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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday: 5:00p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 & 11a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday:	**12:00 p.m.**
Wednesday:	**8:30 a.m.**
Thursday:	**8:30 a.m.**
Friday:	**7:00 p.m.**

CONFESSIONS
Saturday, 4:00-4:30 p.m. or Upon Request

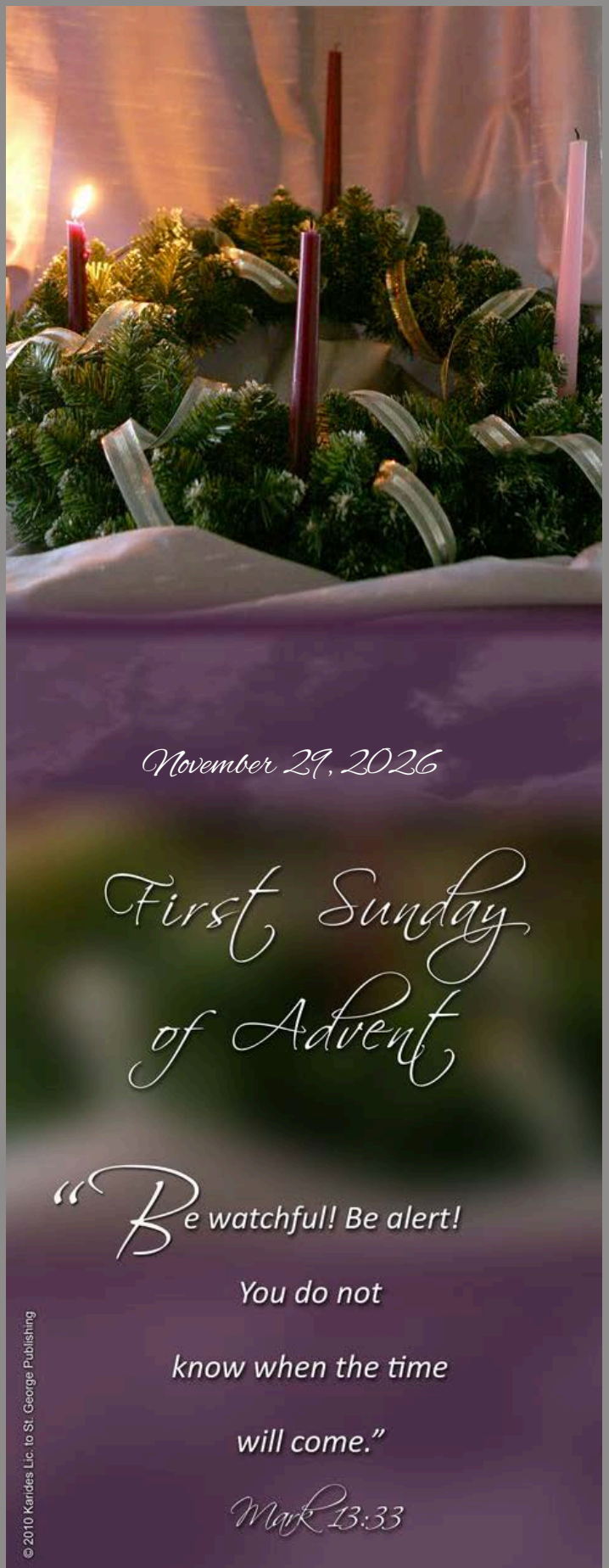
ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please contact Fr. Martino 706-825-3032

BAPTISMS
Please contact Fr. Martino for an appointment

WEDDINGS
Please contact Fr. Martino for an appointment minimum of four months before wedding date.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
dre@sbcatholic.com
Sunday 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

BULLETIN DEADLINE
We welcome your contributions to the bulletin. Deadline is Wednesday, by 12:00 p.m



The Blessing of an Advent Wreath

The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent. When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the sign of the cross

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Response (R/.): Who made heaven and earth.

Reader: Let us listen to the words of the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 1-2 and 5-6) (Alternately, Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) may be used).

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, As they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as men make merry when dividing spoils. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, From David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains By judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
R/. Thanks be to God.

Leader:
Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Savior of every nation.
Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light



be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
bid ev'ry sad division cease
and be thyself our Prince of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

—From "Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers"

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Pray for the Sick

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Pray for our Troops

CW5 Scott Durrer, MSGT Brian Lafond, A1C Aubriana Butchko, CW3 Josh Daughtry, PVT Hayden Dickerson, SR Christopher Meinert, SSGT Patrick Gleaton, SGT William Bland, PFC, Dalen Baldwin, ENS Sean Garrett, LTJG Riley Garrett, PFC Katelyn Hartman, PFC Enzo Dennis, PO3 Caitlin Snow, SA, Ryan Sticha

Ministry Schedule

Dec. 05

5:00 p.m.

