



# Parishes of the Resurrection of the Lord

St. Anne | St. Gabriel  
St. Catherine | St. Raphael



## 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B | NOV. 28, 2021

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# DEARLY BELOVED— *Opening Prayer: May we free ourselves from spiritual dullness, from indifference, and every distraction that will keep us away from welcoming Christ into our hearts.*

**INTRODUCTION AND READINGS:** Today's first reading for first Sunday of Advent infers the coming of the Lord by his birth and sees it as a fulfilment of the promise made to the house of Israel and Judah. While the Israelites were still in exile, the prophet in this reading reminds them that God will fulfil his promise about bringing them back from exile and fulfil the promise about the Messiah made to Abraham, David, and their descendants. This promise to the Jews we Christians see fulfilled in Jesus as we wait for the coming of Christ in the flesh as well as his final coming in glory. In today's Gospel reading Jesus recounts how the world will end and his Second Coming in majesty on the clouds. Jesus tells us to look up, raise our heads, never allow our hearts to be weighed down, but to rather to watch, to pray and to be strengthened for our salvation draws near. In the second reading St. Paul reassures us today as he encouraged the early Thessalonian Christian community, that as we wait for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are to grow in the love of God and neighbor, learn to conduct ourselves in a way that is pleasing to God and allow ourselves to be strengthened in our hearts by trying to remain blameless and holy before God. The responsorial psalm: "To you, O Lord, I lift my Soul" shows us how to turn to God especially during this time of Advent. The rest of the psalm (Psalm 25) express how to turn to God by lifting our souls to God, by striving to know his ways, by allowing ourselves to be guarded and taught about the truth, by allowing ourselves to be shown the way and by keeping his laws and decrees.

**TO WAIT FOR THE LORD WHO COMES TO FREE US:** The coming of Christ grant us the opportunity to welcome him into our lives. When we allow Jesus to come into our lives, we will be liberated from that which distorts, disfigures, imprisons, and possesses us. This Holy season of advent provides us with the opportunity to avail ourselves of the greatest and most important gift God to us all, which is, the gift of Jesus Himself. Jesus comes to us in the incarnation to free us from sin and death as well as at the end of time to lead us to the Father's house. Advent is a time of liberation and salvation for all who are children of God because by the coming of Christ we are set free: "So if a son frees you, then you will truly be free" (John 8: 36). We are invited to make this Advent a time when we get to make our hearts ready for God to dwell therein. We welcome Jesus into our hearts especially during the period of advent by our commitment to prayer, our dedication to spiritual exercises, by daily reading and reflection on the word of God, by deliberate effort to practice of the sacraments and by changing our attitude concerning charity, kindness, and thanksgiving to God.

**TO STAND UP STRAIGHT AND RAISE OUR HEADS:** As we wait and prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus in the flesh and at the end of time Jesus tells us that we must stand up straight and raise our heads. This means that we should not allow ourselves to be distracted and caught up in our normal activities of life like excessive pleasure, worries, preoccupations and desire for material things. Since the Lord is coming, we are to wake up from our slumber and fix our minds on receiving Christ into our lives. As we wait for the coming of Christ we are called to therefore stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand (Luke 21: 28). That the Lord is coming therefore means that we should sit up and accomplish something good with our lives.

**TO BE ON OUR GAURD, TO WATCH AND TO PRAY CONSTANTLY:** The process of the waiting and preparing for the coming of the Lord still require that we are on our guard, that we try to stay awake and pray always. Individuals, friends, neighbors, groups, families, are called upon during this period of advent to try to stay awake and to always pray. We should not be afraid of the Lord's coming but wait for the coming of Jesus with confidence, vigilance, and prayer. In other words, the closer we draw to the second coming of Christ, we should not slack off and become spiritually idle, lazy, indifferent, or inattentive to the fact that we are called to turn to God.

