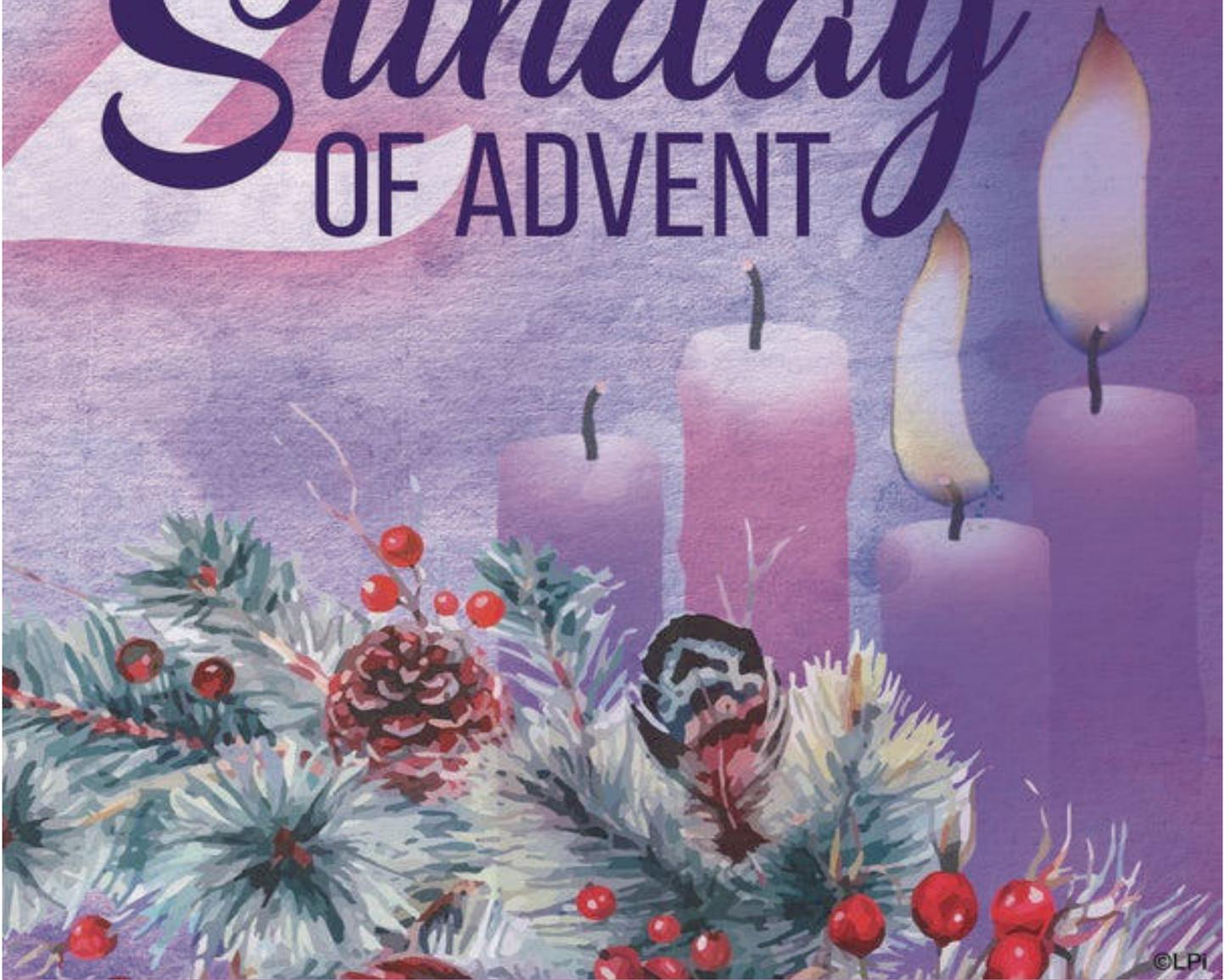


2nd Sunday OF ADVENT



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Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021

9:00 AM †VanOverberghe, Grosso, Matthys & Zanetta Families

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021

9:00 AM †Mary & Michael Klockowski
7:00 PM †All Souls Remembrances (Bilingual Mass)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021-Immaculate Conception

9:00 AM †Mary Tomkiewicz
5:00 PM †George Metz

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021

9:00 AM †Paul Helak

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2021

9:00 AM †All Souls Remembrances

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021

5:00 PM †Robert Duszynski

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

10:00 AM †Doreen Cebulski Johnson
1:00 PM †Our Parish Family
7:00 PM †All Souls Remembrances (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

This Week in our Parishes

Monday, December 6, 2021

9:30 am Legion of Mary
6:30 pm R.C.I.A. Classes at Holy Family

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

7:00 pm Vigil: Immaculate Conception-Bilingual

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

After Mass Divine Mercy/Bible Study
6:30 pm Bible Study-Holy Family-MSgr. Galic Rm
5:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass

Thursday, December 9, 2021

8:30 pm Bible Study-Holy Family MSgr. Galic Rm

Saturday, December 11, 2021

4:00-4:45pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, December 12, 2021

1:00 pm La Misa en Española
7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass in Spanish

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2021

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
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: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2021

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
Tuesday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
Friday: Our Lady of Loreto
Saturday: St. Damasus I, Pope
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Sometimes, especially when life gets overwhelming and difficult, we can find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable. Wallowing in this uncomfortable darkness seems to be our norm and it's difficult to see a way out of, or through, this experience. If we listen carefully enough, we will hear God's voice calling out deep within, beckoning us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Faith tells us that God has already begun the creation of a good work in us and is with us, bringing it to completion, until Christ Jesus comes again. It is this light of God's glory for which we are asked to pave the way and straighten the paths of our lives so that it can shine. With all that life can ask of us and bring to us, it is our task to constantly discern what is of value. So that we do not get so weighed down by things that we no longer see, or feel, God's salvation.

