

November 27 ,2016

**First Sunday
of Advent**



Mass Schedule:

Sunday 10:00 a.m.
(interpreted)
5 p.m. Mass

**At Masses we
remember:**

10 am: Stella Grace Gagliano
5 pm: Stella Grace Gagliano

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- *The various faith traditions in the CRL will be hosting an interfaith event second semester. We are looking for one or two students to be a representative for the planning of this effort. Looking for some leadership experience? Want to find out more? See or email Alice amncpm@rit.edu*
- *Evening of Mercy—Wednesday, November 30th from 4—7 pm in the Allen Chapel. Two priests will be available to visit or hear confessions.*
- *Next Sunday is the Newman Christmas Party after the 10 am Mass in the Skalny Room. Lasagna, bread, salad and Christmas Cookie Decorating.*

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Today is the first Sunday of the Church year, also known as the First Sunday of Advent. The color you will see in church is purple and it is a time of preparation. What really does that mean?

I have been doing a bit of reading and thinking about Advent the last few weeks as I was invited to offer a local parish an Advent retreat this Tuesday evening. I found a piece by James Martin, SJ that has been rolling around and around in both my brain and heart. It's from [Jesus, A Pilgrimage](#).

“ ‘God meets us where we are.’ That’s what my first spiritual director told me frequently. In other words, God comes to us in ways that we can understand and appreciate, even if only partially or incompletely. For someone who delights in relationships, experiences of God might come through a conversation with a close friend. For a parent, through the smile on the face of an infant. For an active person, in working among the poor in a homeless shelter. For an introspective person, by meditating on Scripture. God meets us where we are.”

It is easy to enter into this season feeling that we never have enough or are not enough. Many times, we try to “clean up” before coming to God. I think this is the last thing God desires...it's ok to face God knowing that we very well might be a hot mess. It's ok quietly pleading or even screaming, “here I am God, show yourself to me!” And then, trusting that God will meet us where we are....in ways that we can recognize the face and love of our Creator.

Enter into this season of Advent, believing and trusting that God will come to you as you are, in ways that you will be able to see. Have a great week, and let's pray for one another on this journey.

Have a great week. Peace and good,
Alice