can join us for good fellowship and a meal to share.*

<u>December Birthdays</u>		<u>December Anniversary</u>
<i>Mary Klima</i>	<i>Dec. 4</i>	<i>No December Anniversaries</i>
<i>Walt Harriman</i>	<i>Dec. 8</i>	
<i>Wayne Trail</i>	<i>Dec. 9</i>	
<i>John Balconi</i>	<i>Dec. 10</i>	
<i>Cheri Strenz</i>	<i>Dec. 12</i>	
<i>Dan Grubb</i>	<i>Dec. 21</i>	
<i>Charlotte Phillips</i>	<i>Dec.22</i>	
<i>Mary Beth McNair</i>	<i>Dec. 31</i>	

Today is the second Sunday of Advent. Each Sunday during Advent on the back page of the bulletin there will be inserts from Creighton University.

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Daily Prayer This Week

Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives begins with getting in touch with our own desires. Advent is a wonderful time to ask myself, "What am I looking for? What do I desire? What longing can I recognize in my heart?" The answers to those questions will be our best guide for daily prayer. The readings this week offer some possible ways to talk with the Lord about our desires.

We can begin by trying to get in touch with a part of my heart that is divided, perhaps with a desert separating the two parts. For example, is there a disconnect between my primary commitments and the amount of time and attention that I give to them? Is there a distance between who I say I am and who I actually am? Do I experience something missing between what I believe and how I live those beliefs? We all have these contradictions and inconsistencies within us. These are the places into which we can let our Advent desiring grow. This week, we can imagine the prophet saying, "There will be a path between what is separate or divided or at a distance in your life!" or "What is desert, barren, dry and life-less in you will come to life!" We can hear, "You will find freedom and comfort, where you have been finding yourself in a captivity to pattern and routine, where you have felt weak and weary." "Learn from the Lord and learn real wisdom."

When one or more of these desires really strikes a chord in our hearts, Advent begins for us. Each morning this week, we can turn to our God, when we first wake up, while in the shower or getting dressed, and simply ask: "Come, Lord. Come into this place, into this embarrassing place of need in my life." We may be able to be specific and ask, "Please, Lord, come and be with me and bring life and hope into my morning as I face this meeting." As we go to work or do laundry or shop, or head home from work, we might ask even more specifically for the grace to love - to take the liberating journey across the desert and let the Lord bring us home to a place of comfort, healing and peace.

Advent is about our coming to a felt sense of our need for a Savior and letting our Savior into our hearts to save us. Advent comes alive for us as we identify our desires and let them be expressed as longing and expectant hope.

Into this space our Lord comes with good news, healing and a peace the world can't give. As we taste our desires and longing grow, we can give thanks each evening before we go to bed, to acknowledge we are being given a great grace of a growing intimacy with our God, right in the midst of our very busy days.

"Taken from *Second Sunday of Advent*"

We prepare this week by stepping up the longing. We move through this week by naming deeper and more specific desires.

Each morning this week, if even for that brief moment at the side of our beds, we want to light a second inner candle. We want to let it represent "a bit more hope." Perhaps we can pause, breathe deeply and say,

"Lord, I place my trust in you."

Each day this week, as we encounter times that are rushed, even crazy, we can take that deep breath, and make that profound prayer. Each time we face some darkness, some experience of "parched land" or desert, some place where we feel "defeated" or "trapped," we hear the words, "Our God will come to save us!" The grace we desire for this week is to be able to hear the promise and to invite our God to come into those real places of our lives that dearly need God's coming. We want to be able to say:

"Lord, I place my trust in your promise. Please, Lord, rouse your power and come into this place in my life, this relationship, into this deep self-defeating pattern. Please come here and save me."

Each night this week we can look back over the day and give thanks for the moments of deep breath, that opened a space for more trust and confidence in God's fidelity to us. No matter how difficult the challenges we are facing - from the growing realization of our personal sinfulness, to any experience of emptiness or powerlessness, even in the face of death itself - we can give thanks for the two candles that faithfully push back the darkness. And, we can give thanks for the graces given us to believe that "Our God will come to save us" because we were given the courageous faith to desire and ask boldly.

*Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit your people.
We await your coming. Come, O Lord.*