AS D & H Matzdorf & P Galasco
EM C & R Kitchen & K Fitzgibbons
L N McEvoy
U M & G Garrett

Dec. 06

8:30 a.m.

AS M & S Limardo & E Xiang
EM M Almeida & M McCumber
L P Walters
U J Richtman & R Stone

11:00 a.m.

AS L Wimberly, T & D Brown
EM R Monteleone & J Howard
L R Brown
U M Shinholser & E Levine

Weekly Collection with YTD Figures

Week of Nov. 22, 2026

Offertory & Online Giving	$6,111.00
YTD Offertory Collection	$177,090.00
Bills Paid this Week:	$12,638.00
Bills Paid to Date:	$183,079.00
Annual Catholic Appeal Goal:	$38,608.00
Total Given:	$32,891.84

Mass Intentions

Sun-11/29	+Phero Thien
	♥St. Boniface
	♥Taylor Oliveira
Tue-12/01	+Joseph & Maria
Wed-12/02	+Paul & Auma
Thu-12/03	+J.B. & Anna
Fri-12/04	+Alexa & Micae
Sat-12/05	+Huey Reynolds

The Lord is coming from heaven in splendor to visit his people, and bring them peace and eternal life.

~ Entrance Antiphon, Friday of the First Week of Advent

Journey of Faith



"The season of Advent has a twofold character. It is a time of preparation for Christmas when the first coming of God's Son is recalled. It is also a season when minds are directed by this memorial to Christ's second coming at the end of time. It is thus a season of joyful & spiritual expectation." ~ General Norms for the Liturgical Year (no 39)

The First Sunday of Advent

The new Church year begins with a plea for God's visitation. "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down," the prophet Isaiah cries in today's First Reading. In today's Psalm, too, we hear the anguished voice of Israel, imploring God to look down from His heavenly throne - to save and shepherd His people. Today's readings are relatively brief. Their language and "message" are deceptively simple. But we should take note of the serious mood and penitential aspect of the Liturgy today - as the people of Israel recognize their sinfulness, their failures to keep God's covenant, their inability to save themselves. And in this Advent season, we should see our own lives in the experience of Israel. As we examine our consciences, can't we, too, find that we often harden our hearts, refuse His rule, wander from His ways, withhold our love from Him? God is faithful, Paul reminds us in today's Epistle. He is our Father. He has hearkened to the cry of His children, coming down from heaven for Israel's sake and for ours - to redeem us from our exile from God, to restore us to His love. In Jesus, we have seen the Father (see John 14:8-9). The Father has let His face shine upon us. He is the good shepherd (see John 10:11-15) come to guide us to the heavenly kingdom. No matter how far we have strayed, He will give us new life if we turn to Him, if we call upon His holy name, if we pledge anew never again to withdraw from Him. As Paul says today, He has given us every spiritual gift - especially the Eucharist and penance - to strengthen us as we await Christ's final coming. He will keep us firm to the end - if we let Him. So, in this season of repentance, we should heed the warning - repeated three times by our Lord in today's Gospel - to be watchful, for we know not the hour when the Lord of the house will return.

A service of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology
www.SalvationHistory.com

Readings for Week of November 29

Sunday	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 /Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1 :3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 1 O, 11 /Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/ Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Is 25:6-1 Oa/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35- 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Faith Formation

November 29 - no class/school break

The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 8th. Mass will be held at 12pm & 7pm.

Advent Penance Service

Will take place one hour before and after the Masses on December 8th. Father Martino & Fr. Minch will be avilable to hear confessions.

Offertory envelopes

Offertory Envelopes for 2027

2027 offertory envelopes will be available in the back of the church next weekend. If you used envelopes last year, you are already on our list and will receive them automatically. New parishioners who would like envelopes can sign up using the form under "More Info" on our parish website.

Christmas for Kids

This year, we will be hosting “Christmas for Kids" for our community. Father is requesting donations of $20 gift cards for children in our community, which can be from Chick-fil-A, Wal-Mart, or Marshalls. If you prefer to make a monetary donation of $20 and allow us to purchase the gift card, please place your donation in the local charity box, drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the office. We are needing a total of 250 gift cards and have received a total of 65 to date. Please indicate that your contribution is for “Christmas for Kids.” Thank you for your Support

Virtus Training

If you would like to volunteer for a ministry within the parish, please register at Virtusonline.org for your training date preference. All classes are now available online.Please contact the office if you have questions or concerns.

