

First Sunday of Advent — December 2, 2012

I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.

— Jeremiah 33:15

SCRIPTURE THEME:

THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful righteousness between God and humankind.



Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:

Saturday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holy Day of Obligation. All are obliged to attend Mass on this day. The Vigil Mass for the Feast Day will be at 5:30 P.M. on Friday and Mass on the feast will be at 9:00 AM.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

There will be a special collection taken up at all the Masses this weekend for the restoration of our beautiful Cathedral Stained Glass Windows. Please be generous.

Next weekend there will be a special collection taken up at all the Masses for the Retired Religious. Please help us to give back to these wonderful priests, brothers and sisters who did so much to help enrich our lives and who now need our support.

Mass Intentions

Week Beginning Sunday, December 2, 2012

Sunday December 2	8:00 AM 10:30 AM.	Caroline Vella Parishioners
Monday December 3	12:10 PM..	Anna & Harold Paige & Family
Tuesday December 4	12:10 P.M.	Deceased Members of the McGill Family
Wednesday December 5	12:10 PM	Anna & Harold Paige & Family
Thursday December 6	12:10 P.M.	Chester Clancy
Friday December 7	12:10 P.M.	Sr. Kathleen Brady
Saturday December 8	9:00 A.M. 4:30 P.M.	Thomas E. Stanton

TITHES AND DONATIONS:

We are grateful for your tithes and donations of \$1,606.37 for the week ending November 18. Thank you.



PARISH MEETINGS:

Cathedral Prayer Network:

Are you in need of prayer? Have you been worrying about health, children, finances, jobs, school, protection, safety, marriage, faith or any other special intention? Our prayer network volunteers will help you pray for your intentions. Just call the Prayer Line at 434-8291 and leave your special request on the answering machine.

The Prayer Network will not have their regular meeting this month.

Cathedral Altar Society:

The Altar Society meets the third **Thursday, of each month** at 6:00 PM in the Portier House.

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

This group meets on the **first and third Tuesday** of each month at 6:30 PM in the Allen Memorial Home located at 735 S. Washington Avenue. If you, or someone you know needs assistance, please call 545-1230.