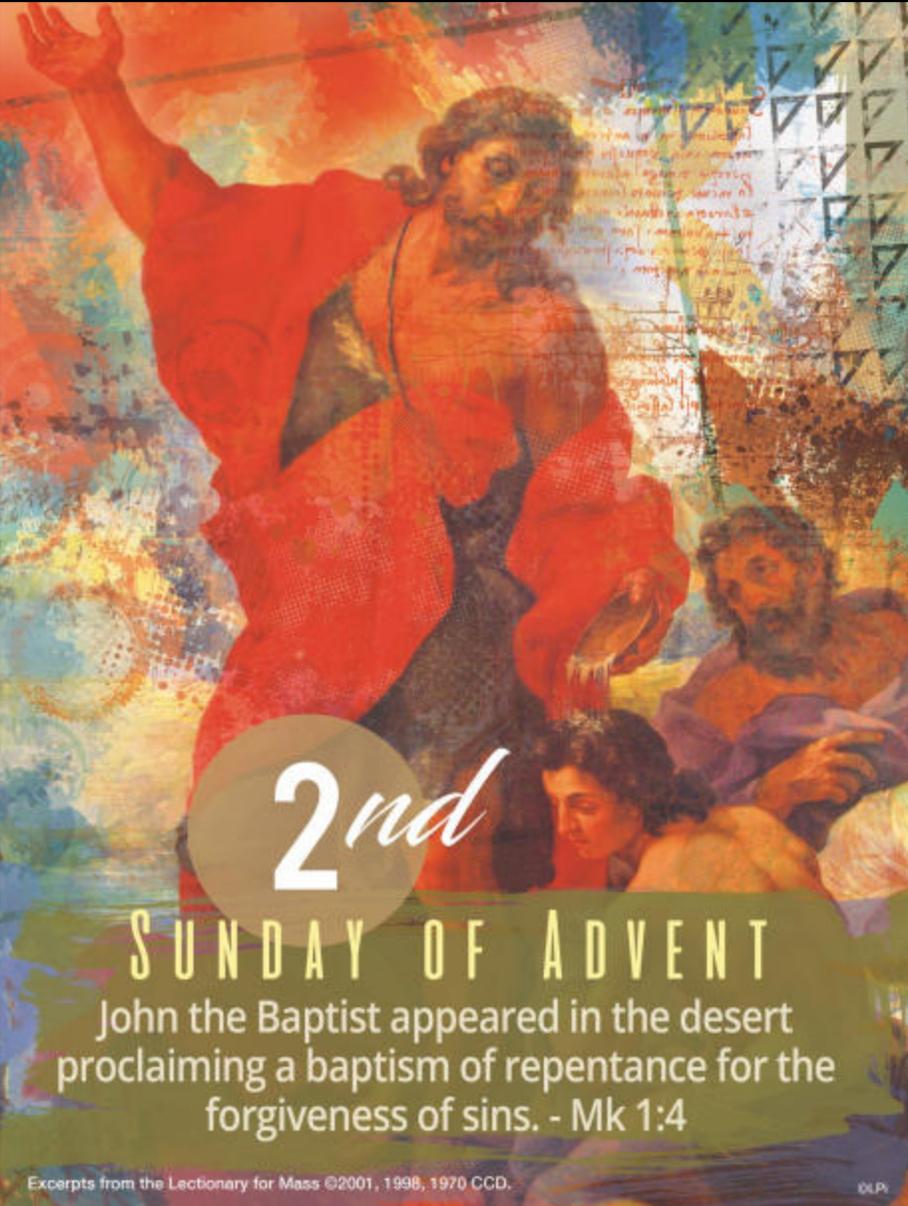




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SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John the Baptist appeared in the desert  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the  
forgiveness of sins. - Mk 1:4

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December 6, 2020

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**MASS TIMES**

WEEKDAY

Tuesday 6:00 pm

Wednesday 8:00 am

Thursday 8:00 am

Friday 8:00 am

WEEKEND

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 6:30 am

8:00 am

10:30 am

**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER ADAM:**

As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, we are going to dedicate this year to St. Joseph, Terror of Demons. Our world is under attack right now; we continue to see an increase in ideas that are contrary to the faith grasping our people, especially our young people. So what should we do? We should follow the example of our Lord. When He was under attack, as a young man, Joseph was there to protect Him.

