

*John the Baptist*

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Holy Rosary Chapel

*December 6, 2020*

*Second Sunday  
of Advent*

*Prepare the way of the Lord!*



Dear Believers in the Christ,

Mark 1:1-8 reveals the forerunner of Jesus. John the Baptist, a cousin of Jesus, cries out on behalf of the Kingdom. His voice echoes across generations. Be ready. Be prepared. Remain open-hearted. Our salvation is at hand. Baptism becomes our new identity. Our sin melts away in the forgiveness of Christ.

John spends his life facing into the direction of the Kingdom of God. His very soul points to Jesus, the Messiah. He knows and feels the Light. He wants the best for us as his mighty hand points toward love. The Kingdom is close upon us. I love John because he knows who he is and what his life is all about. He lives a selfless life. His simplicity speaks in the hot desert. His clothing and food are both for sheer survival and nothing else. John speaks to me even more in my aging. His hot breath proclaims the Kingdom. His strong voice washes over valleys and desert mountains even in our time when society is drenched with corruption, insincerity and injustice.

John's voice is a hot torch. His manner challenges the rich and comfortable. His tenacity stretches for generations. John becomes the spokesperson for Kingdom riches. In his simplicity, he has no room in his heart for duplicity and dishonesty. John, the first New Testament prophet, is mightier than corruption, and stronger than hatred. John is my favorite scriptural super-hero.

John rattles our notions of Advent. Advent is the time when we muster the courage to pray and work for all that is unjust and unsettled. We rouse such hope because the Incarnation changes everything. God-with-us, the meaning of the Incarnation, summons us to find God in all things. It is only our sin that separates people. The Incarnation is a reminder that all people are one. All people are united in this unbelievable gift on the earth.

Advent is the time we pray for justice in our world and Church. Christmas, that is the Incarnation, is meant for all people in equal measure. This is why we pray for the hungry, the abused and the uneducated. This is why our hearts go out to those who have been abused or who have to fight for their place in the Church. This is why we give gifts, because we have been given the gift of God's Son from heaven. Justice is an expression of love that is the Kingdom we celebrate at Christmas.

Our task is to model our lives after John. We need to point to those who most need acceptance, forgiveness and hope. If we are to read this gospel in Advent, then we are to live this reality far into a new year. We have been bombarded with illness, injustice and violence during this past year. I pray that we can cling to John's camel hair garment and learn to follow him in the heat of the deserts we face in our world.

On every Second Sunday of Advent, the gospels invite us to consider John. However, this year feels different to me. We need him more than ever. We need a steady ride on this rollercoaster of pandemic and racial violence and political divides. John must speak out louder this year, because we just don't seem to hear him rumble the forests with sounds of reform, repentance, and remorse for wrongdoing.

John does not present a childish Advent. His presence in the scriptures does not console at first glance. There is no Hallmark Christmas card that bears his image or no meme of his on social media. John is not a cozy winter fire. He is a fire of pure love for the marginalized and those who experience injustice and hate. He is not waiting for a child to be born. He is waiting for all the brokenness of the world to be united in the coming of the Savior. John's voice is hoarse in his crying out. He is exhausted by his challenge.

John says to us that he is not worthy to untie the sandals of the Master. His humility sends chills down my spine. I so desperately want to see what he saw. I want to see the face of the Messiah, Jesus, who is the Christ. If we can repent and believe, we shall hear the voice of the One who loves us beyond imagining. When justice flourishes in our world, upon the globe on which we all live, we shall see the miracle of Christ redeeming us. We shall find ourselves at the end of John's finger, touching the face of the Beloved. And that, shall be called, Christmas!

God give you peace,  
Fr. Ron Raab, CSC, Pastor

### **Join us for Mass!**

**Saturday, Dec. 5th:** 4 pm at Holy Rosary Chapel; 5:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church

**Sunday, Dec. 6th:** 7:30, 9 & 11:30 am at Sacred Heart Church; 8:30 & 10:30 am in the Parish Center Gym;  
5 pm at OLPH

**Sign up for Mass on our website [www.sacredheartcos.org](http://www.sacredheartcos.org)**

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## Reflection

On Tuesday, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, which commemorates the unique status of Mary who was conceived without sin. She was thus made suitable, even before her own birth, to become the holy vessel which gave human life to Our Savior.

