



# ASSUMPTION

CATHOLIC PARISH & SCHOOL

December 6, 2020



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

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

**Our Faith Formation programs have started! This semester the kids are studying Salvation History and Reconciliation. What about you? How well do you know your faith? Could you pass their quizzes?**

Who is God?

- a. God is an angel who was chosen to rule over everything else.
- b. God is a force or spirit that fills everything in the universe. We are all God.
- c. God is One in Three -- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

What is a sacrament?

- a. A sacrament is a visible sign given by Jesus that grants us invisible grace.
- b. A sacrament is a graduation ceremony that you need to finish to get married.
- c. A sacrament is a chance to celebrate your life, like birthdays and anniversaries.

What is sin?

- a. Sin is an accident that you didn't mean to do and it's okay to make a mistake.
- b. Sin is a thought or action that is not right and hurts our relationship with God.
- c. Sin is a word others use to make you feel guilty for something they didn't like.

Put in today's language, which is NOT one of the Ten Commandments?

- a. Don't get angry enough to want to hurt others; that's killing them in your heart.
- b. Go to Mass every weekend to honor and keep holy the Lord's Day.
- c. Respect and obey your parents, teachers, and those in authority.
- d. Don't lie, even if the lie would make others feel good.
- e. Don't desire the things that others have and wish you had them instead.
- f. Try to be a nice person, and do what makes you feel good at the time.
- g. Love God first, above anything and everyone else.
- h. Treat your body and others' with dignity, and honor the holiness of marriage.
- i. Use God's name with reverence, and do not swear oaths you won't keep.
- j. Don't look at others or their bodies with a desire to use or abuse them.
- k. Don't take anything that isn't yours, even if no one will notice that it's missing.

What is a covenant?

- a. A covenant is the Jewish tent where the Israelites worshipped God.
- b. A covenant is a solemn vow to make someone a part of your family.
- c. A covenant is one of the ten main laws that God gave to Moses on stone tablets.

Which of these is NOT true about the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)?

- a. Because we are sinners, God forgives us through the priest.
- b. Reconciliation is a chance to tell God we're sorry, and to make up for our sins.
- c. Confession lets us start over so we can do the same sins without feeling guilty.

Answers: c, a, b, f, b, c

# Gospel Meditation

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?


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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 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 1:26-3
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 11:16-1
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

## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Event	Time	Location
Monday, December 7	Faith Formation (By Appointment ONLY)	1pm-7pm	Church
Tuesday, December 8	Holy Hour & Confessions	9am-10am	Church
Tuesday, December 8	Faith Formation (By Appointment ONLY)	1pm-6pm	Church
Tuesday, December 8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass	8:30am & 7pm	Church
Wednesday, December 9	Food Bank	8:30am-11:30am	Parish Dining Room
Thursday, December 10	Faith Formation (By Appointment ONLY)	1-6pm	Church
Thursday, December 10	Holy Hour & Confessions	6pm-7pm	Church
Saturday, December 11	Rosary in Honor of our Lady of Fatima	12pm	Prayer Garden
Saturday, December	Holy Hour & Confessions	3:30pm-4:30pm	Church



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THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION OF  
THE BLESSED  
VIRGIN MARY

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December 8th

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Mass 8:30am & 7:00pm

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Sunday: 8:30am & 10:30am

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Tuesday: 9:00 - 10:00am  
Thursday: 6:00 - 7:00pm  
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15pm

### Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 9am-3:30pm

### Food Bank:

Wednesday: 8:30am-11:30am



## STEWARDSHIP OF TITHING

Week ending November 22nd

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 2,399.00</b>
<b>Capital Improvement, Outreach and School</b>	<b>\$ 90.00</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Food Basket Donations</b>	<b>\$ 1,657.00</b>

As a result of early bulletin submission requirements, contribution numbers for last weekend will be reported in next weekend's bulletin.

## SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Monday, December 7	Orvil Kirby
Tuesday, December 8	Father Nick Personal Intention
Wednesday, December 9	† Mercedes Garcia
Thursday, December 10	George & Mary Kay Cavanaugh (Friends of Assumption)
Friday, December 11	Frank Di Fiore
Saturday, December 12	† George & Ruth Mazzotti
Sunday, December 13 8:30am 10:30am	People of Assumption † Alejandra Morales

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