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St. Nicholas Breakfast- Saturday, December 12.

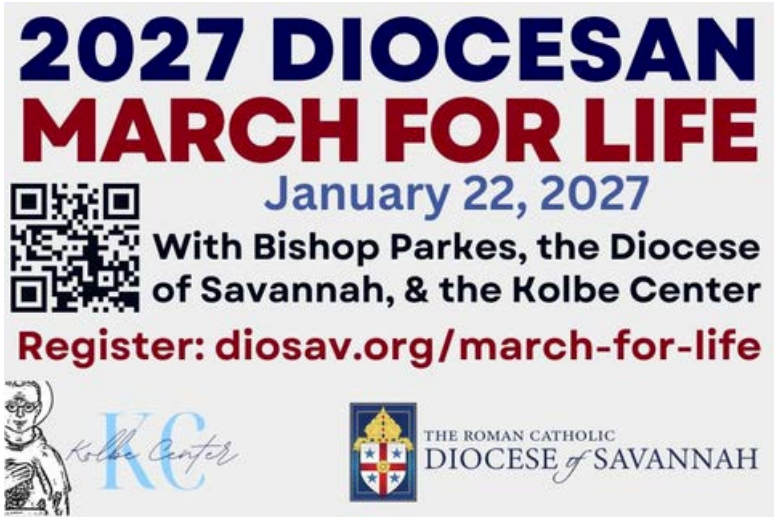
Children are invited to come in their cozy PJs, for a festive St. Nicholas Breakfast, featuring a pancake meal cooked by the Knights of Columbus. Kids will hear the story of St. Nicholas, enjoy hands-on crafts, and have a wonderful morning of fun and faith.

Quo Vadis Discernment Retreat

Single Catholic men, high school juniors and older, are invited to the Quo Vadis Discernment Retreat, December 11–13 at St. Michael, Tybee Island. This is a weekend of prayer, fraternity, and honest conversation, spending time with our diocesan seminarians and other men who are asking many of the same questions.

Whether you've thought seriously about the priesthood, considered it only briefly, or never really considered it at all, you can come to Quo Vadis. There's no expectation that you arrive with everything figured out. Quo Vadis is simply an opportunity to step away from the usual noise, spend time with the Lord, and listen.

This year's retreat will be led by Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck, a priest of the Diocese of Peoria, IL, and former professional soccer player.



Gold and Silver Jubilee Anniversary Mass

Couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2027 are invited to the Gold and Silver Jubilee Anniversary Mass, Sunday, February 28, 2027, 2 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist, Savannah. RSVP by February 15. Contact: 912-201-4068 or visit:
http://diosav.org/gold-and-silver

December 4, 2026

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PRESENTS

FIRST FRIDAY FAMILY GATHERING



Act of the Apostles

The Faith Grows



Mass at 6 pm

Dinner from 6:30 to 7:30 pm
Pizza & Salad (provided)

Teaching from 7:30 to 9pm

SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

SUNDAY FUNDAY

BIBLE RESEARCH

See what you can discover for yourself about the background to the readings.

THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Isaiah refers to 'the clay' and 'the potter.' In Isaiah's time, how did a potter work with clay? What kinds of things did he make, and what tools or instruments did he use?

SAINT MARK'S GOSPEL

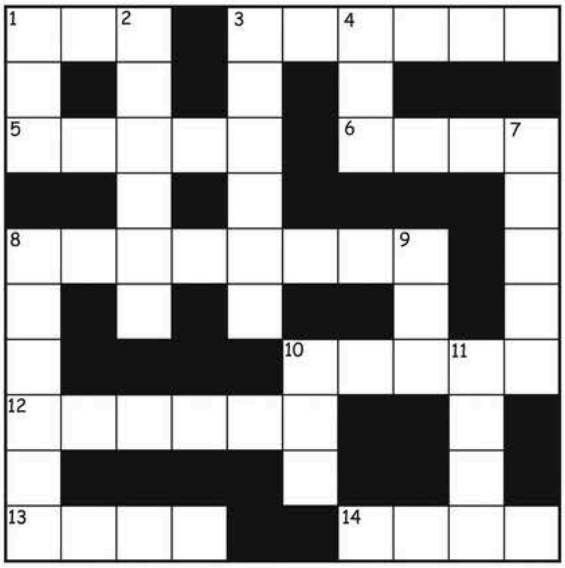
The man who owned the house, in the Gospel story, must have been quite wealthy. Can you discover what a wealthy person's house was like, in Palestine in those days? What were the houses of the poor people like?

