

## Reflection of today Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44



Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared...<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/>

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Sunday, November 27, 2022

All members of Center of Jesus The Lord  
DJ Borror (Loving Memory)  
Ann Harper (Thanksgiving)  
Landry Family (Blessing)

### Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. Enrico Russo (Loving Memory)  
Ann Harper (Thanksgiving)

### Sanctuary Candle End to Abortion

To schedule Mass Intentions or Sanctuary  
Candle Memorials call the Center 529-1636

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war.  
For the homeless during the cold months.

## Next Weeks Reading

### 2nd SUNDAY of ADVENT

### Sunday, December 4, 2022

#### First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17

#### Second Reading

Romans 15:4-9

#### Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

Jesus teaches the apostles the importance of



We are now accepting donations for Christmas flowers. Consider sharing the beauty of this Holiday season and recognize or memorialize a loved one with poinsettia plant and Mass intention. Suggested Donation is \$10.00 Please contact Helen Owens for further information.

We are called to walk, talk, see, feel like Jesus.

Acting in holiness through the Lord's  
Divine Grace with mercy and compassion!

“What you did to the least of these you did for me” Don’t wait til tomorrow, next week, or

next month, you can make a difference now! As St. Teresa of Avila said so beautifully, “Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks [with] compassion on this world. Yours are feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”

(Tony Maglano)

## Center of Jesus Upcoming Events

### Sunday, November 27 Advent begins

Blessing of the “Stations of the Cross” in  
Church parking lot after mass

### Saturday, December 3

Eucharistic Adoration and Healing Prayer  
10am-12pm  
Jesus in the Streets  
12pm-2:30pm

### Tuesday, December 6

Anointing of the sick at the 11am mass  
Marine Band Christmas Concert, there will be  
donation box for OLGC restoration fund, Toys  
for Tots will also be collected 7:00pm

### Thursday, December 8

Immaculate Conception, Holy Day

### Friday, December 9

Merry & Bright: A Christmas Recital  
Tenor Casey Candebat & Pianist Kristin  
Valley 7:00pm

### Sunday, December 11

Anointing of the sick  
Will be held at 10am mass



This year we will help the nearby New Orleans Recreation Department Lyons Center at Louisiana Ave & Tchoupitoulas with their Toy Drive for the children. We have 10 angels for boys and 10 for girls. The unwrapped toys must be returned by Dec. 9. You can sign up at Sunday Mass.

## Our Online Offering:

<https://faithlife.com/centerofjesusthelord/give>

## **NEED ONGOING HEALING AND FOLLOW UP?**

Inner Healing Prayer or Spiritual Direction

**PRAY THE ROSARY  
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL ROSARY  
GROUP EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 PM  
IN THE CHURCH**

### **Stewards of Mercy**

- \* Provides a mercy meal after funeral for
  - \* grieving families for Center Members
- If you or someone you know have a need for this services please call the Center of Jesus



## **Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

Come, Holy Spirit,  
Replace the **tension** within us with a holy **relaxation**.  
Replace the **turbulence** within us with a sacred **calm**.  
Replace the **anxiety** within us with a quiet **confidence**.  
Replace the **fear** within us with a strong **faith**.  
Replace the **bitterness** within us with the sweetness of **grace**.  
Replace the **darkness** within us with a gentle **light**.  
Replace the **coldness** within us with a loving **warmth**.  
Replace the **night** within us with Your **day**.  
Replace the **winter** within us with Your **spring**.

Straighten our crookedness.

Fill our emptiness.

Dull the edge of our pride.

Sharpen the edge of our humility.

Light the fires of our love.

Quench the flames of our lust.

Let us see ourselves as You see us.

That we may see You as You have promised us.

And be healed through Your Word.

*Amen*



*"There are no strangers here,  
only friends we have not  
yet MET"*

**Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with  
us Sunday before Mass at 9:45 AM**

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### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Altar Flowers are provided through the generosity of community members who contribute to their purchase. A donation to the flower fund is a beautiful way to remember, honor or give thanks for loved ones. The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God .

Altar Flower contribution envelopes can be found in the rear of the Church or at the Rectory. A Minimum donation of \$50.00 is requested.

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation before Sunday & Tuesday Masses. To schedule an appointment, please call the Center to check the availability of the priest.**

# **Center of Jesus the Lord at Our Lady of Good Counsel**



**November 27, 2022 - 1st Sunday of Advent**

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*Center of Jesus the Lord at Our Lady of Good Counsel is a joy filled, loving Catholic community where all are WELCOME! We are active in service to others, living the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

### **THE CENTER'S WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY Praise and Worship:** 10:00 AM; **Eucharistic Celebration:** 10:15 AM;

**Healing Prayer** after Mass; **Fellowship** follows in dining hall

**TUESDAY Praise and Worship:** 10:30 AM; **Eucharistic Celebration:** 11:00 AM;

following Mass all are welcomed to join in fellowship (1307 Louisiana Avenue)

**MONTHLY SATURDAY Eucharistic Adoration:** 10am with **Healing Prayer** at 11 AM