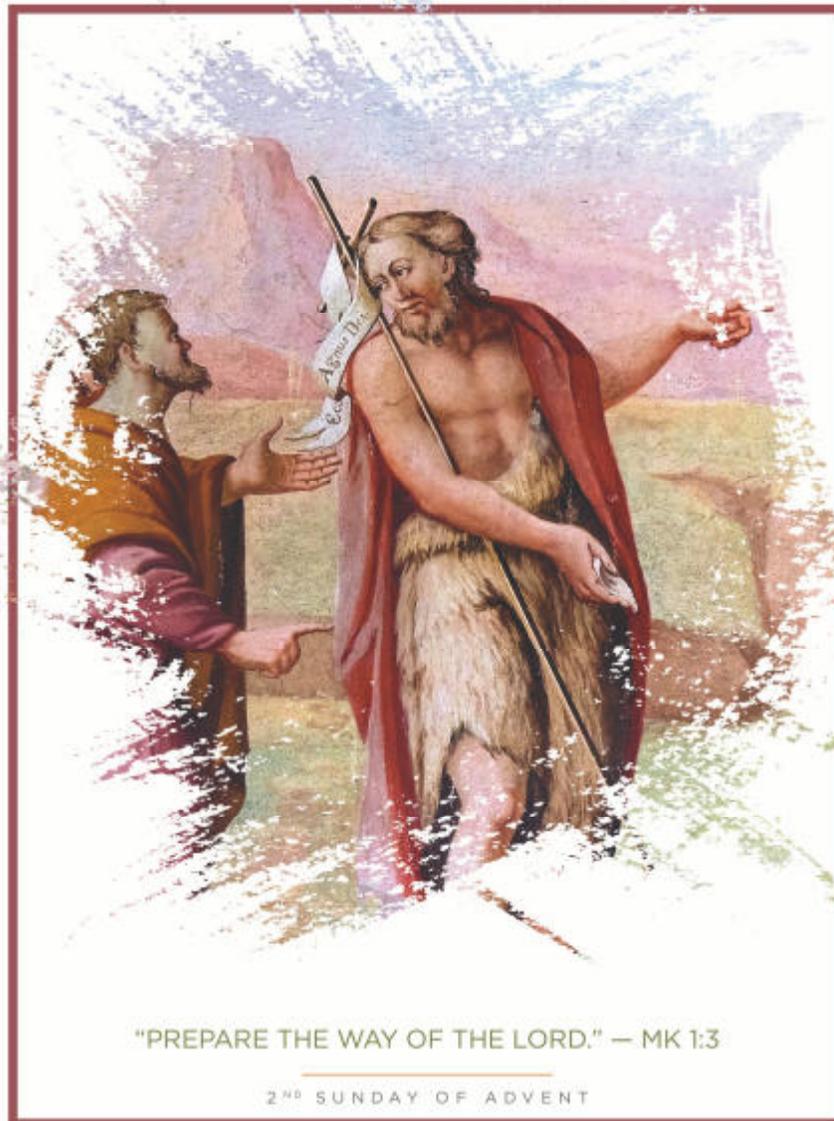


# Good Shepherd Parish

December 6, 2020

GoodShepherd@portlanddiocese.org | www.goodshepherdparish.us



**G**ood Shepherd Parish mission | to call people to celebrate the life of Christ through Roman Catholic liturgy, education and acts of social justice throughout our diverse communities, fostering unity and making the Body of Christ visible to all.

**Most Holy Trinity Church  
Parish Office**  
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Saco, ME 04072

**St. Margaret Church**  
6 Saco Ave.  
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**St. Philip Church**  
404 Goodwins Mills Rd.  
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**St. Brendan Chapel**  
40 Lester B. Orcutt Blvd.  
Biddeford Pool, ME 04006

**St. Joseph Church  
St. Anne Chapel**  
178 Elm St.  
Biddeford, ME 04005

## Series | Saints of the 20th Century, Frontline Heroes of the Faith

*The conversion of Alessandro Serenelli,  
Maria Goretti's murderer*

**By Fr. Brad Morin**

Immediately after his brutal assault on young Maria Goretti, Alessandro was imprisoned temporarily in Nettuno and then transferred to Regina Coeli prison in Rometo stand trial. After vehemently denying his guilt, he finally broke down in the face of overwhelming testimony. Since he was a minor, he was sentenced to only 30 years hard labor.