**TO INCREASE AND ABOUND IN LOVE AND BE BLAMELESS IN OUR LIVES:** Besides being on our guard and praying always as we wait for the coming of the Lord, waiting and preparing for the Lord's coming according to St. Paul also demands that we increase and abound in love as well as be blameless in holiness before God our Father. We increase and abound in love during this period of advent when we exercise love towards each other sharing our resources, talents, strength, and time with the less privileged. Hence, St. Paul exhorts us to let the Lord come more fully into our lives this Advent, so that his love in us may increase and overflow into the lives of those around us. It is this exercise of Christian charity that will lead us to living a blameless and holy lives.

*Closing Prayer: May God bless and help us fix our eyes on him, open our ears to his voice and open our hearts to his glorious presence.*

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

*"As each of us has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1Pt 4:10). Thank you all for the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God's vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. 10% of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.*

	<u>St. Anne</u>	<u>St. Catherine</u>	<u>St. Gabriel</u>	<u>St. Raphael</u>
<b>Needed Each Week:</b>	<b>\$2,242.45</b>	<b>\$2,548.08</b>	<b>\$508.62</b>	<b>\$800.60</b>
<b>Needed Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>47,091.40</b>	<b>53,509.68</b>	<b>10,681.02</b>	<b>16,812.60</b>
<b>Actual Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>40,701.57</b>	<b>50,981.23</b>	<b>10,879.58</b>	<b>16,103.14</b>
<b>Date: Nov. 21, 2021</b>	<b>4,735.00</b>	<b>1,554.91</b>	<b>669.00</b>	<b>3,112.50</b>
<b>Other Collections:</b>	<b>153.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>662.00</b>

# *This Week in our Parishes*

## **Saturday, November 27, 2021**

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael  
4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael  
4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael  
(Alice Marciniak)  
6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel  
6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel  
(Mike Joyce)

## **Sunday, November 28, 2021**

8:30am Rosary at St. Catherine  
9:00am Mass at St. Catherine  
(Janet Palin)  
10:30am Rosary at St. Anne  
11:00am Mass at St. Anne  
(Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,  
St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)

## **Monday, November 29, 2021**

9:00am Mass at St. Anne  
(Steven Fitzgerald)

## **Tuesday, November 30, 2021**

NO MASS TODAY

## **Wednesday, December 1, 2021**

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine  
(Al Vichunas)  
5:00pm-6:00pm Adoration and  
Reconciliation at St. Catherine

## **Thursday, December 2, 2021**

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine  
(Doris Siterlet)  
9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine  
6:30pm-7:30pm - Faith Formation  
LOCATION: St. Anne Parish Hall

## **Saturday, December 4, 2021**

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael  
4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael  
4:30am Mass at St. Raphael  
(Robert Heritier Jr.)  
6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel  
6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel  
(Janet Palin)

## **Sunday, December 5, 2021**

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine  
(Mark Klemmer)  
11:00am Mass at St. Anne  
(Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,  
St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)

## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ST. RAPHAEL LADIES SODALITY MEETING - 12/6 @4:15PM**

Due to cancellation of St. Raphael Sodality's Christmas Party, please note that there will be a regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 6 at 4:15 pm at St. Raphael. All Ladies from Parishes of the Resurrection of the Lord are invited to attend.

### **ST. GABRIEL ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING - 12/7 @ 11AM | LUNCHEON @ 12:30**

The St. Gabriel Altar Society Meeting will be held on December 7, 2021 at 11am at St. Gabriel. Luncheon to follow at 12:30pm.

### **Any Eucharistic Minister who was not able to attend one of the recertification classes:**

By watching this they will be able to recertify. <https://dioceseofgaylord.org/liturgy-workshop-2021> or the direct link to YouTube is <https://youtu.be/uo-HZOZNzNc>. **Also to let the parish office know that you completed this video so that they can let the diocese know.**

**ATTENTION ALL PARISHES:** St. Anne Church is in need of **ONE** set of matching armchairs for use in the Confessionals. Please contact the office for further information at 724-6713.

