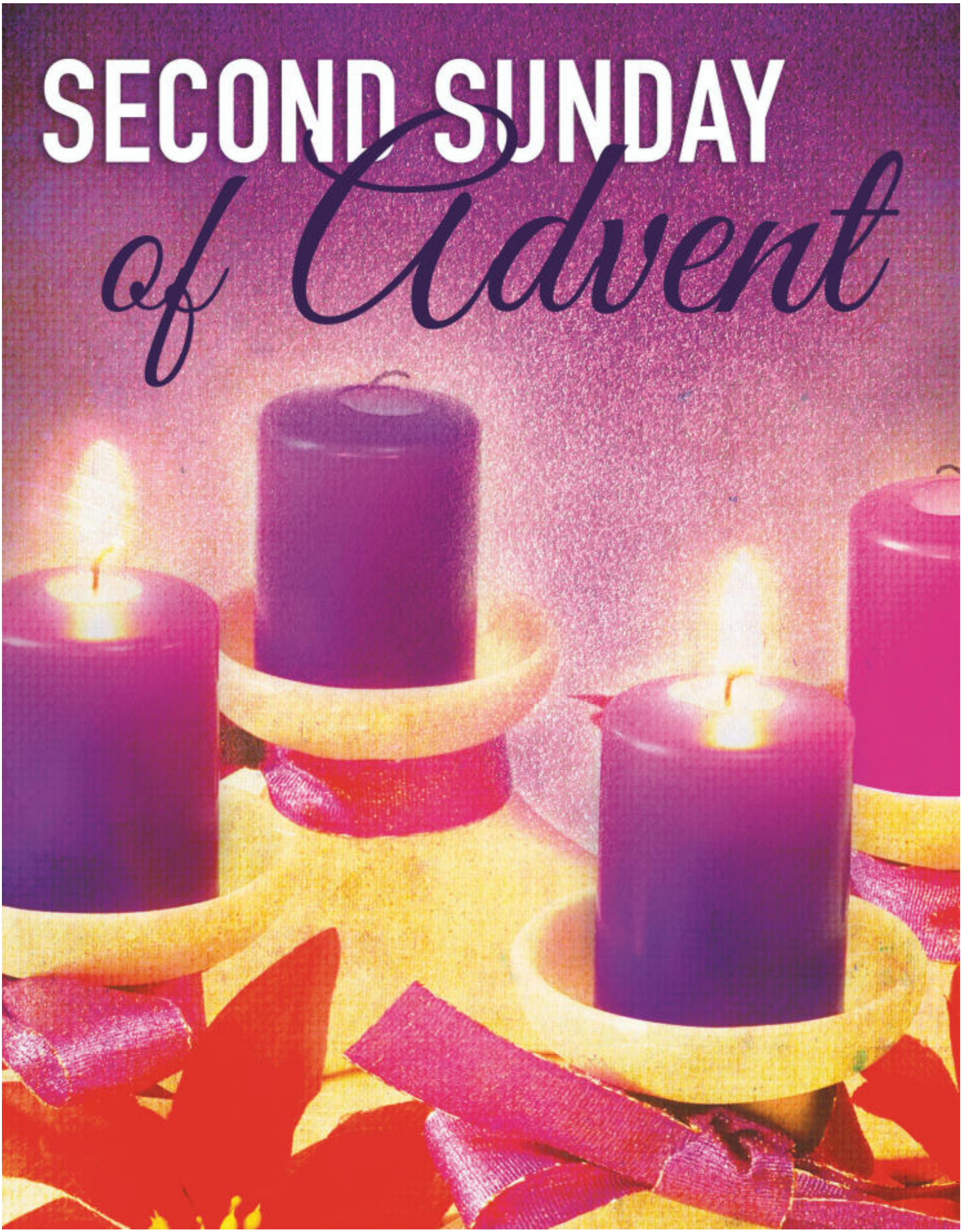
# SECOND SUNDAY *of Advent*



# 2nd Sunday of Advent

Your outlook on life is deeply affected by what you expect. If life is just a rat race, a fierce competition, a struggle against other people to see who can get ahead first, then you are waiting for a slap. However, if you are waiting and watching for goodness, kindness, a place to bring your love—if you are waiting for beauty and truth wherever you may find them, then you are waiting for a kiss.