A priest came to see him soon afterward, and he turned on the cleric in rage, howling like a maniac and lunging at him. In the days which followed, Alessandro lost his appetite and grew nervous. After six years of prison, he was near the brink of despair. Then one night, Maria appeared to him in his cell. She smiled at Alessandro and was surrounded by lilies, the flower symbolic of purity.

From that moment, peace invaded Alessandro's heart, and he began to live a constructive life.

After serving his sentence, Alessandro took up residence at a Capuchin monastery, working in the garden as a tertiary. He asked pardon of Maria's mother and accompanied her to Christmas Mass in the parish church where he spoke before the hushed congregation, acknowledging his sin and asking God's forgiveness and the pardon of the community.

Forty years later, on June 24, 1950, Maria was canonized at St. Peter's basilica in Rome, with Alessandro's heart now firmly converted to the Lord. A miraculous fruit of Maria's life, indeed! Alessandro Serenelli died on May 6, 1970, in the Capuchin convent of Macerata.

He left the following testimony, dated May 5, 1961, as his spiritual legacy:

"I'm nearly 80 years old. I'm about to depart. Looking back at my past, I can see that in my early youth, I chose a bad path which led me to ruin myself. My behavior was influenced by print, mass-media and bad examples which are followed by the majority of young people without even thinking. And I did the same. I was not worried.

There were a lot of generous and devoted people who surrounded me, but I paid no attention to them because a violent force blinded me and pushed me toward a wrong way of life.

When I was 20 years-old, I committed a crime of passion. Now, that memory represents something horrible for me. Maria Goretti, now a Saint, was my good Angel, sent to me through Providence to guide and save me. I still have impressed upon my heart her words of rebuke and of pardon. She prayed for me, she interceded for her murderer. Thirty years of prison followed.

If I had been of age, I would have spent all my life in prison. I accepted to be condemned because it was my own fault.

Little Maria was really my light, my protectress; with her help, I behaved well during the 27 years of prison and tried to live honestly when I was again accepted among the members of society. The Brothers of St. Francis, Capuchins from Marche, welcomed me with angelic charity into their monastery as a brother, not as a servant. I've been living with their community for 24 years, and now I am serenely waiting to witness the vision of God, to hug my loved ones again, and to be next to my Guardian Angel and her dear mother, Assunta.

I hope this letter that I wrote can teach others the happy lesson of avoiding evil and of always following the right path, like little children. I feel that religion with its precepts is not something we can live without, but rather it is the real comfort, the real strength in life and the only safe way in every circumstance, even the most painful ones of life."

### LET US PRAY

**Rest in Peace** | Brandon Dubois (born 1990) \*  
Roxanne Litalien (born 1955) | Lucille Raymond (born 1932)

**The Sanctuary Lamps** are burning this week at Most Holy Trinity |  
*In memory of Theodora & Robert Reed.*

**Anniversary** | Joseph and Cheryl Mondor will celebrate 50 years of marriage on Nov. 21.

**Apostolate of Prayer for Priests | December 2020**

6. Bishop Robert P. Deeley, JCD
7. Rev. Harold D. Moreshead, Msgr. Rene Mathieu
8. All Priests
9. Rev. Albert Roux, Dev. Joseph Daniels
10. Rev. Patrick J. Finn, Rev. Emile H. Dube
11. Rev. Anthony F. Kuzia CM, Rev. John Mazzel
12. V. Rev. Daniel P. Greenleaf, Rev. Joseph W. Cahill

*Let us also pray for our Deacons and Seminarians.*

**Livestream Prayer Opportunities** | At the beginning of November, Fr. Brad Morin concluded the weekday livestream offering, but the parish will continue to offer the weekend livestream and archived mass on the parish website, [www.goodshepherdparish.us/livestreamedmasses](http://www.goodshepherdparish.us/livestreamedmasses).