We know that God does not need a single one of us, and that in the end, He is no better for our worship and love. However, His love naturally leads to creation and it is fitting that things have played out as they have. One of the things that is very beautiful and fitting is the role of Mary and Joseph. Again, God did not need them in the strictest sense, but in His great love and desire to pull humanity into His love, it was fitting for them to live as they did. God entrusted Himself to humans, namely His parents.

The role of Adam (the first husband and father) was to protect and defend the Garden. He failed, which led to sin entering the world. The role of Joseph in the Holy Family is that of all of our Parents, to once again protect and defend. If Jesus allowed Himself to be protected in His earthly life, wouldn't it make sense that He also asks Joseph to protect the Church, which is also His body?

I would like to encourage all families to please get an image of this great man and defender for our houses and to ask for his intercession. It would also be greatly appropriate, if possible, to bring the image to the church and ask myself or one of the deacons to bless it. This can easily be done after any mass. Let us entrust ourselves to the intercession and protection of St. Joseph, terror of demons!

*Father Adam*



**SAT DECEMBER 5**

4:30pm † Frank Deters

**SUN DECEMBER 6**

6:30am People of the Parish

8:00am Monica Straub

10:30am Robert Moritz

**TUES DECEMBER 8**

7:00am Jeanette Vaske

12:00pm Kodigandla Family

7:00pm † Dorothy Jesberg

**WED DECEMBER 9**

8:00am † Lena Walz

**THURS DECEMBER 10**

8:00am † Dcn. Daniel Peterson

**FRI DECEMBER 11**

8:00am Tim Sullivan

**SAT DECEMBER 12**

4:30pm † Dorothy Jesberg

**SUN DECEMBER 13**

6:30am People of the Parish

8:00am Mary Guenther

10:30am Steve Moritz

Please contact the parish office for Mass intentions. The suggested offering is \$10 per Mass.

**Parish Support**

**Collections for November 22, 2020**

**Regular Offertory**

Budgeted	\$13,913
Collection	\$10,999
Difference	-\$2,915

**Towards Christ**

Budgeted	\$2,121
Collection	\$1,427
Difference	-\$694

**Budget Year to Date**

**Income**

Budget July 1 - Nov 22	\$374,840
Actual July 1 - Nov 22	\$355,621
Difference	-\$19,219

**Expenses**

Budget July 1 - Nov 22	\$407,375
Actual July 1 - Nov 22	\$376,109
Difference	\$31,266

**50 / 50**

There was NOT a winner for the week of November 22, 2020. # 1097 was drawn. The balance was \$1,120.95.

# PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR HOLY MASS

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Isaiah 30:19,30*

**O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.**

### SPRINKLING RITE

The blessing and sprinkling of water as a memorial of Baptism may take place from time to time in all churches and chapels. During this unusual time, the faithful are not given the opportunity to bless themselves with holy water when entering the church. As a result, Father Adam will be including the Rite for the Blessing and Sprinkling of Water at Masses during the first weekend of each month.

### COLLECT

**Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.**

R: Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 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. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14*

PSALM 85: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B



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I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.

**R.**

### SECOND READING

*2 Peter 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Luke 3:4, 6*

*R: Alleluia, alleluia.*

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God. *R.*

### GOSPEL

*Mark 1:1-8*

The Lord be with you

**R: And with your Spirit**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

**R: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### HOMILY

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

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, (*All bow through "became man"*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

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.

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION & PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

**R: Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**R: Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

STAND

**R: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

**R: And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**R: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R: It is right and just.**

SANCTUS

HOLY

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

WHEN WE EAT THIS BREAD

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GREAT AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**R: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**R: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

AGNUS DEI

LAMB OF GOD

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Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**  
*(84):13*