If we allow ourselves to be paralyzed by the injustice and the evil that we see in our world, then we become unfaithful to the call to prepare a way for the Lord. We don't prepare the world to receive Jesus by retreating into our own little worlds of comfort and protection.

Pope John Paul II said in an address to a group of religious superiors, "Sometimes it might seem that love, justice and fidelity are no longer present in today's world. Do not be afraid; the Lord is with you, he goes before you and follows you with the fidelity of his love. Witness with your life what you believe!"

The God of consolation wants to gently hold us, comfort us, and tenderly love us. As we prepare for the celebration of the birth of the infant God, are we not also being called to tenderness in our own lives? In a world where violence is destroying so many lives and so much of our environment, the Christian response of tenderness is needed more than ever. We need to respect one another, and the earth of which we are a part.

As we move towards the feast of the birth of the infant Jesus and as we prepare for his Second Coming, may we spread the tenderness of God in our own families and neighborhoods.

Peace,
Fr. Michael

## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary has many titles, but Mary as the Immaculate Conception is the patron saint of the United States. With all of the issues and difficulties in our nation today, would it not be opportune to seek her intercession for our nation on this solemnity?

**This is a Holy Day of Obligation.**
**Please join us for mass at**
**7:00 PM on Tuesday, December 8th.**
This mass will be streamed to
the St. Rita Facebook page.

There will be no morning mass that day.
If COVID concerns prevent you from attending,
consider praying at home.

EWTN will televise a mass from the
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate
Conception at 11:00 AM on December 8th.

## *THANK YOU!!!*

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!!**

### Weekend of November 15

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| Envelopes (47 donors) | $3,433.00 |
| Plate (loose cash) | $154.00 |
| **Total Contributions** | **$3,587.00** |

### Weekend of November 22

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| ACH (51 donors) | $6,348.00 |
| Envelopes (43 donors) | $2,378.00 |
| Plate (loose cash) | $275.01 |
| **Total Contributions** | **$9,001.01** |

## St. Rita Welcomes Our Newest Member

***Samuel Alexander Rockey***
son of
Daniel and Cassidy Rockey

baptized on
November 22, 2020

## Holy Day Mass Times

Thursday, December 24th
3:00 PM, 4:30 PM and
11:00 PM

Friday, December 25th
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Thursday, December 31st
No mass of anticipation
for the Holy Day

Friday, January 1st
9:00 AM

## Week at a Glance

***All events are canceled except as noted below.***

MONDAY 12/7

**TUESDAY 12/8**
7:00 PM Mass for Holy Day

WEDNESDAY 12/9

**THURSDAY 12/10**
6:00 PM Human Concerns - *Virtual Meeting*

FRIDAY 12/11

**SATURDAY 12/12**
3:30 PM Reconciliation - *Church*

SUNDAY 12/13

## Ministers
## December 12 & 13

**Lectors**
Only one lector allowed at this time.

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| 4:45 PM | Debbie Wollert |
| 8:00 AM | Myra Fox |
| 10:30 AM | Nino Martinez |

**Eucharist**
Only one minister allowed at this time.

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| 4:45 PM | Mary Simon |
| 8:00 AM | Mark Schmitz |
| 10:30 AM | Edith Martinez |

**Altar Servers**
Not allowed at this time.

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday 12/5**
*Vigil Mass: 2nd Sunday of Advent*
4:45 PM † Wesley & Veronica Rosenberg
by their children

**Sunday 12/6** *2nd Sunday of Advent*
8:00 AM For our living and deceased parishioners

10:30 AM † Bob Theisen by his family

**Monday 12/7** *St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*
No Morning Mass

**Tuesday 12/8** *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
*No Public Morning Mass*

**7:00 PM** For our living and deceased parishioners

**Wednesday 12/9** *St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*
8:00 AM † Lois & Luke Halbur
by Nancy & Mike Mayer