**Prayer for the 2020 Catholic Appeal**

Loving God, You call us to a life of service, entrusting to us the mis-

### Clergy

**Fr. Timothy Nadeau, Pastor** | Rev. Brad Morin,  
Parochial Vicar | Rev. Dominic Tumusiime, AJ, Parochial Vicar  
Deacons Robert Parenteau | Kevin Jacques | Rick Huot

sion of making your name and your love known. We strive each day to use your generous gifts to grow ever more faithfully into a community of faith and love, attracting people to your Son, Jesus.

We are grateful for Your gifts. Help us to use them wisely in Your service. Keep us ever mindful to the many needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Help us recognize the presence of Your Son in them and respond to the Catholic Appeal with love, compassion and generosity. May our words and actions be a response to Your great love, in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

### COLLECTIONS

**Second Collection This Week** | This second collection goes directly to offsetting heating costs for our churches, parish halls, rectory and office.

**Special Collection This Week** | This Diocesan second collection goes directly to helping to fund the retirement of those who have dedicated their lives to religious service.

**Second Collection Next Week** | This Diocesan second collection goes directly to helping to fund the retirement of our religious.

**PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT** | Many of you are sending payment through the US mail, to simplify the administrative work it is best to COMBINE all weekly offertory contributions to one check, one envelope; Second Collections however, should generally remain a separate check, since Diocesan Second Collections and USCCB National collections do not remain with the parish. At the end of the year, there is no difference to your GIVING RECORD. Your cooperation reduces the volume of checks and envelopes to handle. THANK YOU and God bless!

# GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 6, 2020

## PARISH LITURGIES | MASS INTENTIONS

*Priests are honoring all Mass intentions previously scheduled. Mass intentions will be celebrated on the date indicated but not necessarily at the requested time and location. We will announce changes on our website. We need and appreciate your understanding during this unusual time.*

### Saturday, December 5

**4:00 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass (Livestreamed):** Rita Bouffard  
**4:00 pm St. Margaret Mass:** Anthony Signoretti (9<sup>th</sup> Ann.)  
**4:30 pm St Philip Mass:** Wilfred Daigle (2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.) /  
For All People in Good Shepherd Parish  
**Private Mass Intentions:** David Farley

### Sunday, December 6 | Second Sunday of Advent

**8:00 am St. Joseph Mass:** Mme Eva Spénard Carrier /  
Lucille Gagnon  
**8:30 am St. Margaret Mass:** Léon Elie  
**9:00 am St. Philip Mass:** Douglas Gardner /  
Marcel Morissette (2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.)  
**10:30 am Most Holy Trinity Mass:** Patricia Pinette  
**11:00 am St. Joseph Mass:** William Fulford III (4<sup>th</sup> Ann.) /  
Armande Fecteau (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)  
**Private Mass Intentions:** J. P. Fontaine

### Monday, December 7

**4:00 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass:** Roland Hebert  
**6:00 pm St. Joseph Mass:** A. Norman Sevigny (7<sup>th</sup> Ann.)  
**6:30 pm St. Margaret Mass:** Murielle Martin (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)

### Tuesday, December 8

**9:00 am St Philip Mass:** For All People in Good Shepherd Parish  
**9:00 am St. Joseph Mass:** Robert L. Mathieu  
**6:00 pm St. Joseph Mass:** Marie Claire Farrell (37<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

### Wednesday, December 9

**6:00 pm St. Joseph Mass:** Hazen L. Hoyt, III (9<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

### Thursday, December 10

**9:00 am St. Joseph Mass:** Fred D. Carey / Donna\* & Dennis\*  
Normandin\*

### Friday, December 11

**9:00 am St. Joseph Mass:** Priscilla Poisson (6<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

### Saturday, December 12

**4:00 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass (Livestreamed):** Ray Sylvestre & Marie Anna Maurice  
**4:00 pm St. Margaret Mass:** Thomas & Dorothy Leavitt /  
Irene Rancourt (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)  
**4:30 pm St Philip Mass:** Dorothy Gilblair  
**Private Mass Intentions:** Rita Bouffard

