

December 5, 2021



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Schedule of Masses

Saturday Masses:

4:30 p.m. St. Leo's, Tully

Sunday Masses:

8 a.m. St. Leo's, Tully
9 a.m. St. Joseph's, LaFayette
9:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception, Pompey
10:30 a.m. St. Patrick's, Otisco

Read the bulletin online at:

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Straighten It Out

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Baruch 5:1-9 - Jerusalem consoled
- ▶ Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 - Gratitude and hope
- ▶ Luke 3:1-6 - John the Baptist

On the first Sunday of Advent, we always hear Jesus' instruction to stay awake and watchful for his second coming. On the second Sunday we always hear how John the Baptist appeared on the scene in the desert outside of Jerusalem calling for people to repent and "prepare the way of the Lord." The Jews and early Christians of the first century would have recognized John as a prophet like those in the Old Testament. Like John, the Old Testament prophets were usually fiery, passionate characters who unsettled the rich and powerful while offering hope and consolation to the poor and outcasts.

In this passage, we hear John the Baptist urge everyone to get their act together because the Lord is coming soon. It's as if children who were messing around suddenly realize their parents will be home soon. "They are on their way! We better clean up this mess and start behaving!" God isn't a parent who wants us to behave out of fear of punishment, but God knows our habit of getting off track. That's why Advent is the perfect time to be reminded by the prophet John that we need to repent, ask forgiveness, and get back to doing God's work. As we light the second candle on the Advent wreath this week, we are invited to reflect on what we still need to straighten out in our lives so that we can better receive Christ when he comes to us.

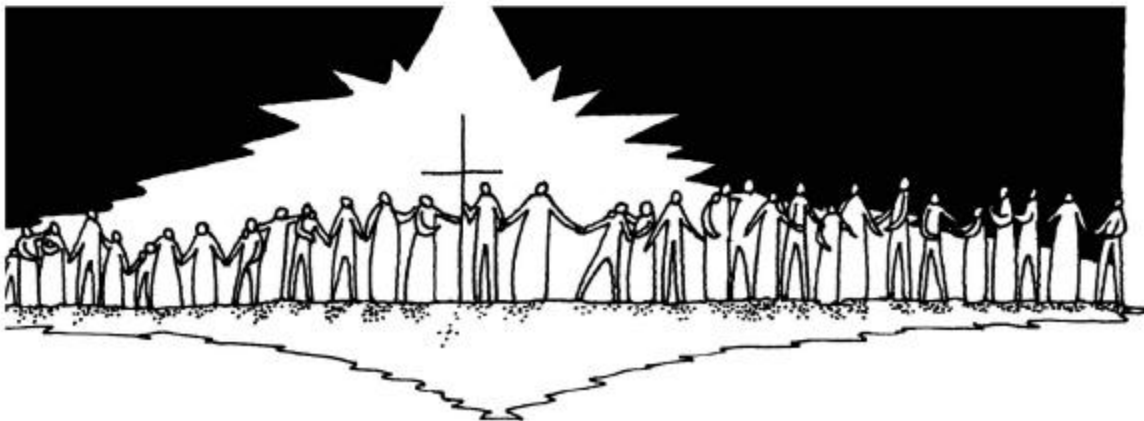
"Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing."

Sheepish Question:
How can I bring real hope to someone suffering in a difficult time?

Questions of the Week

- 1 Who do you think of as modern-day prophets who call others to turn away from their sins and toward justice and truth? They might be someone you know personally or be a famous figure. They may be Christian, but don't have to be.
- 2 What can you do this coming week to "prepare the way of the Lord"?

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 4th—St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

4:30 p.m. St. Leo's—Zachary Swan/Amy and Doug Shetler and family

Sunday, December 5th—2nd Sunday of Advent

8 a.m. St. Leo's—Marc Murrery/Jane and Marv Murray

9 a.m. St. Joseph's—Cecelia Davidson/Tom and Carole Scofield

9:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception—Dick & Shirley Hefferman Zirbel/Marjorie Berrigan; Helen McDermott/Mary Way

10:30 a.m. St. Patrick's—Victoria, Daniel & Helen Gokey/Jeannie Crouse

Monday, December 6th—St. Nicholas, Bishop

12 Noon. St. Leo's—Matthew Muldowney/Swan family

Tuesday, December 7th—St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12 Noon St. Leo's—Parishioners

6 p.m. St. Patrick's (Vigil Mass)

Wednesday, December 8th—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7 a.m. St. Joseph's—

12 Noon St. Leo's—Joanne Skeval/Lynn & Judy Decker

6 p.m. Immaculate Conception—Parishioners

Thursday, December 9th—St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

8:30 a.m. St. Leo's—Parishioners

Friday, December 10th—Our Lady of Loreto

NO MASS

Saturday, December 11th—St. Damasus I, Pope

4:30 p.m. St. Leo's—Susan Kenyan/Jeannie Crouse

Sunday, December 12th—3rd Sunday of Advent

8 a.m. St. Leo's—Matthew Muldowney/Parishioners

9 a.m. St. Joseph's—Helen Nagel/Dale & Cathy Nagel

9:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception—David Conway/Marjorie Berrigan; Virginia Bechteler/Mary Pupp

10:30 a.m. St. Patrick's—Calvin Volles/Terry & Michael

At Immaculate Conception:

Kids' Time: Sunday, December 12th, from 10:30—1:30 p.m. for children in grades Kindergarten thru 5th. The Confirmation class will feed them lunch, make Christmas crafts, decorate Christmas cookies and play board games. To RSVP call Barb McKenney at 315-751-8900 or email her at: bjmckenneyvol@yahoo.com

Breakfast With Santa: Sunday, December 19th we will serve your family French toast, sausage and scrambled eggs starting at 8:15 a.m. Santa will make an appearance around 8:45 a.m. \$15.00 donation per family. To RSVP call Barb McKenney at 315-751-8900 or email her at: bjmckenneyvol@yahoo.com

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24th

4 p.m. Immaculate Conception

4 p.m. St. Pat's

6 p.m. St. Joseph's

6 p.m. St. Leo's

December 25th

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Stewardship

St. Joseph's: NA

St. Leo's: \$NA

St. Patrick's: NA

Immaculate Conception: \$NA

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

God's Personal Assistants

If you have ever planned a large-scale event, whether it's a musical performance or a religious conference, you may have dealt with someone's personal assistant. Possibly this person would be a representative of the keynote speaker or the master of ceremonies for the local bishop; perhaps it's even the staffer of a local politician or the lackey of a well-known musical act.

Personal assistants are masters of stewardship — overseeing things in their boss' absence. They prepare the way. This person's job is to get everything ready for the person in charge, so that when he or she shows up — whoever he or she is — it's smooth sailing for them to do whatever it is they need to do: sing, speak, pray, mingle, what-have-you. It's usually a big job full of little things, a gig where attention to detail is key.

God is the guest of honor in our life, the keynote speaker, the main event. And what He wants — what He needs — to do is to change our hearts. Constantly, over, and over, and over again.

We are all His personal assistants in this endeavor. We need to prepare the way of the Lord, to make straight His paths. We need to make everything ready so that when He shows up — however He shows up, whether it's in the form of a neighbor in need or a burning bush right in front of us — everything is ready for Him to do His job.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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St. Nicholas | Feast Day December 6

St. Nicholas of Bari (March 15, 270 – December 6, 343), the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution.

According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys.

Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today.

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