NEWS & NOTES

Advent Lessons and Carols

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart will once again host the annual Advent Lessons and Carols on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 7:15 p.m. This special prayer service celebrating the scriptures and music of the Advent season will feature the Basilica choirs - Folk Choir, Liturgical Choir, Magnificat Choir, and Basilica Schola.

This event is free and open to the public. University guidelines for indoor gatherings will be followed and distanced seating will be available. All are welcome!

Breakfast with St. Nicholas on Sunday, December 12, 2021 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. Patrick Parish Center, 308 S. Scott Street, South Bend, IN 46601

Tickets available at the door
Family Pass \$30.00
Adult Ticket \$12.00
Children under 12 years \$6.00

St. Bavo Church, 511 W. 7th St., Mishawaka, will hold its 16th annual "Festival of Lessons and Carols" on Sunday, December 12, at 4:00 P.M.

Nine scripture readings, outlining a brief journey through salvation history, will be followed by choral anthems, solos, and carols with congregational participation. There is no admission charge and everyone is welcome.

Parish News

Prayer Chain: Do you need prayers?

Call the St. John's Prayer Chain and within hours these intentions will be in the prayers of every member of the prayer chain. To start the prayer chain, call Sylvia Ryan at 574-233-2869.

Hospital & Home Communion Calls:

If you are in the hospital or homebound and would like to receive Communion or a visit from Fr. Glenn or Fr. Sunday, please call the Rectory at 233-5414 or Holy Family at 282-2317. Also if you know of any parishioner that is in a nursing home or assisted living, please let us know so we can visit them. Thank you

REST IN PEACE. Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Daniel Badur. To his family members and friends, we extend our sympathy and prayers. †**Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him†**

The 2022 Mass Book is open for your mass intentions. We also have a few weekdays open for the 2021 book. Please call Sue to schedule an intention.

St. John the Baptist Community is once again adopting families for Christmas. Our Giving Tree is up and ready for you to help. Please help these families have a wonderful Christmas this year by taking an ornament tag off our tree and purchasing the items listed. Monetary gifts will be used to purchase food for the families. All gifts must be returned, unwrapped and with tag taped to present by December 19th.

Mark you Calendars!! St. Johns and Holy Family Offices will be closed December 23rd through December 31st. We will reopen on Monday, January 3, 2022.

Stay Connected: Follow us on Facebook for daily and weekend Mass and Ceremonies at St. John the Baptist Catholic School of South Bend or visit our website:
www.stjohnb.com



Fr. Glenn's Pen

I have a confession to make, I think I can count on one hand the books I read by the time I graduated High School. As I recall they were books by Jerry Kramer and Vince Lombardi. Since then I have read a few other books. What is it about sports that awakens such deep enthusiasm and dedication? It is somewhat of an enigma to me. I had fallen prey to this myself, tracking the overall record between the Bears and the Packers. In my youth the Bears were way, way ahead, only recently within the last few years (2017, I think) have the packers gained the slight edge (102 to 95 with 6 ties). Since the year of my ordination, the Packers have a 45 to 15 edge in this series. This knowledge however has nothing to do with salvation. It seems evident to me that we have a deep desire to be part of a group, and we want the group to be a winner!

Faith in God is a far more important "faith" than in any sport's franchise. My hope is that you can come to believe that by gaining knowledge about Jesus and His Church that you will have a much deeper joy than what one experiences from following the winningest sport's franchise in any sport!

If we hope to understand anything we need to come to grasp with the rules of the game. We do not have any instinctual understanding when it comes to sports. We have to learn everything. To master any sport it takes one to a whole different level.

About ten years ago there was a book by Malcolm Gladwell called *Outliers, The story of Success*. There certainly was a certain degree of luck, but a common thing that these wildly successful people (worldly success: e.g. great athletes, and great entrepreneurs, etc.) shared was 10,000 hours dedicated to their craft. If the average Rosary takes about 15 minutes that would be the daily rosary for about 109 years. If someone goes to Sunday Mass one could reach this goal in 192 years. One could reach the goal in merely 54.75 years if one attends daily mass. How much time are we willing to invest? How much time does the average young athlete spend at practice of their sport vs. practice of their religion? Is it any wonder so many are falling away?

The reading from Baruch is impossible to understand unless one has an underlying grasp of history. Baruch was believed to be Jeremiah's assistant. We hear him sharing poetry of sorts which makes it even more difficult to grasp. The upshot is simply that God will keep His promises to those who keep the faith even in difficult times.

Paul seems very much consoled by the response of his people to the Gospel. He encourages them to be faithful and pure and blameless for the day of Christ!

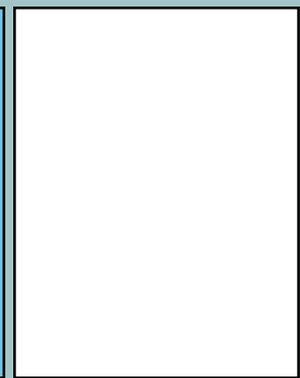
Luke very much sets the historical stage for the coming of Christ and how His cousin will be the voice crying out in the desert. Hopefully we can also be the voice crying out calling those to practice their faith and that this Advent draws us ever closer to Christ!

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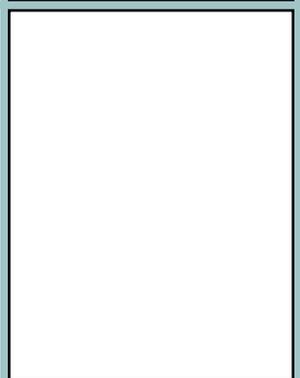
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