### Sunday, December 13 | Third Sunday of Advent

**8:00 am St. Joseph Mass:** Antonio "Tony" Paquet  
**8:30 am St. Margaret Mass:** Peggy Descoteaux  
**9:00 am St. Philip Mass:** Gerard S. Morin /  
For All People in Good Shepherd Parish  
**10:30 am Most Holy Trinity Mass:** Claire I. Allie  
**11:00 am St. Joseph Mass:** Joseph Robert Lachance  
**Private Mass Intentions:** Armande Fecteau (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)

### Lighter Side | Gift Cards for Jesus

At the Christmas Eve service, the pastor, quizzing some children about the nativity, asked, "What gifts did the three wise men give the Christ child?"  
"Gold!" one child yelled.  
"Frankincense!" shouted another.  
After a pause, a third asked, "Gift cards?"

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## NOTICES

**Parish Administration** | Staff will be shorthanded as Amy Loring, Office Coordinator, is on maternity leave. Hannah Cecilia Loring arrived on All Souls Day, 11/2/2020. Mother and child are doing fine. Parish inquiries can be directed to the receptionist in her absence. Thank you in advance for your patience, we will do our best to respond to your needs in her absence.

**Help Wanted** | This winter the parish needs part time help to clear walkways/entryways and sidewalks at St Margaret and Most Holy Trinity Church on weekends, in advance of the scheduled Masses and Funerals. If interested please contact the parish office 282-3321 or email us at [goodshepherd@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:goodshepherd@portlanddiocese.org).

**Parish Office** | Staff continue working reduced hours due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, which means closing the reception office at noon. It is our desire to help mitigate some of the lost offertory revenues with a payroll reduction. Thank you for understanding, and please keep Good Shepherd Parish in your prayers.

## SHEPHERDS OF HOPE



**Shepherds of Hope pledges** | For parishioners who have not made a pledge, we need your help. Please pray about taking that step. There are cards at each church or the parish office to fill out or take home for prayerful consideration. Bring pledge to the office or mail to: Good Shepherd Parish, 271 Main St., Saco.

Note | Any checks, cash can be dropped in collection basket, inside a blank envelope and must have a name and ID number to receive credit. Check payments should be made out to: Good Shepherd Parish; "Shepherds Of Hope" in memo line.

**Current totals | 780 household gifts | \$1,472,482 | 73% of goal Cash collected, available for projects as of Oct. 21 | \$705,752**

**Shepherds of Hope Pledge Payments** | Please note that if you intend to use ACH or credit card for payment and/or installments on pledge, you must do so by signing into the parish's online giving service, WESHARE. Please do not include bank account information or credit card number on pledge card. Go to the parish website to sign up and make a payment or set up a recurring payment schedule. If you decide to use WESHARE, mark that on your pledge card so we handle the pledge properly.

We have created a link with the Shepherds of Hope logo at [goodshepherdparish.us/](http://goodshepherdparish.us/). For assistance, call Amy Loring at 282-3321, ext. 105. WESHARE charges a fee on each transaction as follows:

\* **ACH withdrawals from bank account:** Fee is 10 cents per transaction plus 1%, calculated as follows: For example, a \$50 donation will include a 50-cent charge, plus 10 cents, for a total fee of 60 cents. The \$50 donation results in a net donation to the parish of \$49.40.

\* **Credit, Debit Card Transactions:** Fee is 3.25%, calculated as follows: A \$50 donation will include a 3.25% transaction fee and amount to a charge of \$1.63. The \$50 donation results in a net donation to the parish of \$48.37.

Since the credit/debit card fees are more than double ACH fees, we prefer use of ACH. Please consider this when deciding your source of payment. Thank you for your generosity.

### Saint for the Week

Nothing graces the Christian soul so much as mercy; mercy as shown chiefly towards the poor, that thou mayest treat them as sharers in common with thee in the produce of nature, which brings forth the fruits of the earth for use to all.

- Saint Ambrose (340-397), Bishop, Patron of Police Officers, Feast Day December 7

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL

# Sisters join St. James Trot for Education

With pandemic restrictions in place, the administration at St. James School in Biddeford weren't quite sure what to expect from the 2020 St. James Trot for Catholic Education 5K Run/Walk and Kids' Fun Run.