And so we rightly rejoice in Mary's role in bringing into the world the Christ child whose birth we commemorate in a few short weeks on December 25th.

But we do more than simply revel in the unique role that Mary played in the Incarnation. God, of course, could have chosen any manner at all to bring about the humanity of His Son. Jesus could have simply appeared directly from Heaven, fully human and fully divine. Or, God could have started over again with a totally new human race, created apart from the line of Adam.

But God didn't.

Just as with Noah and the Flood, God saw value in not starting completely over again, but in using the best part of ourselves to renew the human race. In other words, God sees value in US. God chose Mary to represent that best part of human nature, freed from the sins of our ancestors, to be the human mother of Our Savior.

The implication is astounding. Not just that Mary is so much holier than we are, but that God loves US so much that one of US was chosen to participate in the story of Redemption. That is, we humans are, at the core of our very being, both loved and lovable. Not only Mary, but you and me.

As we wait during these Advent days leading up to the birth of Christ, we rightly remember that God chose one of us to represent all of us when God chose Mary to share our own humanity through the birth of her child, the one who is also the Son of God.

—Fr. Randy Rentner, CSC, Associate Pastor



## Christmas Update

Reserve seating is almost full for Christmas Eve and Day Masses at all three of our churches. All are invited to join us for the live-stream of the 7 pm Christmas Eve Mass at Sacred Heart Church on our website [www.sacredheartcos.org](http://www.sacredheartcos.org).

As a reminder, Christmas is celebrated as an octave in the Catholic Church, meaning Christmas is one liturgy celebrated for eight days from Dec. 25– Jan. 1. We encourage you to consider attending Mass on one of those days if you were not able to sign up for Christmas Eve or Day Mass. You don't need reservations for the 8 am Daily Mass at Sacred Heart, however seating is limited to 50 people. The Christmas Season continues until the Baptism of the Lord on January 10, 2021. Please remember that during this time, ***all the faithful are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days.***

Also, please note that if El Paso County moves to "level purple," on the COVID-19 dial, all Masses will be canceled at Sacred Heart Parish, including Christmas Eve and Day Masses. We will continue to offer the live-stream of the 7 pm Christmas Eve Mass and the weekly live-stream of the 5:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Check the bulletin or our website for updates.

## A parishioner's request for support

Hello Parishioners,

I will be returning to Jocotepec, Mexico to Villa Infantil Orphanage on December 15th. Your generous donations last year helped feed and clothe the children for 8 months. Just two nuns, Sr. Maria and Sr. Blanca, care for 42 children that were abandoned on the streets of Guadalajara or were rescued from sex trafficking. The need for essentials is great. Especially diapers and formula for the 6 babies. If you can please help with a donation, it will be greatly appreciated. You can donate by going to my GoFundMe page at [www.gofundme.com/f/VillaInfantilOrphanage](http://www.gofundme.com/f/VillaInfantilOrphanage) or by check **made out to Villa Infantil Orphanage** and mailed to 825 Duclou Ave., Manitou Springs, CO 80829. Thank you for your support of the children. Wishing you a Merry Christmas.

Michael Parrish, OLPH Parishioner

## Parish News

Join Fr. Ron during the Advent Season as he **reflects on the daily gospels**. He is providing a daily audio reflection on his blog, [www.ronaldraab.com](http://www.ronaldraab.com) and on our website [www.sacredheartcos.com](http://www.sacredheartcos.com). Fr. Ron is reflecting on the theme **Advent: On the ground of hope**.

We are not having Advent Vespers this year. Instead, we are offering **Advent Reflections** by different parishioners in the bulletin each week, starting last week with Sandy Goddard. This week features a poem by John Goddard. There are also Flocknote videos of the parishioners reading their reflections sent each Saturday. We hope you enjoy these reflections.

We collected \$1,127 for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a **second collection next weekend, Dec. 12 & 13** for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. Thank you for your support.

The **Giving Tree** continues at all three of our churches. This year we are collecting monetary donations to benefit charitable organizations. Sacred Heart Church's Giving Tree will benefit El Centro de Los Pobres in Avondale, CO, Fostering Hope in Colorado Springs and La Puente in Alamosa, CO. Holy Rosary's Giving Tree will benefit the Myron Stratton Home and OLPH's Giving Tree will benefit a needy family in the Manitou School system.

