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## Readings for the week

**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

**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

**Friday:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

**Saturday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

**Next Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-3

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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. - Jn 1:6-8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## Mass Schedule:

Monday to Wednesday at 9:00 AM  
Saturday at 4:30 PM

Thursday and Friday (No Services at this Time)  
Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

## As we pray this week:

This third week of Advent, begins with *Gaudete* (rejoice!) Sunday. Our daily prayer continues to allow us to become much more concrete about naming our desires and preparing the way for the Lord. We begin this week with joy, knowing that our celebration of all the ways our Lord comes to us is getting nearer. In these familiar readings is an invitation for us to ask again for help, perhaps especially in dealing with our fears.

On Tuesday we hear God's message to us from Isaiah: "Fear not. You shall not be put to shame." Fear can stop us from asking God for the very help we need in our lives. In the midst of what our culture tells us should be a picture-perfect holiday season, we can step back and get in touch with our fears and ask God to help us deal with the relationships we are afraid of, the family tensions that make us apprehensive and the stress that can take us out of the spirit of Advent reflection. If we pause for just a minute, we can feel in our hearts that Jesus is saying gently to us each day: "Do not be afraid."

*"Lord, let me place my trust in you. I get so independent and think I need to fix everything myself. Let me remember not to be afraid of so much and to ask you for the healing that my heart needs so badly. Give me the patience this week to deal with the relationships in my life that need mending and the forgiveness that I can give others and that I need so badly myself. Be with me through the darkness so that I can see the light that you bring to us and the joy with which you want to fill our hearts."*

We are moving toward the end of our Advent journey. Even if we don't feel like we have "started" on Advent yet, we can begin today. We are being invited: "Do not be afraid!"

Selections from: Creighton University Online Ministry, Daily Prayer

**The giving tree this year has gone virtual. MORE ITEMS have been posted.** If you are interested in participating, please check the website or Flocknotes for the registry of requested gifts. Thank you for your patience as we try a new way of doing things. If you have questions, or have a family in need, you can contact Joan Dobles 585-794-1167 or Lisa Guernsey 585-298-6273.

**Since reservations will be required for all Christmas Masses,** we anticipate the need for greater assistance from Liturgical ministers. This will entail functioning apart from your usual ministry. We also realize many ministers may not be at Mass during Christmas time. Therefore, please notify the office if you are willing and able to serve at Mass in a different capacity. For example, perhaps a Eucharistic minister might be willing to serve as an usher/hospitality minister. We do not have enough hospitality ministers for our regularly scheduled Masses and this ministry is especially needed during the Christmas season. Please prayerfully consider this. Thank you for all you do throughout the year and especially in this time of the pandemic.

**All volunteers who need the Diocesan required SAFE training** and/or background check have been contacted by Mary. Please complete the training as soon as possible. If you are not electronically connected, or have any issues with the training, feel free to contact Mary in the parish office and she can advise you how to proceed.

**CMA UPDATE:** We have 120 Donors with \$23,584.00 pledged and 37.04% of our goal. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have it yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family and think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can do that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!

**Eucharistia Ministry News**

For this weekend we're recapping Santa's Workshop for Children started by Florence and Charles Kinney to bring joy and love to children at RGH, Golisano Children's Hospital, children in foster care, or any families in need. We've partnered with Mrs. Kinney for the last 5 years knitting and crocheting hats and scarf sets for toddlers, children, teens, and adults and hats for babies. This is one of our ongoing year-round projects. We delivered 50 baby hats, 60 toddler hat/scarf sets, 50 child hat/scarf sets and 50 Adult hat/scarf sets!!

We're also recapping our first remotely partnered project with the Faith Formation families. We cut and they fringed 75 fleece scarves which were delivered to the Chili Public Library for their Mitten Tree. We were able to include some extra hats and scarves from our group, as well. All of the hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves the CPL collects will be gifted to the children at the Lewis Street Settlement. Kids helping kids and families helping families!!

