

## Our Lady of the Desert Catholic Church



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Confesión el Sábado:  
Por cita en (Español y Inglés)

Rosario el Sábado: Y Letanías de la Santísima  
Virgen María—3:20pm

Misa el Sábado: (Vigilia) / Inglés 4:00 p.m.

Rosario el Domingo: Y Letanías de la Santísima  
Virgen María— 9:40am

Misa el Domingo: Español /10:00 a.m.

### Liturgia en los Días de la Semana

Cada Día a las Doce: Angelus/Regina Caeli

Lunes: Adoración 7:00am y Misa a las 7:30am

Martes, Miércoles Jueves, Viernes:  
Adoración 7:30am y Misa 8:00am

Viernes: a las 6:00pm Rosario Reina de la Paz con  
Adoración

Sábado: Adoración: 7:30am y a las 8:00am  
Misa en Honor de Virgen María



## November 27th, 2022

Rev. Victor C. Yakubu, Parochial Administrator  
Rev. Julius Kayiwa, Parochial Vicar

### Confession on Saturday:

By appointment English/Spanish

**Saturday Rosary:** With Litanies of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary - 3:20pm

**Saturday Mass (Vigil):** English -4:00 p.m.

**Sunday Rosary:** With Litanies of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary—9:40am

Sunday Mass: Spanish 10:00am

### Liturgy of the Weekdays

Every day at Noon: Angelus/Regina Caeli

**Monday:** 7:00am Adoration & Mass 7:30am

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:**  
Adoration 7:30am & Mass 8:00am

**Friday:** At 6:00pm Rosary of Queen of Peace with  
Adoration

**Saturday:** Adoration: 7:30 a.m. & 8:00 a.m. Mass  
In Honor of the Virgin Mary

Readings: Is 2:1–5 • Ps 122: 1–2, 3–4, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9 • Rom 13:11–14 • Mt 24:37–44

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Be ready! This is what Jesus tells us. Be ready! He will return at an unexpected time, so it is important that we stay alert and don't allow ourselves to be lulled into complacency. Ordinary life has a way of grabbing our attention. We have jobs to do, chores to take care of, people to meet. All these things need to be done, but not at the expense of our attention to what we need to do to be ready for Christ's coming.

What do we need to do? St. Paul tells us. Generally, throw off the works of darkness, the ways of sin. They cloud our vision of the way of Christ. They provide rationalizations for sin, excuses for why we need to do what is contrary to Christ. St. Paul tells us to make no provision for the desires of the Flesh.

In Paul's writings, the "Flesh" is what we call Original Sin, which opens us to all that takes us away from Christ. While that will include the sins Paul speaks of today, it encompasses all sins. Our Baptism washed away Original Sin, but its damage remains. The temptations that seem to follow us through our lives are signs of that damage. Baptism and the other sacraments give us the grace to heal that damage and help us resist and grow out of temptation. Put on the Armor of Light, the ways of Christ. Conduct ourselves properly.

First and foremost: pray. We can't do it alone. We need to open ourselves to the grace Christ will give us to follow him. Prayer is the foundation of all our growth. In prayer, we receive insight into ourselves that helps us identify how to and the means of growth. The excuse "I don't have time for prayer" is the works of darkness at work. Make a daily appointment with God. We keep other appointments, we can keep this appointment, the most important appointment we can have.

Be aware that in making this appointment, all of a sudden there will be many things that come up to take us away from the prayer. This is the work of the Evil One trying to take you away from your prayer. Face it down. Live a disciplined life, a time for everything. One of the most damaging things Original Sin did to us is throw our priorities out of order. Part of how we put on the Armor of Light is by putting into right order what Original Sin disordered. The path to the right ordering of our lives is following the teaching of Christ. The 10 Commandments and the Beatitudes are a good outline of how we mold ourselves into reflections of Christ, and so put on Christ.

The Sacraments not only give us the means of nourishment we need to grow but also are a way of teaching us how to grow. Each Sacrament tells us necessary elements of what it is to put on Christ. Penance shows us the need for Forgiveness; the Holy Eucharist the need for Sacrifice; Confirmation the need to spread the Gospel, and so on. Each gives a road map to preparedness for Christ's Coming.

Be ready! We can be by putting on the Armor of light, by conforming ourselves to Christ, living in the constant expectation that he may return at any moment.

