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December 6, 2020 • Second Sunday of Advent

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Bulletin & Worship Aid - Please take this with you when you leave so volunteers do not need to remove it! Thank you!

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.
- Galatians 6:2



Miniature prayer quilts are being sewn, blessed & will soon be delivered to our homebound & those who are ill or may be struggling this year.

Our parishioners have been busy this week helping our communities.



Our teens are making fleece blankets for our parishioners in care center.



Care packages of snacks were distributed to our frontline health & care center workers so they know we are praying for them.



Candle Memorials:

Emiel Engels Don McEnany
Scott Woodruff Nicholas Demuth
Jim Sabelka Francis Harrington
Alice Harrington Bernard Frascht

Worship Schedule

Tues 4:30 pm Rosary by Zoom

Holy Day - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Tues 6:00 pm Lavern & Mary Norton

Wed 8:00 am Don McEnany

Fri 8:00 am Sadie Byrnes Family

Sat 4:30 pm Reconciliation

Sat 5:15 pm Bob Ungs

Sun 8:00 am For the People

Sun 10:00 am Rick Merkel

Daily Mass cancelled if funeral scheduled.

Prayer Concerns:

Gertrude Boeckman, Jeffrey Traeger, Rayla Leary, Donna Nelson, Carter Stevens, Ruth Schissel, Megan Smith, Carol Bolton, Bill Rechkemmer, Fr Lou Jaeger, Harold Iverson, Joanne Zrostlik, Virgil Birgin, Rhonda Kalainoff

Please pray for the family of...

Esther Schipper, mother of LuAnn (Wayne) Green, who died Nov 21.

Calendar: Dec 7-13

Tues: Liturgy Committee, 9:30am, room B

Knights of Columbus, 7pm, room B

Wed: PK-4th Faith Formation, 6pm, all spaces

Fri: Men's Group, 7am, room B

Sat-Sun: Retired Religious Collection

Sun: Chosen (11th), 6:30pm, hall

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly offertory budget \$8,913

Gifts Nov 15-22, 2020:

Offering Gifts \$2,255
On-Line Offering Gifts \$3,932
Food Pantry Monetary Gifts \$235
All Saints - cemetery \$20
Giving Tree \$1,645

Fiscal Yr July 1-Nov 22, 2020:

Offertory Received \$157,298
Budget Yr-to-Date \$178,269
Shortage - \$20,971

Second Sunday of Advent

I'm usually not the first in line when someone suggests a hike in nature, so I found myself wondering what I'd got into a few years ago as some friends and I were driving down a narrow track in the highlands of Scotland in anticipation of a long walk through Glen Lyon, characterized by Sir Walter Scott as "the longest, loneliest, and loveliest glen in Scotland." We parked the car and trekked through fields where sheep lifted their heads from grazing as if they were asking if we had any idea what we were doing in this remote spot. The elevation of the terrain began to rise and I found myself huffing and puffing and wishing that I'd stayed behind at a quaint spot where I could have spent the morning sipping coffee and munching biscuits (as the Scots call cookies). Then we reached our destination; and the blessing of the day's exertion came into focus.

We were at the "Praying Hands of Mary." A rock formation of two stones, maybe fifteen feet tall, rising together from the earth as if hands lifted in prayer. It was one of those "thin places," as the Celts call them, where the distance between heaven and earth breaks down and the divine seems very close. It was as if we were in a place where we could experience the Mother of God interceding for our sin-scarred world. We joined our prayer to hers as we called upon the one who is "full of grace" to help us be worthy of the life of her Son.

As we travel through life, there is much that distracts us, much that clouds our vision. And when we cannot see what is important, when we forget where we are headed, it is easy to give up hope. Advent is a time to regain our inner vision, to find hope again. Jesus calls his followers to have integrity; to have a heart that allows faith to challenge, direct and demand something of their life; not just in church but wherever they find ourselves.