Like so many traditional events, for the first time, the school fundraiser was held virtually.

"Participants could walk or run 3.1 miles anywhere they chose from Nov. 7-14," said Nancy Naimey, principal of St. James. "We believed that was the safest way to get our community moving in support of St. James School."

Safest and most successful, too, as the "trot" raised a record \$18,804 during the week and inspired additional giving later.

"I received a letter from the Good Shepherd Sisters of Quebec who live at St. Joseph Convent in Biddeford," said Naimey. "They had heard about the 'trot' and wanted to join the fun."

"I was inspired to ask our sisters, ages 78 to 103, to walk the hallways and, for those who could, walk outside to see how much we could raise for the school," said Sister Annette Nadeau, coordinator at the convent.

Contributions ranged from \$1 to \$3 depending on the length of each walk.

"Once that was added up and combined with donations from sisters who can't walk, we raised \$450 for St. James," said Sister Annette.

The Good Shepherd Sisters, who have been active in educating area



children since the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, were happy to help the school remain strong and growing.

"Most of the sisters were former teachers. It was a real effort to walk as many of them have walkers or are in wheelchairs. Some of the other sisters and staff pushed the sisters around to make sure they could participate," said Sister Annette. "This was such a worthy project."

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**Giving** | It is with sincere appreciation and gratitude that we thank the following for their contributions to St. James School:

Donations made in memory of Norman Faucher from:

*Madeleine Deshaies*

*Susan Alfonso*

Donation made to the Hot Lunch Program from:

*The family of Benoit Goulet*

Donation made in memory of Norman Perreault from:

*Estelle Beauchesne*

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Middle School Youth Ministry** | Michelle Philbrick  
Michelle.Philbrick@portlanddiocese.org 82-4812, ext. 115

Tuesdays, St. Joseph, 6:30-8pm  
NEW LOCATION: St. Joseph in Biddeford.

**High School Youth Ministry** | Emily Amann  
282-4812, ext. 117

Sundays, MHT, 6-7:30pm, NEW TIME



*Raymond and Rachel Tardif*  
*Roberta Audet*  
*Douglas Schnackel*  
*Southern Maine Flame Softball*  
*Doris Marchand*

**Wrapping paper fundraiser** | Do you need to order Christmas gifts? Do you need high-quality wrapping paper? If so, use organization ID 19273 at charlestonwrapstore.com/non-school-registration.php, and Saint James School will receive a percentage of your sale. Fundraiser will run online through Dec. 7. With more than 2,500 gift ideas, you can check-off your holiday gift-list and support Saint James School. Pro tip: Do you know 10 unique and valid email addresses of friends and family? Use the invite tool at registration. Don't forget to share on social media as well.

**Scrip Program** | Saint James School needs your help. Join us in the most convenient fundraiser there is—shopping with gift cards to earn on gas, groceries and everything else you're already buying. You can earn \$1,000 or more for the school every year for what's important to your family. It's the easiest way to help out St. James School. The Scrip program is a way to order gift cards for just about every occasion or just for yourself. If you go to a certain store on a regular basis, you can purchase gifts cards to that store and help the school at the same time. FMI, contact Christine at cmadden176@gmail.com and request our organization's enrollment code to sign up at Shop-WithScrip.com.

## YOUNG FAMILIES | ADULTS MINISTRY

Josh Houde | Assistant Director of Faith Formation  
282-4812 | joshua.houde@portlanddiocese.org

**Gatherings of the Young Families Fellowship and Young Adult Events** are on hold for the time being as we all take measures to protect the vulnerable from COVID-19. Take advantage of the quality time with your family and the extra time for prayer and reflection. God bless you all!

COMMUNITY



**Advent Confessions**

Good Shepherd Parish priests will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 3pm during Advent. All safety protocols will be followed. Please do not present yourself

for confession if you are not feeling well.

- Penitents waiting for confession are to stand six feet (6ft) apart.
- Penitents and confessor need to wear a face covering/mask for the entire time.
- Please sanitize your hands upon entering the confessional.
- Penitents will stand during confession with a screen between them and the confessor.

