



*St. Mary Catholic Church
of Fannett and
St. Martin de Porres Mission
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Second Sunday of Advent * December 6, 2020

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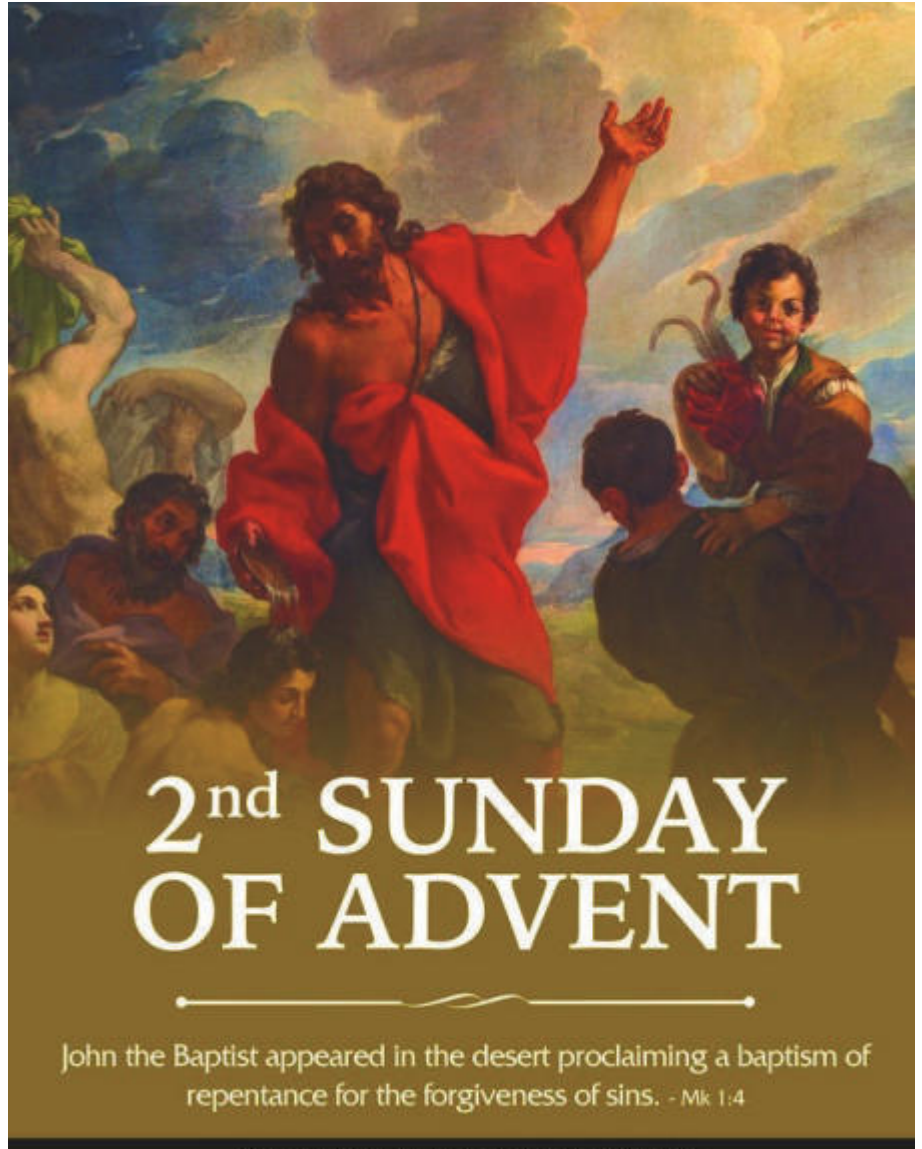
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Mass Times

Monday 7:15 am Communion Service St. Martin

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. St. Mary
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. St. Martin dePorres
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. St. Mary



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. or
by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Monday, January 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Marriage

Needs to be arranged at least six months in
advance. Please contact Pastor for appt.