*Baruch 5:5, 4:36*

**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.**

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

**R: Amen**

**CONCLUDING RITES**

**PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

Saint Joseph Terror of Demons

**R: Pray for us**

Mary Refuge of Sinners

**R: Pray for us**

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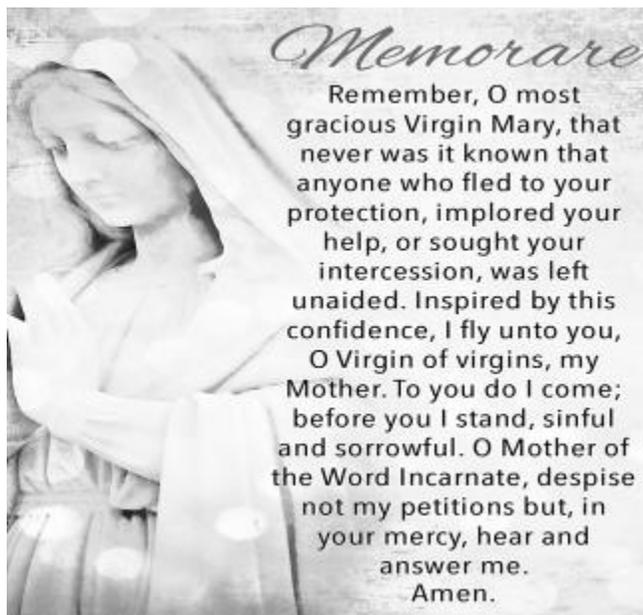
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- 8 Tues- Noon Immaculate Conception Mass
- 8 Tues- 5-5:45pm Confession
- 8 Tues- 7:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass
- 9 Wed- 8:00 am Mass
- 9 Wed- 10:00 am - 11:00 am Confession
- 9 Wed- 10:00 am - 9:00 pm Adoration
- 9 Wed- 6:30 pm- Bible Study
- 10 Thurs- 6:15 am That Man Is You!
- 10 Thurs- 7:00 am–7:45 am Confession
- 10 Thurs- 8:00am Mass
- 11 Fri- 8:00am Mass
- 11 Fri- 9-10:00am Confession
- 11 Fri- Parish Blood Drive
- 12 Sat- 3:00pm-4:00 pm Confession
- 12 Sat- 4:30pm Mass
- 13 Sun-6:30am Mass
- 13 Sun- 8am Mass (Live Stream) Must sign up
- 13 Sun-10:30am-Mass
- 13 Sun- 9:15am Formation classes Gr. 1-4
- 13 Sun- 1-3pm Family Service “Fleece for Friends”
- 13 Sun- 2:00-3:00 pm Confessions



# Advent CONFESSION TIMES

Tuesday 5:00 - 5:45 pm  
Wednesday 10:00 - 11:00 am  
Thursday 7:00 - 7:45 am  
Friday 9:00 - 10:00 am  
Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 pm  
December 13, 2020 2:00 - 3:00 pm

### ANNUAL DONATION STATEMENT

This year we will be sending all year-end giving donation statements electronically. Please make sure that the parish office has an updated email address on file. The best way to ensure we have up to date contact information is to fill out our 2021 stewardship form.

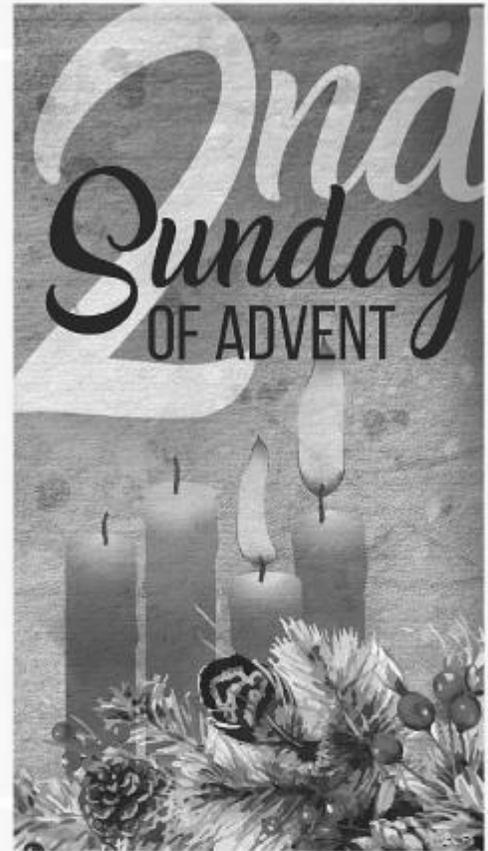


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*Immaculate  
Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mass Times:  
December 8, 2020  
7:00 am, 12:00 pm,  
7:00 pm



## REFLECT

### FIRST READING:

Five hundred years before the birth of Christ, Isaiah prophesied these words of comfort and hope to the Israelites captive in Babylon. What would bring comfort and hope to you in this season of Advent?

### SECOND READING:

Today we hear how Peter challenged those in his day who denied that Christ would return. Peter argued that our human timeline is not God's timeline. How do you reason with people today who deny the fundamentals of our faith?

### GOSPEL:

Mark opens his Gospel by presenting the words and activities of John the Baptist in the context of fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy heard in our first reading. Why do you think connecting Isaiah to John the Baptist was important to Mark and his community?

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