### **Do you have anything that you would like shared in the weekly Bulletin?**

Contact Kayla Adams at [kadams@resurrectionacgr.org](mailto:kadams@resurrectionacgr.org) with your request.

**To help reduce exposure to COVID-19, it is strongly recommended that all parishioners and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask.**

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

For The Week (Year B)

### **SUNDAY:**

JER 33:14-16, 1 THES 3:12—4:2,  
LK 21:25-28, 34-36

### **MONDAY:**

IS 2:1-5, MT 8:5-11

### **TUESDAY:**

ROM 10:9-18, MT 4:18-22

### **WEDNESDAY:**

IS 25:6-10A, MT 15:29-37

### **THURSDAY:**

IS 26:1-6, MT 7:21, 24-27

### **FRIDAY:**

IS 29:17-24, MT 9:27-31

### **SATURDAY:**

IS 30:19-21, 23-26,  
MT 9:35-10:1, 5A, 6-8

## **PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS**

### **Sunday:**

Rev. Michael Class

### **Monday:**

Rev. Chet Collins

### **Tuesday:**

Nicholas Cooper

### **Wednesday:**

Rev. Raymond Cotter

### **Thursday:**

Rev. Anthony Cureton

### **Friday:**

Rev. Robbie Deka

### **Saturday:**

Pope Francis



**TEEN/ADULT  
FAITH  
FORMATION  
SCHEDULE:**

**12/2 - Advent**

**12/16 - Advent**

**FAITH FORMATION FOR  
OUR PARISH CLUSTER**

**TEEN/ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**THURSDAY, DEC 2, 2021 | 6:30-7:30PM**

**TOPIC: Advent**

**Location: St. Anne Parish Hall**

If you have any questions, please contact  
Adam Brege at [bregeadam@gmail.com](mailto:bregeadam@gmail.com)

**CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION**

**SUNDAYS FROM 10-11:15**

**Location: St. Catherine Parish Hall**

Please sign up after Mass any Sunday, or contact Cathy Macfalda:  
[Cathy@resurrectionacgr.org](mailto:Cathy@resurrectionacgr.org). There are options available if your child(ren)  
cannot physically join us.

**2021 RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS - DECEMBER 4/5**

Give in gratitude. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes,  
"I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled  
in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service  
of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your  
gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine,  
and more. Please be generous.

# Advent

**WE WILL HAVE DAILY ADVENT ACTIVITIES  
STARTING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5TH.**

**JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TO  
SHARE IN THE ADVENT JOY!**

Search: Catholic Parishes of the  
Resurrection of the Lord or  
scan the QR code >>>

Advent activities will be listed on our  
website at [ResurrectionACGR.org](http://ResurrectionACGR.org)



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL,  
ST. CATHERINE CONFERENCE

## Giving Tree

The giving tree with tags for  
needy families will be in the back  
of the church, starting  
Nov. 14th. Please take as many  
tags as you would like, and  
return the gifts, wrapped  
with the tag on the outside,  
no later than Dec. 12th.

Thank you for your  
generosity in the past,  
it is greatly appreciated.

**NOV. 14 -  
DEC. 12**

**GIVING TUESDAY-NOV. 30, 2021**

As you may be aware, the national day  
of giving — Giving Tuesday — is on  
November 30, 2021. Giving Tuesday was  
launched in 2012, and over the past nine  
years, has grown into a global movement  
that inspires hundreds of millions of  
people to celebrate generosity and give  
to causes they care about. This national  
day is a great reminder to reflect on our  
gratitude and consider making a gift of  
time, talent, or treasure to further our  
mission as the Body of Christ.

**HOW TO GIVE:**

Please consider a special gift to our parish  
this Giving Tuesday, to support the  
ministry work of our parish community.  
You can also give electronically directly to  
our parish, our Catholic schools, or the  
diocese through the diocesan webpage  
<https://dioceseofgaylord.org/make-a-gift>.

Thank you for all you do for our parish and  
those in need. May God bless you!