CROSSWORD

(Most answers are in today's readings)

CLUES ACROSS

1. Used for hearing 3. Not awake 5. To go inside 6. A particular moment 8. People who serve others 10. All, each one 12. Male parent 13. An insufficiency; a _____ of something 14. Just before nightfall



CLUES DOWN

1. Used for seeing 2. To come back or give back 3. In another country 4. Allow 7. Not late 8. Having sinned 9. Have sight 10. Make a mistake 11. Old pieces of cloth, or clothing that is falling apart.

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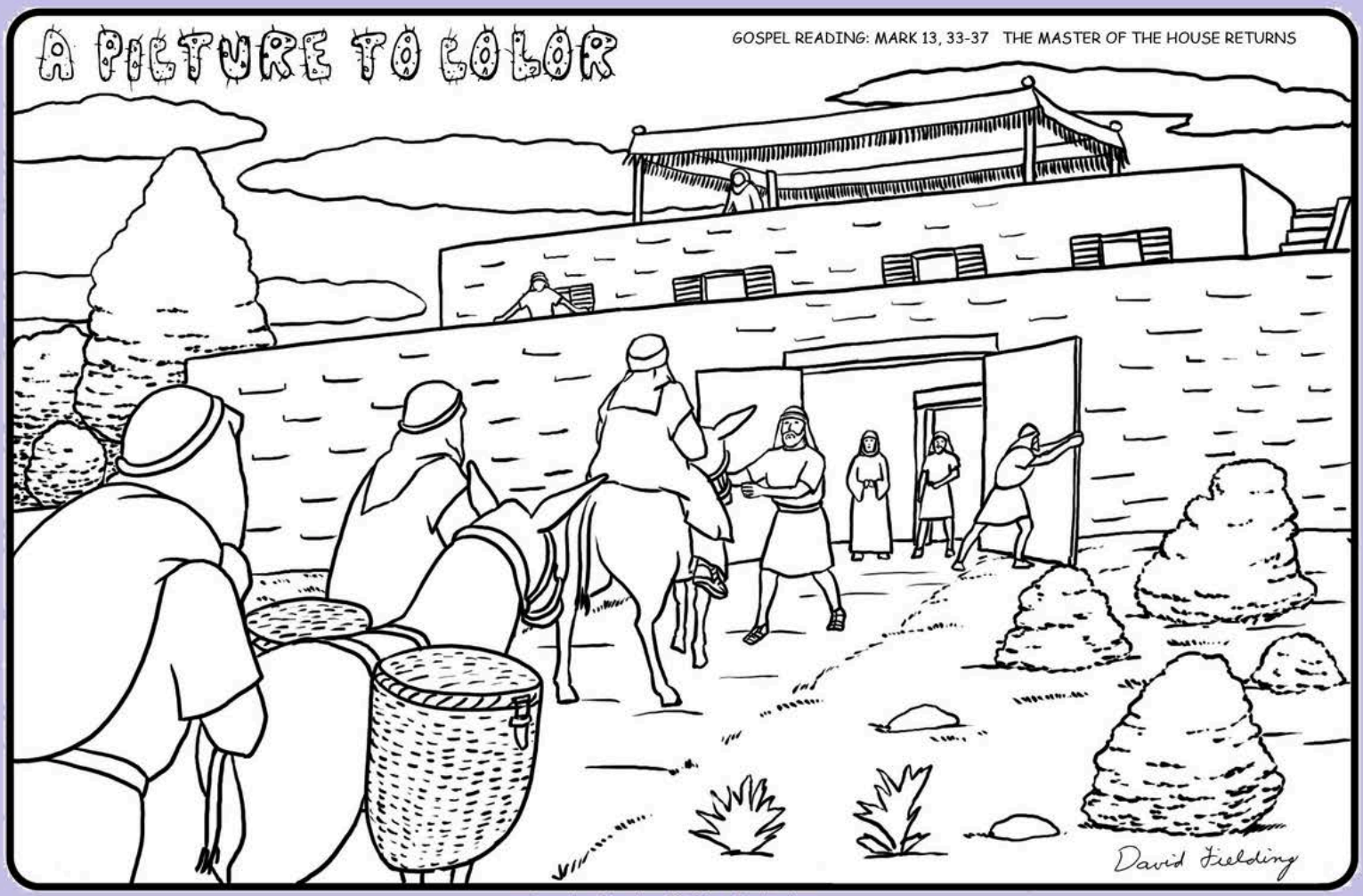
GOSPEL READING: MARK 13, 33-37 THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE RETURNS



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