**Thursday 12/10**
*No Public Morning Mass*
† John & Dorie Madala by their children

**Friday 12/11** *St. Damasus I, Pope*
8:00 AM † David & Doris Lowe
by Family and Friends

**Saturday 12/12** *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
*No Public Morning Mass*
† Glen Kurhajec by Connie and Family

*Vigil Mass: 3rd Sunday of Advent*
4:45 PM † George & Elsie Kaplan
by Don & Rita Witynski

**Sunday 12/13** *3rd Sunday of Advent*
8:00 AM For our living and deceased parishioners

10:30 AM For a Special Intention
by the Zambo Family

## Pray for Our Parishioners

### *Courage & Protection for those serving in the Armed Forces*

LT Jack L. Ramage (Navy)
CPT Eric Ramage (Army)
LT Colonel Geoff Gorsuch (Army)
AC2 Michael Clingaman (Navy)
PV2 Austin Clemins (National Guard)
PV2 Logan Clemins (National Guard)
Senior Chief Michael Molnar (Coast Guard)

### *Comfort & Healing for the homebound, those who are ill & for their caregivers*

Rita Adamczyk, John Allison, Bill Atkinson, Kay Bauer, Bonnie Bresciano, Eva Brittelle, Sharon Buckson, Barb Ebinal, Lillian Ertel, Karen Garbo, Bud Gorecki, Cathy Gross, Rita Hejny, Jack Hollow, Sylvia Hultman, Scarlet Johnson, Joan Kral, Richard Lannoye, Donna Larsen, Helen Lindgren, Patrick Livingston, Jim Long, Ann Johnson Lorenzini, Jerry Lui, Sarah Marquardt, Gabrielle Lee Martinez, Andrew Mattes, Berneice Otis, Jean Pawlak, Mark Quinn, Riley Rocque, Tom Scherr, Melissa Smith, Cathy Suchla, Caroline Sullivan, Marlene Theisen, Nick Torzala, Don & Rose Veselik, Dorothy Waltenberger, Kathy Weber, Lou Woodfill and Kathy Zambo

### *Comfort & Peace for our Deceased & their loved ones*

James "Jim" Levandoski, 78, passed away on November 9. Mass of Christian Burial was held on November 21.

Florence Aiello, 80, passed away on November 10. Mass of Christian Burial was held on November 20.

Allen Scheef, 77, passed away on October 6. Mass of Christian Burial was held on November 24.

## Mass Readings
### Week of December 6

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| **Sunday** | Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8 |
| **Monday** | Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26 |
| **Tuesday** | Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 |
| **Wednesday** | Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30 |
| **Thursday** | Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15 |
| **Friday** | Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19 |
| **Saturday** | Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/ Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 |
| **Next Sunday** | Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/ Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 |

## Christmas Poster Contest

Msgr. S. B. Witkowiak Council 697 of the Knights of Columbus is announcing its annual "True Meaning of Christmas" Poster Contest. The contest is open to all boys and girls in grades 1-4 whether in parochial, private, public schools or homeschooled. Posters may not exceed 12"x18", done on regular paper, standard construction paper or tag board. Crayons, watercolors, colored pencils, magic markers can be used. They are to be the students original work, no paste-ons to be used or tracing of pictures or letters. We suggest that the words of the theme not be on the poster itself. We ask that posters be completed by December 31, 2020. They are to be received by KC Council 697 no later than January 15, 2021. They can be mailed to Knights of Columbus Council 697, 2516 Winthrop Ave., Racine, WI 53403 or sent to William Frayer, 2339 Meachem St., Racine, WI 53403. All posters must have an entry label on the back of the poster which includes: student name, grade, parent/guardian name, complete address, phone number, school attended. Email address is also welcome.