Drop off donations at Mass or mail them to the Parish Office, 2021 W. Pikes Peak Ave. 80904. *The Giving Trees will end next Sunday, Dec. 13.*

Our next **Sacred Heart Caregiver Support Group** will be on **Thursday, Dec. 10 at 3:30 pm**, meeting via ZOOM and in person (with masks) at the Lundberg home. The meetings will continue on the 2nd Thursday of the month in 2021. Contact Paula Levy at 331-3640 if you have any questions, need directions to the Lundberg home, or would like the link to attend via ZOOM.

**Christmas Card Sales:** The Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas cards again this year, featuring a picture of the outdoor nativity set at OLPH. A box of 10 is \$20. All proceeds will go to the OLPH Building Fund to help build the handicap accessible ramp and bathroom at OLPH. If you would like to give directly to the OLPH Building Fund, give online at our website or on OLPH's GoFundMe page at <https://gf.me/u/yzsjcm>.

Also, OLPH vigil candles are still available for those who make a donation of \$20 or more. Call the Parish Office at 633-8711.

**AmazonSmile:** Just a reminder this holiday season that Sacred Heart Church is still participating in AmazonSmile, a program operated by Amazon that lets customers purchase Amazon products and give back to charitable organizations of their choice by donating 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products directly to the charitable organization. When you shop with Amazon, remember Sacred Heart Church is eligible to receive your donations!

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**Adult Faith Formation:** The next meeting for our new series **"What does that even mean?!"** via ZOOM will be **Tuesday, Dec. 15 from 6:30-7:30 pm**. Email Roberto for the link at [formationdirector@sacredheartcos.org](mailto:formationdirector@sacredheartcos.org).

## Food Pantry Updates:

The next Food Pantry Volunteer Interest Meeting will be on **Monday, Dec. 21 at 10 am** in the Parish Center gym. All those interested in volunteering who didn't attend the previous meeting in November should attend. RSVP to Bill at 598-4933.

The Food Pantry has officially reopened and requests **donations of plastic and paper grocery bags**. Thank you to everyone who has already made a donation. Bring donations to Mass or arrange to drop them off at the Parish Office, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-3 pm. Special thanks to our new Food Pantry Coordinator Bill Johnson and Co-Coordinator Kate Gioglio who have worked diligently to ensure our pantry and volunteers are ready to safely resume service. As a reminder, **we are no longer accepting parish donations of pill bottles, egg cartons or pots and pans**.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can drop off donations at Mass in the collection basket (be sure to mark the donation for the Food Pantry), give online to the Food Pantry at our website [www.sacredheartcos.org](http://www.sacredheartcos.org) or mail donations to Sacred Heart Parish Office, 2021 W. Pikes Peak Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80904.

## Important Year-End Reminder!

To qualify as a 2020 charitable contribution, your donation must be received in the office by **Thursday, Dec. 31** (if mailed, your donation will be deductible as long as it is post-marked by Dec. 31, even if we don't receive it until January). Donations are considered "effective when received"—checks placed in the offertory in Jan. will **NOT** be deductible for 2020, even if written in 2020 or backdated. To request a 2020 contribution statement, please call the office at 633-8711. Your statement can be sent either by email or mail. Note: if you participated in Online Giving, you can print your statement of contributions directly from your online giving account at any time.

Thank you to everyone who participated in **Catholic Giving Day**, a national event celebrating all aspects of our Catholic faith.

## Parish Life



## Advent Poem By Parishioner John Goddard

When Fr. Ron asked me to write a reflection about Advent on the ground of hope for the Second Sunday of Advent, I quickly realized that my focus should be on John the Baptist. John has always been a pivotal figure for me. He's humble, faith-filled, dramatic. I see in his coming an enlightenment of our hearts so we may see the hope to which we are called and prepare ourselves. For my reflection, I've let my imagination loose and written a poem about finding John the Baptist, or people like him, in our everyday lives. The title is *On South Nevada*. I hope you enjoy it.

### On South Nevada

John the Baptist is on South Nevada this week.  
Or he at least tells me that he is John the Baptist  
as he picks me out from the dozens of people  
milling around the city's ground zero for bad luck.

