



# St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center

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Second Sunday of Advent - December 6, 2020



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:  
"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths."*

- Mk 1:3

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

If your loved one dies and you need a sign language interpreter for Catholic funeral, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE contact Fr. Joe at 312-685-7899 v/text. If you know of a Deaf person in the hospital or nursing home who would like his blessing, he can call them at the nursing home.

### NOTES FROM FR. JOE

- ◆ Next SUN, DEC. 13, we will honor OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE at our 10:30am Mass. The Blessed Mother, MARY appeared to a man named JUAN DIEGO near Mexico City on Dec. 12, 1531. Juan Diego (now Saint Juan Diego) was a poor man. Our Blessed Mother told him to have the bishop build a church where she appeared. Today, there is a magnificent basilica (special church) for Mary in Mexico City. When Juan Diego seemed worried about doing everything Mary asked, she told him, "do not worry. I AM YOUR MOTHER!"
- ◆ Also, SUN, DEC. 13 we will have Mass for the deaf at 6pm, St. Julie Billiard parish. We will NOT have our annual Mass on Dec. 24th, 8pm. We will resume Masses at St. Julie beginning January 10th.
- ◆ FR. JOE is available for CONFESSIONS (Sacrament of Reconciliation) before Mass each Sunday, beginning at 9:45am.
- ◆ PAUL RACI is the hearing son of wonderful deaf parents, MITCH & LAUREL RACI, who were very involved members of St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center. PAUL now is starring in a movie "SOUND OF METAL" available on Amazon Prime. Also starring Lauren Ridloff. [www.amazon.com/Sound-Metal-Riz-Ahmed/](http://www.amazon.com/Sound-Metal-Riz-Ahmed/)
- ◆ VACCINE: soon, people in the US will be able to get a vaccine to protect us from Covid-19. This vaccine will not cure Covid-19. However, it will protect people from getting the virus and becoming sick. I hope EVERYONE will get this shot. The shot will save our lives!
- ◆ CHICAGO DRIVERS; starting Dec 1st, the City of Chicago has special rules about parking on main streets, especially when there is a heavy snow fall. Please pay attention to the WINTER PARKING BAN signs.

**We do NOT know** if churches will stay open in December. Please check the website for the Catholic Office of the Deaf. We will post all announcements there: [www.deafchurchchicago.org](http://www.deafchurchchicago.org)

**The STATE of ILLINOIS** recently issued new rules about how many people can be in an enclosed space. The rule said "10 people at a funeral". There is some misunderstanding. That means that there can be no more than 10 people in a FUNERAL HOME ROOM at the same time. It means there can be only 10 people at the grave site at the cemetery. The rule does NOT apply to church funeral Masses. We can have, for example, at St. Francis Borgia, up to 100 people at a funeral Mass. .

**If you feel sick, feel a cold starting, stay home from Church** until you feel good again. It is important to: wash your hands/use a hand sanitizer. Wear a mask when you are with other people, outside or into any stores. No handshaking. Keep social distance. If you feel sick: high fever, hard cough, body hurts all over, contact your doctor. If you are VERY weak, trouble breathing, 9-1-1! Do not wait. IF YOU CAME TO CHURCH AND TEST POSITIVE FOR CoVid 19 PLEASE CONTACT FR JOE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

**WEAR MASKS. WASH YOUR HANDS. KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCING. GET REST.**

Every Monday, 1pm & Every Wednesday, 2pm:  
VIDEO PHONE CHAT with  
Deaf Social/Support Group,  
RSVP: 224-520-9763vp,  
[sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org)

### WASH YOUR HANDS

SOAP & WARM WATER, 20 Seconds.  
STAY HOME: avoid being near other people.  
GET REST: getting enough sleep is important.  
DRINK WATER: also hot coffee or tea.  
MOVE AROUND: do not sit at your VP or computer screen for hours.

**FEEDING HUNGRY CHILDREN:** There are hundreds of sites in the Chicago area where children can receive healthy, FREE meals. Text FOODIL to 877877, or call 1-800-359-2164. CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS has free lunch for children at many schools from 8 AM to 1 PM at over 450 sites every weekday. Find a site near you at [cps.edu/mealsites](http://cps.edu/mealsites). The Greater Chicago Food Depository has a number of "Pop-up Pantries". These are mobile sites where food is available for families. Go to: [www.chicagofoodbank.org](http://www.chicagofoodbank.org) and search "Pop-up Pantries".

If you need to renew or enroll for AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE, you must do this by **Dec. 15**. For assistance or info, contact Sarita Phadke at 224-520-9763 VP or [sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org)

WARNING: if you travel to ANY STATE OUTSIDE OF ILLINOIS, be careful. Wear your mask and stay 6 feet from other people. You MUST quarantine yourself for 14 days after you return. All states have high rates of COVID-19, but not all have strict mask & distance rules.

ELECTRONIC GIVING is an EASY way to contribute to St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center.  
INFO: [deafsmitty@gmail.com](mailto:deafsmitty@gmail.com) (JIMMY SMITH).  
He can make your giving to church each week simple, with no hassles!