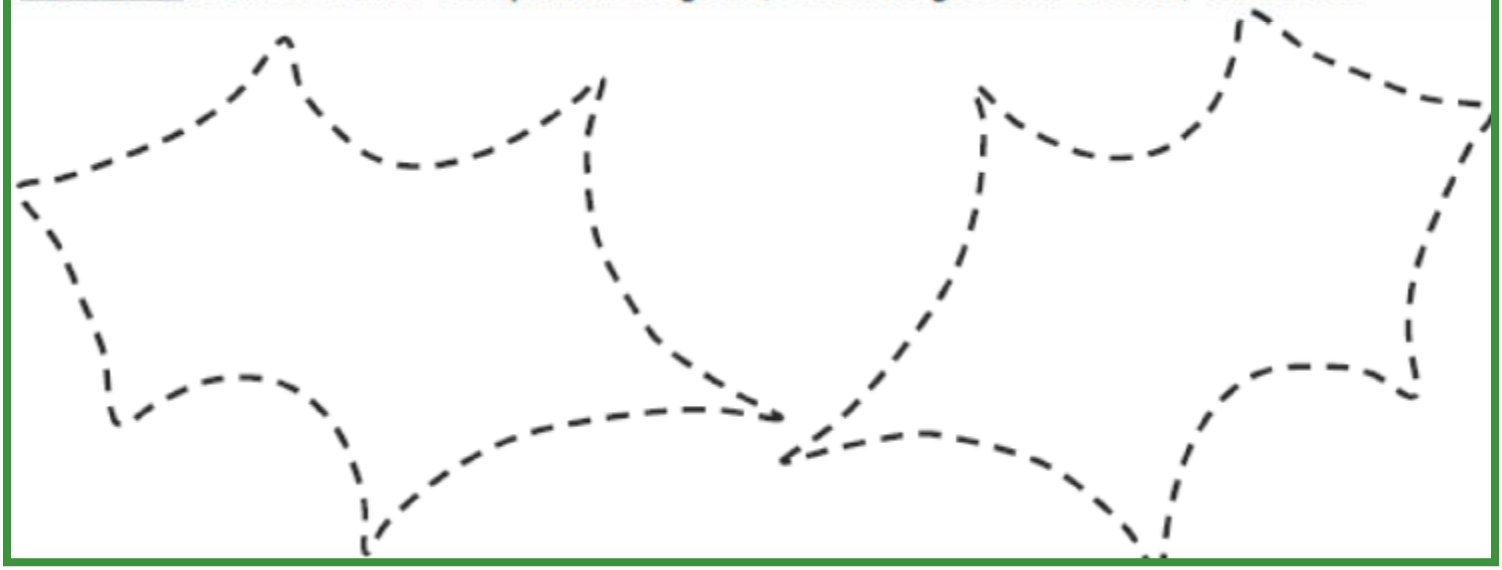
## "Keep Christ in Christmas" Yard Signs and Car Magnets

Msgr. S.B. Witkowiak Knights of Columbus Council 697 and Msgr. A.G. Weiler 4th Degree Assembly 1207 in Racine will again be distributing "Keep Christ in Christmas" yard signs for $5 each. They are available for everyone, family, neighbors, friends, and fellow parishioners through December 22. They make a fine gift for the Christmas season. They are blue and white with the "Keep Christ in Christmas" slogan and a nativity scene. In addition, the Knights are making available black and white refrigerator magnets. They also work well on cars, file cabinets, etc. They are 6 ½" x 7", featuring a Nativity scene and the "Keep Christ in Christmas" slogan. They are $3.50 each. Contact Bill Frayer (633-7887, 262-945-1095 or frayerfamily@yahoo.com), Steve Jansta (554-6376), John Shelby (854-5237), Harold Von De Bur (630-215-5362), Jim Sisak (262-884-9505) or any KC member for more information.

# Advent Wreath Program

St. Rita Parish's annual Advent Wreath Program will continue this year. Below are some of the organizations for which items have been collected in the past. There will be a wreath in the narthex at church. Feel free to take a leaf, purchase the listed item, and return it to the narthex with the leaf attached on the weekend of December 19th/20th for sorting on the 21st. There are also leaves below to use in labelling items. This year there is the additional option of donating financially to the individual organizations directly. Several have indicated that donating via the mail or online makes it safer for staff and volunteers to social distance, work remotely, and stay safe.

