

December 3, 2017
First Sunday of
Advent



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

At Masses we
remember:
10 am: Betty Miller
5 pm:
Rosy Bonete Orgeoso

11/29/2017 collection:
\$339.00
Thank you for
your support.

Do you already know your
schedule for next
semester and looking to
volunteer? Free after 3
pm?
Tiger Stripes Service
Leadership is beginning to
schedule for next
semester.
Hope Hall, Nativity Prep
and St. John Neumann
Schools are all looking for
tutors late afternoons on
weekdays. Talk to Kevin
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Holy Day Mass—12/8 @ 12:15 pm

Allen Chapel

Newman Christmas Party-12/10

11 am in the Skalny Room

RIT NATION

Today we celebrate the beginning of the Church year with the First Sunday of Advent. The colors at Mass change to purple and the season is marked as a time of preparation. Advent is about letting God come to us. We do the letting and God does the coming.

Sometimes we find ourselves struggling or troubled by something in our lives. We might be tempted to prepare for Advent by cleaning up everything first...making sure that God can only see the good in us. And then, we turn to God.

If this has been our practice, we might have missed the point. Our opening into Advent, our wanting to make this a "good" Advent is to realize that our God knows what to do with us when we are a hot mess. God knows what to do with troubles and disappointments. God knows how to care for the overburdened. God knows well how to care for broken hearts.

God has no problem showing up in unusual and what might seem crazy circumstances. Look at Mary and Joseph...their situation was not ideal...and yet, God created it and came to us in the form of Jesus.

God comes to each of us in the way we need to recognize and accept God. Advent is about letting God come to us. We do the letting and God does the coming. How about beginning this season of Advent by looking for the face of God in the way you might recognize God? We have a God of surprises. Let yourself be surprised!

On a very personal note, my Mom passed away this past Monday evening. As sad as this week has been, I have been comforted knowing that life and love continues. This past week has given me the opportunity to practice letting God in and allowing God's love and healing touch my mind and heart. Thanks to all who have shared stories and expressions of sympathy. Because of a family wedding this weekend and finals for all the college students in the family, we have chosen to have Mom's memorial service in early January.

Holy Day Mass on Friday at 12:15 pm and Newman Christmas Party next Sunday after the 10 am Mass.

Peace and good, Alice