### Family Together

The season of Advent invites us to renew our lives in preparation for the coming of Jesus. The people who heard the message of John the Baptist repented for their sins and were baptized as a sign of God's forgiveness. In Baptism, our sins are forgiven, and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, who helps us in our life of discipleship. Led by the Holy Spirit, we use this Advent season to renew our lives so that we, like John the Baptist, might prepare the way for Jesus. As you gather together as a family, talk about ways in which the example of others has called you to be a follower of Jesus. Name the people who have been examples to you of Christian discipleship and describe their characteristics that you have tried to emulate. Read today's Gospel, Mark 1 1:8.

As John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, Baptism commissions us to prepare the way of the Lord. The gift of the Holy Spirit leads us to continually renew our lives so that we might lead others to Jesus. As a family, identify at least one action that you will take this week to try to be more faithful followers of Jesus. Conclude in prayer together that God will receive this action and use it to lead others to Jesus. Pray the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.  
And kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
And you will renew the face of the earth.  
Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful  
In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

*Message from Margaret Swatek, Religious Education Reporter*      **Second Sunday of Advent**      Gospel (Mark 1:1-8)

### Making a fresh start

A prophet is a messenger sent by God to pronounce God's will to the people and act as a go-between. Sometimes they foretold what was yet to come as they tried to prepare God's people for the promised Messiah. In today's Gospel we hear from the prophet Isaiah, who lived in Old Testament times, and about the New Testament prophet called John the Baptist. Just as John urged the people to turn back to God, during Advent we are reminded to try to make a special effort to find ways to grow closer to God. There are all sorts of different ways to do this! I might include doing something or giving something up during Advent, just as we do during Lent. Or it might be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation or spending more time with God in prayer.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tues, Dec 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception. (Our Blessed Mother Mary was born without sin.)  
Sun, Dec 13: Mass, 10:30am. Mass.  
6pm, St. Julie Billiart. Sign up at [deaconed@stjulie.org](mailto:deaconed@stjulie.org) (Last Mass till January.)  
Sun, Dec 20: Mass, 10:30 am.  
Thurs, Dec 24: Christmas Mass, 4pm. NO 8pm Mass at St. Julie Billiart.  
Fri, Dec 25: Christmas Mass, 10:30am.  
Sun, Dec 27: Holy family Feast. NO MASS at St. Francis Borgia or St. Mary of Vernon. This is a "day of REST!"

REMINDER: the doors to the hall open at 10am each Sunday for Mass. There is no social time after Mass until further notice. When Mass is finished, you must leave the building.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR NEW INFORMATION. [WWW.DEAFCHURCHCHICAGO.ORG](http://WWW.DEAFCHURCHCHICAGO.ORG)

Many of our Chaplains for the Deaf are posting Masses on the internet.

Mon and Weds - Fr. Shawn Carey - [www.facebook.com/bostondeafcatholic.org/](http://www.facebook.com/bostondeafcatholic.org/)

Tuesdays - Fr. Mike Depcik at 10:30 am EST, 7:30am PST - [www.facebook.com/deafmass](http://www.facebook.com/deafmass)

Thursdays - Fr. Paul Zirimenya 12 noon PST, 3pm EST [www.facebook.com/stbenedictparish](http://www.facebook.com/stbenedictparish)

Fridays - 3pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet - [www.facebook.com/groups/icdaus/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/icdaus/)

### Readings for the week of December 6, 2020

Sun Dec 6: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Mon Dec 7: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tues Dec 8: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Weds Dec 9: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thurs Dec 10: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Fri Dec 11: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-6; Mt 11:16-19

Sat Dec 12: Zec 2:14-17; Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18-19; Lk 1:26-47



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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO: [www.archchicago.org](http://www.archchicago.org)

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[deafchurchchicago.org](http://deafchurchchicago.org) or Facebook

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JOLIET DEAF CATHOLICS:

[www.deafcatholicjoliet.org](http://www.deafcatholicjoliet.org)

DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD:

<http://RockfordDiocese.org/DeafApostolate/>

DIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE:

[www.facebook.com/dhhmo/](http://www.facebook.com/dhhmo/)

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## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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Caroline Goraj  
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Carmen Reyes  
Kay Mulvey  
Bill Cusack  
Brent Shiver  
Charlotte Seegert  
Carol Fleming, who died Oct. 17

Dolores Wallace  
John Hoberg  
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Wilma Roche  
Fr. Len Broniak  
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Mass Every Sunday 10:30am

At St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center

Mass at 4:00pm:

St. Julie Billiart: 2nd & 3rd Sundays every month

St. Mary of Vernon: 4th Sunday of every month

Take a look at FR. MIKE DEPCIK's web-page, every week: [www.frmd.org](http://www.frmd.org)

**Pietryka Funeral Home**  
 5734 W. Diversey Avenue ~ 773-889-0115

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*Our family is dedicated to helping you share the stories that make this community great. We provide a place to cry, to laugh, and most importantly, begin the healing process that follows the loss of a loved one. Whether traditional or unique, we help you create a meaningful way to say goodbye.*

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