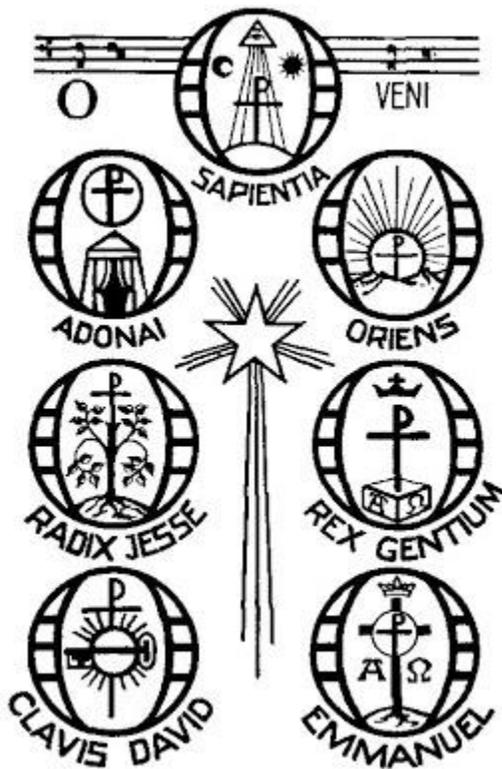


23rd of November, 2020

Members and Friends of St. Andrew's Church,

I write you in preparation for the Advent season which is close at hand. This year's devotional book, included in this mailing is, "Waiting and Watching." This new book from Forward Movement reflects on a word from scripture each day during Advent to Christmas day. I hope you find it inspiring.

I have listed our Advent and Christmas events below. You will notice some changes have been made in the schedule as a result of Covid restrictions. Some of our beloved activities, like the Christmas pageant will be online only this year. Other events, like Advent wreath making are postponed until next year. You will notice the time change for our late Christmas Eve service. It will be moved to 7pm this year to allow time for cleaning in preparation for the Christmas Day Service.



This has not been an easy year, but your encouragement has been a great joy to me. I give thanks in my prayers each and every day for you. Your love and support help make this Church a witness to the good news of Jesus, and a beacon of faith and hope in our community.

As the Covid virus continues to spread there may be a need to further adjust what has already been modified. The calendar will be updated in the parish emails twice each week.

Mondays, Nov. 23-Dec. 14
Sunday, November 29th,
Thurs. Dec. 17th to Wed. 23rd, 5pm.
Sunday, December 20th, 10am.
Wednesday, December 23rd
Thursday, December 24th, 5pm & 7pm.
Friday, December 25th, 10am.

Diocesan Online Advent Formation (see email)
Beginning of Advent and the daily devotional book
Advent Evening Prayers
Service of Lessons and Carols
Online Broadcast of the Christmas Pageant
Christmas Eve Service
Christmas Day Service (1928 Prayerbook)

Blessings to you in this Advent and Christmas Season,

Fr. Jeff Queen

First week of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Second week of Advent

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Third week of Advent

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.