



## BLESSING PRAYER FOR THE ADVENT WREATH

Creator of Life, Source of all Energy and Light,  
the ancients saw the sun  
as a great fire wheel rolling across the sky.  
May our Advent wreath, this small wheel of green,  
be for us a symbol of the sun  
and of the Son of God.

May its ever-greenness  
be a sign of life and of light  
in the midst of the darkness of approaching winter.  
May the candles that burn brightly upon it  
remind us of Your Son, Jesus,  
who is the light of the world.

Grant, Loving God, that this our Advent wreath  
may be for us and for all who visit our church  
a sign of faith in a world grown cold with disbelief,  
a symbol of hope in a time of gloom and despair  
and a flaming image of love  
in times of mistrust.

May all who look upon this symbol of Advent  
be encouraged to prepare their hearts  
for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
May this green wreath with its bright candles  
help us to prepare for the real Christmas  
which happens within our hearts.

May, then, Your blessing – Creator of Life,  
Son of Glory and Spirit of Love –  
be upon this Advent wreath and upon our homes. Amen.

*Ed. Hays, Prayers for the Domestic Church*

# Most Holy Trinity Parish

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*It is the hour now  
for you to awake from sleep.*

*Romans 13:11*



**HOW AM I AWAKE TO THE CALL OF CREATION**  
**How am I prepared to see God everywhere**

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**MISSION:**

We are a people graced by God, who come together as a community of faith, supporting each other as we live and celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Parish Mass Schedule:** 9:30 AM Sunday (church); 4:00 PM First Saturday of the Month (rectory chapel)

It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep – Romans 13:11

My immediate response to this passage was to hear Jesus say this to Ann Russek as she crossed the threshold into fullness of Life. What welcoming words Jesus says to Ann and to each of us daily!



Ann saw God in her loving relationships with her siblings, the diligent care she showed for countless students, and the faithful association with classmates at Sacred Heart Academy. Ann's dedication to Most Holy Trinity was evidenced in her service as Eucharistic Minister, parish council president through many terms and Charles Lwanga Center Representative. Though we grieve the loss of Ann we know she is with the angels, awake with songs of love and praise and beaming her smile on us.

The question for us is: How do we see God everywhere and in everyone? We pray during Advent: Come, O Jesus.

How are we awake in joyous expectation to see God in our world and in our individual lives?  
– Sister Janice

**ALL THINGS NEW: Sunday, December 4**, we will meet in the cafeteria after Mass to talk about the mission and ministries of our parish. **Please wait until after this session to fill out the survey.**



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NOVEMBER 27:** The liturgical environment reflects the quiet and the dark where we wait in ongoing vigil for the birth of Jesus celebrated at Christmas. Advent's purple is more at the blue end of the spectrum, reminiscent of the night sky just before dawn. Vatican II encouraged churches to use blue to celebrate Advent. The image of *light in the night* persists throughout the Liturgy of the Word, revealing Jesus, Light come into the world. The *wreath* suspended over the church center aisle and decorated with greens and lights, offers light in the winter darkness.

**ADVENT RETREAT:** Sunday, December 11, 1:00 – 6:00 pm, Dinner Included. Mercy Center, 2039 N. Geyer Rd, St. Louis, MO 63131. Theme: One thing is required: only to live justice, to love goodness, and to walk humbly with God. (Micah 6:8). Guest Speaker: Rev. David Jones, Pastor St. Benedict African American Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Register by Wednesday, November 23. Cost \$15.00. Sponsored by the Archdiocesan office of Racial Harmony.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4:** Celebration of 10 years of Marriage. Congratulations to Rosalind Robinson's son Oluremi, and his wife, who will celebrate ten years of marriage during the Mass. May the guiding and strengthening grace of their commitment to each other and their family surround their lives each day.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7: PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY:** Today, survivors, veterans and visitors from all over the world, come together to honor and remember those who perished in the attack at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii in 1941. On this day we pray for peace in every country.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8: FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY, PATRONESS OF THE UNITED STATES:** Mass at 12:10 in church. This feast celebrates the great joy of God's gift to humanity in Mary. We recognize that all are created by God and each person has a particular mission.

Every person is called to respond to God in their own vocation. May Mary's "Let it be done to me according to Your Word," response to the Angel Gabriel's greeting be the response of all Christians.

**WE HOLD IN HEART AND PRAYER:** Ed Deason, Tom George, Mary Lee Howard, Ethel Long, Joetta Lukowski, Mary Meyer, Sharon Morrow, Marta Reyna, Sergeant Steve Salvaggio (co-worker of Lt.Col. Rochelle Jones), James Smith, Amanda Suchara, John Towles, and the Tracy and Usanga families.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 9:30 PM**  
Presider: Father Dan Kearns

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 9:30 AM**  
Presider: Father Gerry Kleba

Lectors: *First Reader:* Nicky Hoxworth; *Second Reading:* Sister Gail  
Eucharistic Ministers: Mattie Patterson & Sister Luanne

**COLLECTION:** 11/13/22 - \$878.00

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS:** The patron saint of generosity invites evergreen extravagance in loving and in giving the gifts that God has generously given.

 MASS INTENTION

**Sunday, November 27, 9:30 am: Ann Russek**



## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11: ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Following the homily, all are invited to be prayed for individually by prayer teams. The presider offers anointing. This sacrament provides spiritual, psychological and emotional healing and health of mind and body. Come and celebrate this sign of God's great merciful and healing love.

### Comfort and Healing

In Mark 6:12-13, St. Mark tells the apostles, to "anoint with oil many sick people and heal them. In James 5:14-15, St. James asks, "Is any one among you sick? Then call in the priest and the faith community and have them pray over those who are sick and anoint them with oil in the name of Christ. And this prayer of faith will save the frail and raise them up."

**The Oil of the Sick** is blessed by the bishop at the cathedral on Holy Thursday morning. It is pure olive oil. The characteristic of olive oil is the healing and strengthening effect it possesses.

When we are apprehensive, God offers us this sacrament to quiet anxiety and dissipate fear. We are blessed with the peace of mind and confidence in God this sacrament bestows.

The essence of the sacrament is in the anointing of the person on the forehead and hands as the following prayer is prayed: "Through this holy anointing may our loving God, who frees you from sin, save you and raise you up." We respond, "Amen."

## FLOWER MEMORIALS

Honor a loved one with beautiful poinsettias that will adorn our church for the Christmas season. Complete the slip below, put in a plain envelope with your donation, and place it in the collection basket. Your donation helps defray the cost of flowers.

YOUR NAME

NAME OF PERSON HONORED