Vocations

Interested in Priesthood or Religious Life
Contact Rev. Tino 409-924-4360

Devotions and Activities

Sunday Rosary: 8:15 a.m. St. Martin

Mass Intentions

Saturday - December 5, 2020

4:00 p.m. - Irene Geheb †

Sunday - December 6, 2020

9:00 a.m. - Cleveland and Hazel Thomas †

11:00 a.m. - For all St. Mary/St. Martin Parishioners

Tuesday - December 8, 2020

4:00 p.m. - Irene Geheb †

Saturday - December 12, 2020

4:00 p.m. - John and Dema Hebert †

Sunday - December 13, 2020

9:00 a.m. - Hazel Thomas †

11:00 a.m. - For all St. Mary/St. Martin Parishioners



Pray For the Sick

*Mae Ella Alford *Sandra Bertrand *Lon Ray Bianco *Janice Bivins *Roland Blanchard *Yvonne Duhon Brack *Robert Coleman *LeaAnn Cossey *Willie Davis *Melissa Deshotel *Mitchel Deshotel *Samantha Diaz *Linda Domingue *Gaspard Family *Dominic Faraci *Dixie Ferguson *Jessie Judice *Jeybeon Johnson *Gary Kotz *Liz Lavergne *John McGee *Regan Millican *Eric Neal *Jenny Olbrich *Beth Rach *Rocky Sewell *Lucille Allen Smith *Alzada Stansbury *Peggy Swafford *Delton and Margaret Terro *Sandra Edger Wieder * David and Drusilla Woods

Readings For the Week...

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:39-47
Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

From the Pastor ...

Accounting for His Gifts

We serve a merciful and patient God. In His kindness, He warns us that we will be called to make an account one day for the way in which we made use of the gifts He has given us.

The most precious gift He has given us is His own Son, Whose birth we are preparing to celebrate.

St. Peter describes the loving kindness of the Father in our Second Reading today, saying God “is patient with you, not wishing that anyone should perish but that all should come to repentance.” Yet, in the same passage we receive this warning: “The Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar... and the earth and everything on it will be found out.”

How are we to assimilate these two truths — the merciful love of God and the responsibility that comes with the privilege of living as His disciple? St. Peter tells us we should conduct ourselves “in holiness and devotion.” Indeed, this is the goal of our Advent “reset” — to return to living lives focused on Christ, in gratitude for all He has done for us.

In our Gospel passage from Mark, John the Baptist instructs us to “prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” We must make good use of the gift of time we have been given this Advent season. Let’s be sure to get to Confession, prioritize a daily reading of the Scriptures, and reach out to someone in need with a word of comfort or an act of service.

In this way, we will honor both the mercy and justice of our God, and we will be prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ and give account for all His gifts to us.

Father Jim



Activities For the Week...

Monday - December 7, 2020

- Rededication Mass/Meeting, 6:00 p.m., St. Mary (limited seating)

Tuesday - December 8, 2020

- Immaculate Conception Mass, 6:00 p.m., St. Mary.

Wednesday - December 9, 2020

- Faith Formation Classes for K-5th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Jr/Hs Faith Formation 6th-8th, 6:45 to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday - December 10, 2020

- Mass/meeting with the Bishop at St. Martin's church, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday - December 13, 2020

- Gather the Lambs, 11:00 a.m.

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| St. Mary Parish Income Needed (Est.)..... | \$ 6,691.00 |
| Weekly Sacrificial Offerings | \$ 2,654.00 |
| Total Income For Parish | \$ 2,654.00 |

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| St. Martin Parish Income Needed (Est.)..... | \$ 936.00 |
| Weekly Sacrificial Offerings | \$ 713.00 |
| Total Income For Parish..... | \$ 713.00 |

2020 BFA Report

St. Mary

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| Total Pledges Received | \$ 54,720.00 |
| Total Payment Received | \$ 36,380.00 |
| # of Pledges | 114 |
| # of Households | 550 |

St. Martin dePorres

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| Total Pledges Received | \$ 11,532.00 |
| Total Payment Received | \$ 6,240.00 |
| # of Pledges | 41 |
| # of Households | 91 |

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be held at St. Mary's church at 6:00 p.m.



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new Every Sunday at 11am mass
 & 1st Sunday of the month at 9am mass

Gather the Lambs
 2 year old-1st grade



Drop off children in the primary hall
 of faith formation Building before mass
 for an age appropriate gospel lesson.

**CONFIRMATION
 CLASS DATES**

NOV 15
NOV 29
DEC 6
DEC 13

SUNDAYS 5:30-8:00PM

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Angel Tree

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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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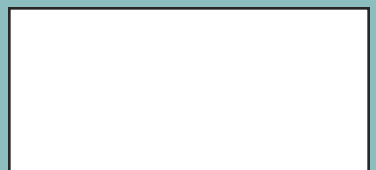
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