Traffic backs up, horns honk, heavy equipment  
pulverizes old pavement to make room for the new  
as he stands next to me on a concrete sidewalk  
Stained with stories of the thousands who traverse it.

This John is a calm cliff against stormy seas.  
His purple hood frames a face on which skin  
appears rarely through the wreath of auburn hair.  
I imagine two or three brown wrens resting there,  
watching a troubled world from a peaceful perch.  
Repent, he says, holding me with bright gimlet eyes,  
like stars glistening from a glow within.  
Then he winks at me and removes a lightweight

red and green backpack that hangs loosely  
from his shoulders. It looks like a child's, but  
smells like honey and features a gold cross  
embroidered on the flap over the large white

letters H-O-P-E spaced the down the front.  
John the Baptist reaches into the backpack.  
I expected to see a grubby square of cardboard  
with a message crafted with Magic Marker

so I'm surprised when he pulls out a book  
that looks familiar instead. I shuffle my feet  
as he presses the book to his chest and  
continues to look at me with a celestial smile.

Seconds pass into minutes as he holds my gaze.  
It's like we're two trees standing in a river of  
Black and white and red and yellow and beige  
People that stream by us with hardly a ripple.

Many in the flow are happy as they pass,  
their "Yo, John," greeting him like a brother.  
He looks up as a few doves fly across Nevada.  
Absolute contentment warms his face.

When the book is turned toward me I see  
it's a Bible. The leather cover is smooth,  
the dark grain bronzed from countless fingertips,  
its diaphanous pages like unleavened wafers.

The book is open now so I can read the text but  
I'm puzzled that there are only two pages --  
and only two words. On the left page is  
the handwritten "Love" and on the right,

in the same hand in blue script "Everyone."  
Is that all, my eyes question in confusion.  
Find hope by loving everyone. Everyone.  
"It's that simple," he says, closing the book.

Sensing our conversation is over,  
I reach in my pocket to offer some bills  
for a hot meal or even a new pair of sneakers.  
He holds up a hand in refusal as if blessing me.

"Give this to someone who really needs it.  
With my Bible and the bedroll inside HOPE  
I have everything I'll ever need." Turning  
to move on, he looks back and then

he asks me:

"How about you?"

# Prayer

## Presider Schedule and Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 5

- 4:00 pm Holy Rosary- Presider: Fr. Randy  
†Mary Augustyn by Bill and Mary Jo Schraml
- 5:30 pm Sacred Heart Church- Presider: Fr. Ron  
For our homebound parishioners

### Sunday, December 6

- 7:30 am Sacred Heart Church- Presider: Fr. Ron  
†Lyle Smith by Mary Smith
- 8:30 am Parish Center Gym- Presider: Fr. Randy  
For doctors and nurses and all care givers
- 9:00 am Sacred Heart Church- Presider: Fr. Ron  
†Barbara Brown by Sue Gerlach
- 10:30 am Parish Center Gym- Presider: Fr. Randy  
†Jim Simkovsky by Sue Gerlach
- 11:30 am Sacred Heart Church- Presider: Fr. Ron  
For the Holy Cross Novices and Novitiate Staff
- 5:00 pm OLPH- Presider: Fr. Ron  
For lives to be nourished by personal prayer and scripture

### Monday, December 7

- 8:00 am Sacred Heart- Presider: Fr. Randy  
†John Ross by the Ross Family

### Tuesday, December 8

- 8:00 am Sacred Heart- Presider: Fr. Ron  
For the ministry of Fr. Ron and Fr. Randy
- 12:10 pm Sacred Heart- Presider: Fr. Ron  
For courage and hope in the face of uncertainty
- 6:30 pm Sacred Heart- Presider: Fr. Randy  
For listening hearts filled with empathy and compassion

### Wednesday, December 9

- 8:00 am Sacred Heart- Presider: Fr. Ron  
For hope among struggling families

### Thursday, December 10

- 8:00 am Sacred Heart- Presider: Fr. Ron  
For the deceased members of the Graham, McMenemy, and McGarry Families by Jack and Elinor McGarry

### Friday, December 11

- 8:00 am Sacred Heart- Presider: Fr. Ron  
For all Diocesan Seminarians in formation

### Saturday, December 12

- 8:00 am Sacred Heart- Presider: Fr. Randy  
For the victims of sexual abuse
- 4:00 pm Holy Rosary- Presider: Fr. Randy  
For reconciliation among family members
- 5:30 pm Sacred Heart Church- Presider: Fr. Ron  
For those fleeing persecution and war



**Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day, Tuesday, Dec. 8th.** Mass at Sacred Heart Church at 8 am, 12:10 pm & 6:30 pm. Seating is limited, but still available. Sign up online at our website [www.sacredheartcos.org](http://www.sacredheartcos.org).