**Faith Formation and Human Services Ministry Christmas Outreach**

Christmas is a time of joy and gift giving. Jesus was a gift from God to the world. The three kings brought gifts of frankincense, gold and myrrh to the Baby Jesus. Now, we exchange gifts with our families, friends and special people in our lives. For our December service project, we'll be making Blessing Bags to give to homebound parishioners from St. Christopher's and residents of Legacy Assisted Living. Due to the pandemic, many people have not been able to have visitors or spend time with their families for many months. We hope our little Blessing Bags will brighten their day and let them know someone is thinking of them during the holiday season. If you would like to donate to this worthwhile project, the Blessing Bags items needed are: notepad, pen, chapstick, hard candy, hand lotion (suitable for men or women), small snack bag of pretzels, goldfish, nightlight. These items can all be purchased at the Dollar Tree if you shop there. There is also a display board at the front of church showing examples of each item. Thank you for your generous support and help as we reach out to make Christmas a little merrier for those who might be alone!!! For questions or more information please contact [Lori.murtaugh@dor.org](mailto:Lori.murtaugh@dor.org) or 594-1441 ext 110

**Human Services Updates:** Thank you to everyone who donated 27 pair of boots and warm outerwear. The Memorial AME Zion Church is making sure they get to people who need them the most.

Thank you also to our amazing Eucharistia Ministry which hand knitted over 100 hats and scarves! These will be going to School #4 middle school children in the City who are in need.

Our food collection during Advent will be given to a group formed for Monroe County: United and Healing Through Hope of Monroe County. This group a county-wide collaboration of government, police, spiritual and community groups to promote healing over division in our community. Please check out Flocknotes for a list of items.

Our Christmas Cradle is back! This year's donations will be going to The Open Door Mission at Coldwater Road. We will be collecting infant\toddler clothes including socks, underwear, diapers, gloves and hats. They are also asking for personal hygiene items for the adults. The cradle will be located in the front foyer.

**Liturgical Ministers are needed to fill positions for the following Masses:** Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & Jan. 01 (Solemnity of Mary). Virtual sign-up sheets are available on line or contact Dee Milner, [deemilner13@gmail.com](mailto:deemilner13@gmail.com) or call 585-764-9144. Thank you for your service.

**Blessings and Congratulations!** Through the sacrament of baptism, we're so happy to congratulate Vivian Grace Karpie Small! Vivian's parents are Sandra Small and Eric Karpie, her Godparents are Tom Small and Emily Bridges. And her very proud grandparents are Jeff and Kay Small. ♥  
May God bless you and your family, Vivian!

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Saturday, December 12**

4:30 PM– Jimmy VanderLinden by Pauline Mangione

**Sunday, December 13**

9:00 AM– Cheryl Foxworth by Richard & Laurie Prescott

11:00 AM– Ron Farley by Dave & Robin Kepler

**Monday, December 14**

9:00 AM– Patricia Ragonese Bradt by Mom & Tom

**Tuesday, December 15**

9:00 AM– Sharon Strollo by CCS & Skirment Family

**Wednesday, December 16**

9:00 AM– The Parish

**Thursday, December 17**

**NO COMMUNION SERVICE**

**Friday, December 18**

**NO COMMUNION SERVICE**

**Saturday, December 19**

4:30 PM– Virginia Vieira by Antonio & Edie Vieira

**Sunday, December 20**

9:00 AM– Cheryl Foxworth by Dave & Robin Kepler

11:00 AM– Jean Desens by the Powarynski Family

*Prayer Ministry*

Please contact the rectory if you would like to be added to the list of people who need prayers. If you or someone you know has been hospitalized and would like to have a pastoral visit, please contact the Church Office at 594-1400 ext.: 100

***Please keep the following people in your prayers:***

Linda & Robert Springer	Jean LeWalter
Richard Welch	Tom & Pat Schryver
Beulah Reihle	Valerie Brescia
Bob Early	Terrance Collins
Fred Hoehn	Patrick Ford
Dominick Fantauzzo	Fr. Bob Gaudio
Roz Fadden	Mary DiPonzio
Dino Pezzimenti	Robert Eich

Please keep the families of those who have lost loved ones in your prayers.

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*Sacraments*

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM or by appt.

**Baptism:** Baptisms are scheduled the last Saturday of each month at 1pm. Please contact Mary to begin the Baptismal process. You must be a registered and active member of the parish in order to have your child baptized.

**Marriage:** Please contact Church Office at least 6 months before wedding.

**First Reconciliation, First Communion &**

**Confirmation:** Contact the Faith Formation Office, 594-1441 ext. 110

**Anointing of The Sick:** Please contact the Church Office at 594-1400 ext. 100

*Weekly Collection/Attendance*

*Not Available at the time of Publication*

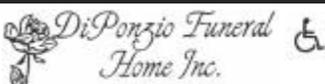
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