Perhaps a benefit of social distancing is that we can find a little more time for prayer this Advent. Prayer is about finding some quiet time to lift our minds and hearts to God, so that we can see things as they really are. In the midst of the rush and concerns of this time of the year, may we carve out a few minutes each day and pray that we will be watchful for Christ's coming.

Our readings this weekend challenge us, "Make ready the way of the Lord, clear him a straight path." Christmas comes, whether we are prepared or not. Advent is the season for letting Jesus come closer and closer to us and our diversions and roughness. The closer we allow His birth in us, the straighter and smoother our ways become. It is all very good news.

- Fr Doug Wathier

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**If you choose to sing,
please leave your
mask on.**

PSALM 85: LET US SEE YOUR KINDNESS

Dominic MacAller



- 1. God, how I long for the peace you proclaim, your salvation and glory near to all who revere your name.
- 2. Kindness and truth shall meet, justice and peace shall kiss; truth shall spring forth from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

- 3. You, yourself, will give these gifts; our land shall yield its fruit. Justice shall walk before you, and salvation along your way.

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COMMUNION SONG: (Refrain) **I have loved you with an everlasting love, I have called you and you are mine; I have loved you with an everlasting love, I have called you and you are mine.**

Text: Based on Jeremiah 31:3; Psalm 24:3; Michael Joncas, b. 1951. Music: Michael Joncas. Text and music ©1979, OCP. All rights reserved.

Songs for today: **Entrance:** Ready the Way (Hurd) **Prep of the Gifts:** Maranatha I (Westphal) **Communion:** I Have Loved You (Joncas) **Sending:** Lord of Glory (Manion)

During Communion, a minister will come to your row. As you are approached, stand to receive the Body of Christ. Please leave your mask on until the minister passes by you.

Baptisms



Eden Barnes
daughter of Jordan & Tessa



Sylvia Wehling
daughter of Justin & Leanne,
Sister of Emilia, Hadley,
Samuel, & Teagan

Just for fun... Ole's doctor was upset with his progress on a new health plan. "Ole, you agreed to start exercising after your last visit. Why haven't you followed through?" asked the doctor. "I had to stop!" exclaimed Ole, "My heart raced, my face got red, I started sweating & I couldn't catch my breath. That's when I realized I was allergic to exercise!"

Reading 1 IS 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!

Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news!

Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God!

Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him.

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

Reading 2 2 PT 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day.

The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire.

But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

Gospel MK 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."*

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the

forgiveness of sins.

People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed:

“One mightier than I is coming after me.

I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

(bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. (up)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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Archbishop Jackels Virtual Fireside Get-Together Invitation

December 9 at 6:30
pm



Pull up a chair to the virtual fireplace and join Archbishop Jackels for a family-friendly evening with warm conversation, entertainment and good cheer. Archbishop will be hosting a first ever virtual *Fireside Get-Together* on **Wednesday, Dec 9, 6:30-7:30 pm.**

The evening will include scripture, reflections by Archbishop on this crazy year we've had, surprise musical performances and opportunity to spread Christmas cheer....and much more.

You have to **register in advance** at www.dbqarch.org/fireside You'll be emailed a special link you will use to electronically join when you sign up. "See" you there.

Communal Reconciliation:

**TODAY! Sunday,
Dec 6 at 3:00 pm**

Christmas Masses:



**Christmas Eve 4:00pm,
7:00pm, 9:00pm**

Christmas Day 9:00am

- Social distancing & masks will be required.
- 4pm Mass is the most crowded. Also, the evening Masses are often too late children. Please consider another Mass if you are able to reduce crowding & to allow space for children at the 4pm.
- 9am Christmas Day has the lowest attendance. If you area in the vulnerable population or want to avoid crowds, this is the Mass for you!
- **We will not open the church until 30 minutes before** Mass to reduce contact and ensure everyone's safety.
- Livestreaming of the 4pm will be available on St Mary Catholic Church Facebook page; & available on our webpage StMarysFamily.com about 5:30pm. The recording will be available for later viewing on Facebook as well as on our webpage.

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We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.
-1 John Chapter 4

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