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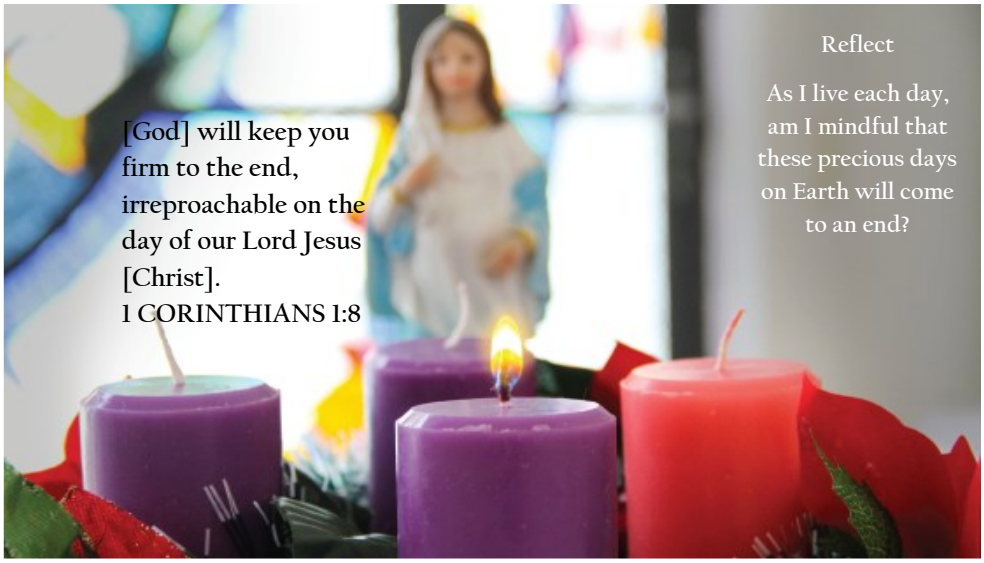

November 29
2026

1st Sunday of Advent

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:
Please contact Candace at 204-453-0933 ext. 281 or candace@stvitalparish.ca for more information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Tuesdays from 6:00pm—6:45pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:
Please contact our priest at the parish office at least 6 months in advance.

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Please contact our priest at the parish office prior to making arrangements with the funeral home.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 29, 2026

First Sunday of Advent (B)

Isaiah 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7 / 1 Corinthians 1:3–9 / Mark 13:33–37

Beginning with the End

ANN M. GARRIDO

Today marks the beginning of a new liturgical year, but you would not guess it by today's gospel passage, which speaks of the end of time. Time's "end" is an important theme throughout Scripture. Unlike other ancient peoples, the Hebrews intuited that time was not locked in an eternal cycle. Time was "going somewhere." God had a purpose for history; a dream yet to be realized. Commonly in Scripture, this "end" is described as "the Lord's Coming" or, in New Testament Greek, "the *Parousia*." History exists that God might enter and fill time with the divine presence, making Earth God's home.

In the verses immediately preceding today's gospel reading, the disciples have been asking Jesus what this Coming will look like and when it will occur. Are there clues they should look for so they might be ready when it happens? Today, we hear Jesus emphasize that there is no way to know. Rather, they should *always* be prepared for God to come home. They should live each day with the "end" in mind.

Advent is a time of preparation for the feast of Christmas—recalling how God came to make a home with us in the person of Jesus Christ two thousand years ago. But even more so, it is a time of preparation for the *Parousia*, when what took place in the person of Jesus will take place within all of creation. When, as Paul says, God will be "all in all" (1 Corinthians 15:28).

As the liturgical year begins anew, may we, too, enter this season with the "end" in mind. God is still at work in history, seeking a home within us and within our time. ●

LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF *OUR PARISH COMMUNITY*

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH
4PM † Leonard Leroux
(Elena Blomquist)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH
9AM Fr. Michael Raj Savarimuthu
(K & D Schilling)

11:30AM Thanksgiving
(Benjamin Habon & family)

8PM Missa Pro Populo

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST
7PM † Aminta de Arauz
(Marietta Godoy)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND
10AM † Wilfred & Humilta Stewart
(Carol Stewart)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
10AM M & S Seitz family
(K & D Schilling)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
10AM † Leatriz Nielo Mazo
(Gregoria Parado)

Please join us for the rosary starting at 9:30am before the daily Mass Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

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Dear Padre,

To justify or rationalize cutting off family members with whom there is discord, someone recently referenced Jesus telling his disciples that he did not come to bring peace, but to bring division. Are we called to pursue division in family or other relationships when we think someone has done something wrong and has not received the justice we think this person deserves?

The actual quote is, "Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth. I have come to bring not peace but the sword." Jesus continues, "For I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's enemies will be those of his household" (Matthew 10: 34–36).



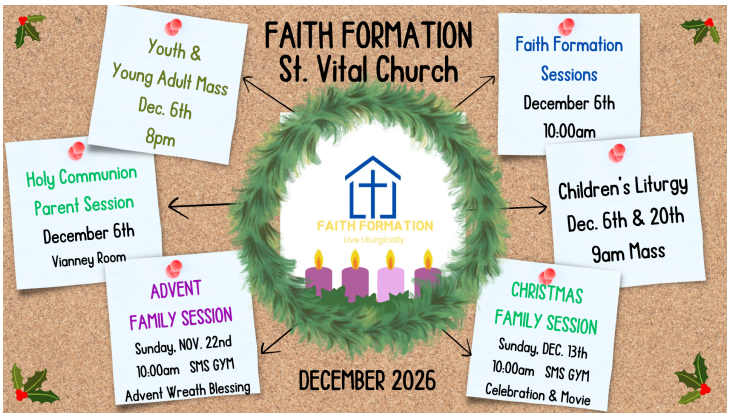
KEIRA BURTON / PEXELS

In this passage, Jesus is talking about the sacrifice involved in becoming his follower. Many Jews who wished to become followers of Jesus in the early days of the Church had to choose between family and their own conscience. Jesus says, "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me" (Matthew 10: 37-38).

To apply this idea to arguments among family members is probably stretching Jesus' intention further than what he had in mind. ●

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org





Monday
November 30
St. Andrew, Apostle
Rom 10:9–18
Mt 4:18–22

Tuesday
December 1
Advent Weekday
Is 11:1–10
Lk 10:21–24

Wednesday
December 2
Advent Weekday
Is 25:6–10a
Mt 15:29–37

Thursday
December 3
St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Is 26:1–6
Mt 7:21, 24–27

Friday
December 4
Advent Weekday
Is 29:17–24
Mt 9:27–31

Saturday
December 5
Advent Weekday
Is 30:19–21, 23–26
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6–8

Sunday
December 6
Second Sunday of Advent
Is 40:1–5, 9–11
2 Pt 3:8–14
Mk 1:1–8

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 24th - 4:00pm, 8:00pm
Friday, December 25th - 9:00am, 11:30am

MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 31st - 4:00pm
Friday, January 1st - 9:00am, 11:30am

A parish to call home! If you are new - WELCOME!
If you have been away - WELCOME HOME!