**Hospitality Center**- Needed Items: bottled water, individual snack items, warm socks, hats, gloves, etc.
Donations: Online at hospitality-center.org
**Veterans Outreach**- Donations: Mail to Veterans Outreach of WI, 1624 Yout St. Racine, WI 53404
Online at vetsoutreachwi.org
**Bethany Apartments**- Needed Items: Windex, Lysol, any bleach/disinfecting products, mops, floor cleaner, dish towels, toilet paper, canned tuna or fruit, pasta sauce, grocery store gift cards
Donations: Mail to Bethany Apartments, 806 Wisconsin Ave. Racine, WI 53403 Online at bethanyapartments.org
**HALO**- Needed Items: hair ties, combs/brushes, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, coffee, creamer, sugar, bottled water, individual snack items, gloves, hats, scarves, etc.
Donations: Mail to HALO, Inc., 2000 DeKoven Ave, Racine, WI 53403
Online at haloinc.org
**Senior Companion Program**- Needed Items: stamps, gift cards for grocery stores, drug stores, Kohls, Target, etc.
Donations: Mail to Senior Companion Program, 5111 Wright Ave. Racine, WI 53406



## Religious Ed News

Religious Ed Classes are all virtual at this time.

Contact Rachel at kroesR@archmil.org
if you have questions about our program.

## Sharing the Gospel

John the Baptist had an important message. When you make sinful mistakes, and when you turn away from God, stop. Learn from your mistakes, and do things God's way. Were you bossy or rude? Be thoughtful and kind. Did you tell a lie? Be honest instead. God wants you to share his love with other people.

## Prayer

Jesus, help me to learn from my mistakes.
Thank you for forgiving me.

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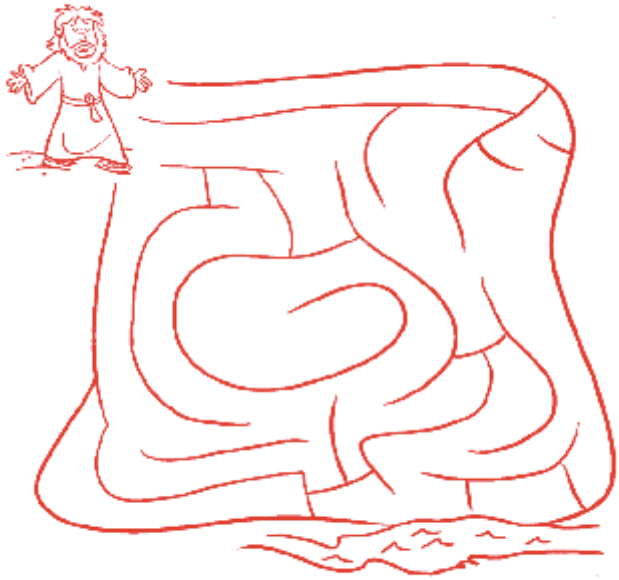
## PUZZLE

Help John the Baptist find his way to the Jordan River.



## MISSION

Every day I will tell God that I am sorry for my sins.

BECAUSE VIBRANT CHURCHES MATTER

## Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Prepare the way of the Lord! The message of John the Baptist becomes the calling of every baptized disciple of Jesus Christ. Each one of us is asked to prepare the way of the Lord. Given the humble means of our lives, how can we do this? It certainly does not require that we stand on street corners announcing God's future coming! We can more readily take up the task of our lifework by clearing our lives of unnecessary, distracting clutter. By creating solid and deep spiritual lives, we can heighten our awareness of God's presence and help people point to and discover God's presence around them. By conducting ourselves in holiness and devotion, we can speak volumes to those we meet. Not by preaching actual words, but by living lives that communicate the comfort God wants His people to know. As the world sometimes frantically unfolds around us, we can be people of patience who show others that it's okay to wait for God's gift to come. Conducting our lives in this manner, we will know the peace that comes from doing what we have been asked to do.

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