### Virtual Vocations Fair

The first ever Sacred Heart Parish Virtual Vocations Fair is in the books! Fifteen Sacred Heart Parish youth and their parents joined in a virtual panel discussion with Bishop Bill Wack, CSC and several other priests, religious, and lay people to discuss the importance of prayer in the process of discerning their calling from God. The panelists shared from their experience through sincerity and humor and the youth of the parish asked pressing questions about the discernment journey and shared of their own vocational discernment. A tremendous thanks goes out to all the families who were able to join in this unique event. We are looking forward to hosting another Virtual Vocations Fair sometime in 2021. Please continue to pray for our youth as they continue on their discernment journey.

### Please pray for our brothers & sisters...

†Art Cipoletti	Tom Waugh
Barbara Crane	Jerri Knoll
Martha Tafoya	Gerald Donohue
Sr. Roberta Westrick	Paige Kyle
Bill Evans	Carol Peterson
Carol Sperry	Jerry Fitzpatrick
Jim Johnson	Scott Defebaugh
Jeff Somers	Michael Ortega
Albert Gonzales	Lea Zorn
Sheri Mauro	Philippe DeBernay
Matt Aragon	Penny
Jonathan Knorr	Nicole Thompson
Jeanne Flanagan	Elizabeth Lambert
Fran Rodden	Jeannie Wellmann
Ann McDonald	Mickey Zay
Patsy Aragon & Family	Sharon Oates
Jerry Banks	Laura C.
Tom O'Donnell	John Wilson

### Readings for the Week of Dec. 6, 2020

**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/

## Mission

### Mass Times:

**Sacred Heart Church** in Colorado Springs, CO—  
Daily Mass: Monday– Saturday, 8 am, no reservations required.

Weekend Masses: Saturday, 5:30 pm;  
Sunday, 7:30, 9 & 11:30 am in the church;  
8:30 & 10:30 am in the gym.

Reservations required.

Confessions: Saturday, 9-10 am or by appointment,  
call the Parish Office at 719-633-8711

**Holy Rosary Chapel** in Cascade, CO– Saturday, 4 pm. Reservations required.

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help** in Manitou Springs, CO– Sunday, 5 pm. Reservations required.

\*All attendees are required to wear a mask.\*

## Pastoral Team

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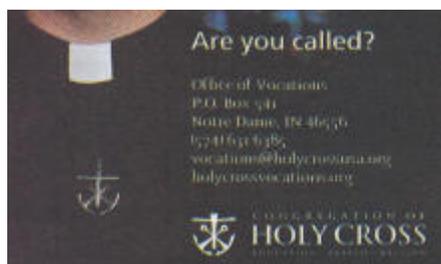
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## Sustaining Our Mission

*Please remember... the parish depends on your financial contribution, even if you can't attend Mass in person.*

Current Fiscal Year: July 1, 2020– June 30, 2021	SH	OLPH	HR
Offertory budget	\$ 600,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
Offertory year-to-date	224,443	17,853	20,969
<b>OCT. OFFERTORY TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$ 53,440</b>	<b>\$ 4,101</b>	<b>\$ 4,014</b>
Sunday collections	32,428	1,149	2,504
Online giving	21,012	2,952	1,510
<b>JULY– OCTOBER 2020</b>			
<b>Revenue (see note below)</b>			
General Revenue	\$274,655	\$ 22,312	\$ 25,864
Restricted Gifts/	1,723	0	1,372
<b>Expenses</b>			
Operating Expenses	(184,492)	(22,354)	(21,640)
Parish Support of Diocese	(44,104)	(3,874)	(4,313)
<b>Over (Under)</b>	<b>\$47,782</b>	<b>(\$3,916)</b>	<b>\$1,283</b>

**NOTE:** Gifts restricted for capital improvements, insurance claims for capital repairs, and all capital expenditures are not included here and will be reported at the end of the fiscal year.

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