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2022

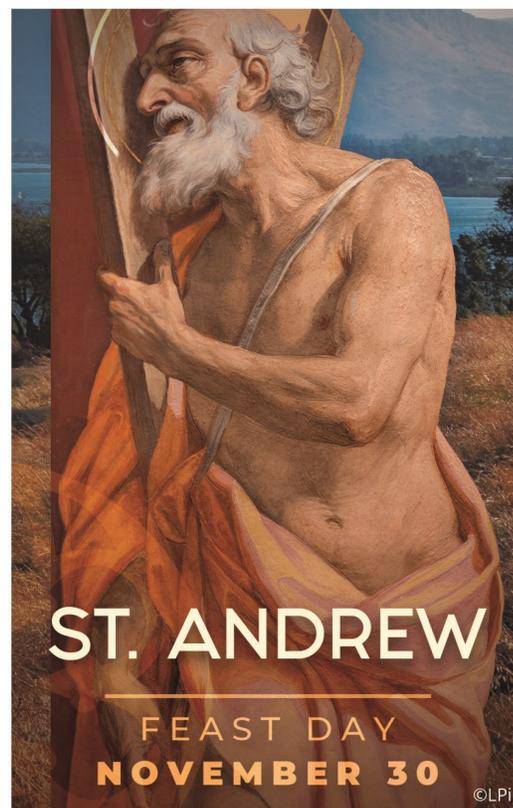
- Sunday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
- Monday:** Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday:** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
- Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 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
- Next Sunday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2022

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent
- Wednesday:** St. Andrew, Apostle
- Saturday:** St. Francis Xavier, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent; St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Whether it is the surgeon performing an operation or the pilot directing a flight, one expects them to be alert. When we entrust our lives to someone, we presume that they will attend to them with the utmost care and vigilance. If we have this expectation of others, why would we not have it of ourselves? Our lives are precious vessels on an eternal journey. We can only stay afloat and on the course because of God's love and mercy. It is easy to get distracted, lazy, preoccupied, and tired. Apathy can wreak havoc on the most dedicated of souls. God's word transforms all that it touches, even a lukewarm heart. Let us seek God's grace this Advent season so that we can walk more fully in His light. Then, finding ourselves more attentive, focused, alert, and watchful, we will be eager and well prepared to meet our Lord when He comes. Why would we not want to be ready, awake, and watchful for the One we have waited for so long?



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Andrew was a fisherman in Galilee, along with his brother, Peter, when they were called by Jesus to leave their boat and become fishers of men. John's Gospel also places him as a follower of John the Baptist before he came to be one of Jesus' twelve Disciples. Beyond the scant references in the Gospels, not much is known of Saint Andrew's life.

According to Christian tradition Saint Andrew, like many of his fellow Disciples, went out into Greece and Turkey to preach the Good News. A 4th century account of the saint's life tells of his martyrdom by crucifixion in Patras. Medieval accounts describe the cross used as X-shaped because Andrew said he was not worthy to die on the same style of cross as Jesus.

Famously, Saint Andrew is the patron Saint of Scotland, the country's flag bearing the X-shaped cross associated with him. Legends claim that the saint either traveled to Scotland to spread the Gospel or that his relics were brought there by St. Regulus who had a vision telling him to take the bones to the end of the earth. Regulus set out and was shipwrecked on the coast of Scotland. Today relics of St. Andrew which had been held by the Vatican are now at a shrine in Patras.

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. (Is 2:4)



## PSALM

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)



## SECOND READING

It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. (Rom 13:11-12)



## GOSPEL

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Mt 24:42)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We can embrace and relish each moment of our lives as a sacred sacrament or nonchalantly and robotically attend to what life presents. We have our feet in two worlds. One is holy and sacred, and the other is profane and secular. Which one has the greater claim on us? To what do we devote most of our energy? We can easily be consumed with the particular demands and essentials of daily life: family, work, obligations, and the like, that we don't really notice anything more than what is right before us. We become masters at "doing" and neglect our need to "savor." Jesus reminds his friends that "as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away."

While certain things require our daily attention, we cannot become so consumed with them that we fail to see the larger picture of what is coming. For the Christian, Advent is the time to pause, reflect, and savor. It is a time to see life as a sacrament of the moment and not just an investment in secular interests, pleasures, and personal obligations. It is easy to get distracted, lazy, preoccupied, and tired. Apathy can quickly wreak havoc on the most dedicated of souls. Whatever we can do this Advent season to be more attentive, focused, alert, and watchful will serve us well. It will make us eager and well-prepared to meet our Lord when he comes. It is for certain that he will come.

Who made me? What is my purpose? What will happen to me when I die? These are pivotal questions that, in life's busyness, we hardly find time to ask and answer. They define who we are, and the answers we provide serve as guideposts and anchors in the seas of our lives. Advent is the perfect time to make friends with our souls. It is a time to perk ourselves up, open our eyes, ears, and hearts and seek God's presence in the simple moments of our lives. God is with us. Ask God to grant you a deeper appreciation for His presence and the gift of attentiveness.



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