The schedule is as follows:

- ◊ November 29: St. Philips and Most Holy Trinity 20.
- ◊ December 6: St. Joseph and St. Margaret
- ◊ December 13: St. Philips and Most Holy Trinity
- ◊ December 20: St. Joseph and St. Margaret

**Christmas Giving Tree** | For many years Good Shepherd Parish has been able to help those less fortunate with the Christmas Giving Tree. This has been thanks to the generosity of parishioners and the hard work of the Justice & Peace Committee. This year we must take into consideration the safety of the parishioners and the committee due to COVID-19. Because of this we are offering another way for parishioners to help families that are struggling this Christmas season. We are inviting five families that are able and willing to make a monetary donation to help those families that are struggling this Christmas season. If you would like to help please contact Liz Williams, 282-3321, x110 or Elizabeth.Williams@portlanddiocese.org.

**Bring the Joy of Christmas to Less Fortunate Children** in our Parish Communities by supporting Toys for Tots; a safe way to help children this Christmas. After careful consideration for the safety of our staff and parishioners, Good Shepherd Parish will support Toys for Tots this Christmas. Toys can be dropped in the Toys for Tots boxes in our churches. The Toys for Tots organization will pick up the toys weekly. Toy collection boxes will be placed in all churches from Saturday, Nov. 21 through Sunday, Dec. 13. Please bring in new, unwrapped toys, to help the less fortunate children in our parish communities. If you would like to donate by purchasing a toy online, please contact 207-200-6228. If you know of a family in need this Christmas, they can apply online at [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org) and under "Find a local campaign," select "York County—North."

DISCIPLESHIP

**The Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel has reopened** | Due to COVID guidelines, access is limited to scheduled adorers only with a maximum of two people per hour. Please consider committing to one of the available hours listed: Tuesday 11pm; Thursday 2am, 3am; Friday 2am; Saturday 3am, 4pm. Please contact one of the division leaders listed here if you are interested in becoming a scheduled adorer or a substitute: 12am-6am, Steven Plante - 283-0782; 6am-12pm, Priscilla Welch - 710-1913; 12pm-6pm, Lucille Simard - 284-7627; 6pm-12am, Virginia Calvo - 432-1151.

**Vocation** | God calls us to proclaim the Good News. How do you share that Good News? Pray for the grace to be a faith filled witness of God's love. (Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Seamus Griesbach: 207-773-6471; email: [seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org); Website:

[www.portlanddiocese.com/vocations](http://www.portlanddiocese.com/vocations); Facebook: [VocationsME](https://www.facebook.com/VocationsME)

*Intercession* | For all those especially chosen by Christ to "prepare the way of the Lord" in their hearts and the hearts of his people as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord.

**Rosary recitals** | Monday through Sunday, 6pm. All recitals held at St. Anne's Chapel, except for Tuesdays at Most Holy Trinity.

**Can't make Advent Meditations during the daytime hours?** | Try the Advent Meditations followed by the 6pm rosary in St. Anne's Chapel each evening during Advent.

**Evening Telephone Rosary** | Noon and 6pm. To Participate, dial 1-951-799-9866.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

**December 6, 2020 | Second Sunday of Advent**  
 People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous

in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not?

**READINGS | OBSERVANCES**

**Readings | December 6**

**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

**First Reading**

A voice cries out:  
 In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!  
 Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! (Is 40:3)

**Psalm**

Lord, let us see your kindness,  
 and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

**Second Reading**

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. (2 Pt 3:10)

**Parish Donations |**

Please be aware that the parish office can only track your offertory donations in our Parish Database when you use Offertory Envelopes or WESHARE (our online giving service). All donations received through your envelopes or WESHARE are recorded to your member account.

Conveniently, WESHARE donors may also self-serve from their account to obtain giving/donation records directly without parish assistance. Be advised: All Souls donations are non-deductible since a Mass is given for those intentions.

To receive envelopes, please contact the parish office. **THANK YOU ALL** in advance for your cooperation and generosity

**Gospel**

“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.” (Mk 1:7b-8)

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