

ADVENT Prayers for the Family

Blessing of Wreath on the First Sunday of Advent

Father: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Father: Let us pray. O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive abundant graces from Thee. Through Christ Our Lord.

All: Amen.

(Priest or head of house sprinkles wreath with holy water.)

Devotions for 1st Week of Advent (Youngest child lights one purple candle; each evening candles are lit before reciting prayer at dinnertime.)

Father: Let us pray. Stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, O Lord, and come, so that we may escape through Thy protection and be saved by Thy help from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

(Sing one verse of hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.)

Devotions for 2nd Week of Advent (Oldest child lights two purple candles.)

Father: Let us pray. O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve thee with pure souls. Through the same Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

(Sing two verses of hymn.)

Devotions for 3rd Week of Advent (Mother lights 2 purple & 1 rose candle.)

Father: Let us pray. We humbly beg Thee, O Lord, to listen to our prayers; and by the grace of Thy coming bring light into our darkened minds. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

(Sing three verses of hymn.)

Devotions for 4th Week of Advent (Father lights all four candles.)

Father: Let us pray. Stir up Thy might, we pray Thee, O Lord, and come; rescue us through Thy great strength so that salvation, which has been hindered by our sins, may be hastened by the grace of Thy gentle mercy. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

(Sing all four verses of hymn.)

At the end of Advent, candles may be changed to white, and ribbons and tiny Christmas balls added to decorate the wreath. Renew greens if necessary; keep wreath until the Feast of epiphany.

A Blessed Advent to all!



St Francis de Sales Catholic Church

An apostolate of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter in the Archdiocese of Atlanta preaching the Gospel & sanctifying souls according to the liturgical books of 1962.

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First Sunday of Advent

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Church Office Hours: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday

Bookstore – open Sundays after the 8 am & 10:30 am Masses and 1st Saturdays after the 9 am Mass.

Baptism: Contact the parish at least three months before birth.

Marriage: Contact the parish at least six months before the wedding.

Inquiring about the Catholic Faith? Call the office.

Daily Mass Times

Mon. & Wed.: 6:30 am & 9 am.

Tues. & Thurs.: 6:30 am & 12 noon.

Fri.: 6:30 am & 7 pm (followed by Holy Hour).

Sat.: 7 am & 9 am.

Sunday Mass Times

7 am low Mass (at the church)

8 am low Mass (at the gym)

10:30 am high Mass (at the gym)

1 pm low Mass (at the church)

Confessions are heard in the confessional box ½ hour before each Mass.

Church Hours

Mon.-Thurs.: 6 am - 7 pm

Fri.: 6 am - 9 pm

Sat.: 6:30 am - 7 pm

Sun.: 7 am - 7 pm

Office Hours

Mon. - Fri.: 8 am - 4 pm.

Closed on Holy Days

Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 11-30	1st Sunday of Advent	1/V	St Andrew
Mon 12-01	Feria of Advent	3/V	
Tues 12-02	St Bibiana, Virgin & Martyr	3/R	Feria
Wed 12-03	St Francis Xavier, <i>Confessor</i>	3/W	Feria
Thu 12-04	St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor	3/W	Feria, St Barbara
Fri 12-05	Sacred Heart of Jesus	3/W	Feria, St Sabbas
Sat 12-06	Immaculate Heart of Mary	3/W	Feria, St Nicholas
Sun 12-07	2nd Sunday of Advent	1/V	

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week

Sun 11-30	(7 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (frh) (8 am) Christy Wallace (frf) (10:30 am) Fr Austin intention (fra) (1 pm) Charlotte M Scadron (frh)	rb C Lontin
Mon 12-01	(6:30 am) Nick Marstons (9 am) Judith Torres Stillwell+	rb W Hartlein rb H Wingate rb M Rivero-Stillwell
Tues 12-02	(6:30 am) Ian Fincher (12 noon) M/M Scott Calta	rb C Kurlinski rb V Stephens
Wed 12-03	(6:30 am) Dr David White+ (9 am) John Garstin	rb M Brons rb L Chancey
Thu 12-04	(6:30 am) John Hayden Tarpley (not at SFdS) (12 noon) Tony Budzina+	rb H Chirillo rb K Ferguson
Fri 12-05	(6:30 am) Dexter Thomas+ (7 pm) Joseph Ziguli	rb C Kurlinski rb M-T Ziguli
Sat 12-06	(7 am) Herbert Mevers, Jr+ (9 am) Thai Le & Yen Vu	rb C Conger rb L Le
Sun 12-07	(7 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (frh) (8 am) Fr Austin intention (fra) (10:30 am) Vicki Yamasaki (frf) (1 pm) Ian Fincher (frh)	rb R Fidero rb C Kurlinski

This week, Monday, staff meeting (1 pm), KoC (6:30 pm); Wednesday, Inquiry Class (frh) (7:30 pm); Thursday, no 6:30 am Mass, 5:30-8 pm Adoration, 6-7 pm Confessions; First Friday, office closed, Mass & devotions as normal; First Saturday, Mass & devotions as normal., 10-12:45 pm, St Stephen Guild

Last week's collection: cash \$7,930.00; online \$3,789.00 total: \$11,719.00

Attendance: 7 am-74; 8 am-203; 10:30 am-281; 1 pm-150; total 708 souls

Be kind to everyone you meet, for we are all in a great battle!

Advent Food Drive by the Knights of Columbus to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society begins today & runs through the fourth Sunday of Advent (12/21). Please place only non-perishable food items in the bins located in the church and gym (preferably in bags). The final collection will be after the 1 pm Mass on 12/21.

You are invited to St. Nicholas Kids Market on December 7th after the 10:30 am sung Mass until 3 pm. If you are interested in participating, please contact Danijela at Danijela.chancey@gmail.com or 732-309-5041. Goods made from SFdS kids, jewelry, artwork & delicious treats, will be available. Cash preferred. Cash app. Venmo or Zelle available on individual basis.

Please pray for: Jim Viney (11/23) & Maria Hall (11/16).

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (12/8), a holy day of obligation, there will be three Masses 6:30 am, noon & 7:30 pm.

Dear Faithful,

11/30/25

The Archdiocese taxes each of its parishes in three-ways, the Annual Appeal, the Parish Assessment and the School Assessment.

The Annual Appeal runs on a calendar year. The two assessments run on the fiscal year (July-June). The tax for all these is based on a parish's income two years back at 8% for the Annual Appeal, 11.6% for the Parish Assessment and 1.6% for the School Assessment. Also, beginning this year, the diocese will roll the Georgia Bulletin cost into the Annual Appeal. Every registered household will receive this publication (whether you like it or not), and the parish will pay for this based upon its number of parishioners.

Going into 2026, SFdS's Appeal debt is \$58,975.50 which includes its Bulletin cost debt of \$4,275.50. Currently, we still owe the diocese \$40,707 for Appeal 2025. So far only 19 donors, 4%, of our registered households, have contributed to this debt relief. At the end of the year, any shortfall will be taken from our savings.

May I encourage you to help pay-off this debt. Any money given this account will not be taxed and up to 25% of money given over this amount will return to the parish (anything over this amount will go into our endowment fund.) Also, the more parishioners who participate in this venture, the more the archdiocese will see SFdS as an asset and not a liability. This will be helpful in going forward with any future capital campaign.

To support this cause, you may send donates through the Annual Appeal envelopes at the gym & church, or through a portal on our website.

God bless you, frh

Maxim of St Francis de Sales

If God does not always give us what we ask, it is to keep us near Him and give us an opportunity to urge & constrain Him by a loving violence.