



# SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

*~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~*

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



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# Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

## ST. JOAN OF ARC DIRECTORY

### Parish Center

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am

### Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,  
12:00 pm

### Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm  
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

### Reconciliation

Saturdays 11:00am-12:00pm  
In the  
Sister Carol Center

### Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

### Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am mass

## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

**The Parish Center is open**  
**Monday - Thursday from 8:30am-5pm**  
**Friday from 8:30-4pm**

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

**Baptisms:** Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

**Marriages:** Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

**Registration:** It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

**RCIA:** Please call the Parish Center: 586-777-3670

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at [stjoan.church](http://stjoan.church) and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

## Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

**Go to: [livestream.stjoan.church](http://livestream.stjoan.church) to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.**

### Weekday Masses

Monday thru Friday @ 7am

### Weekend Masses

Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm  
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

### Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm





**The Great Turkey Experiment:** My family is always leery when I do any type of food experiment, ESPECIALLY on Thanksgiving

Day. They don't mind if I experiment on other days of the year, but the constant mantra is: "Uncle Mike, don't mess up our Thanksgiving Day Dinner." The concern comes from the ONE time, yes only ONE time, that I decided to provide them with a "healthy low salt low fat" Thanksgiving Day dinner that was worse than even the turkey meal Clark and Ellen Griswold prepared in "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation."

This year, I was talked into getting very special turkeys from a local butcher. I remember calling in my order and choking when they said the turkeys cost \$4 per pound. I hung up and thought about it for a moment but then called back and placed an order for two 15-17 pound turkeys. By then, I had convinced myself that these would be the BEST turkeys I would ever prepare, considering where they were coming from and the fact they were freshly processed and not frozen. I was ready for the feast of feasts!

I placed the order so that I would pick up the turkeys on Wednesday. When I arrived, I shelled out my \$125 and placed the bags in my car. They looked like regular turkeys (I guess I was expecting them to look different at that price). The only difference was that the turkey bags were filled with some blood. I figured since they were freshly processed, it wasn't too uncommon to see that amount of blood in the bag.

After mass on Thanksgiving morning, I preheated both ovens and began my work on the birds. Based on some lunchtime table talk at the Parish Center, I also decided that I would try using a mayo and herb rub on one turkey and then my usual butter and herb rub on the other. I suited myself up as if I was going into surgery (because I know how much of a mess I still create when I cook). With appropriate food-handling latex gloves, I started coating one turkey under the skin and on the skin with the mayo and herb rub I had prepared ahead of time. With this turkey, I was going to "sit" it on celery sticks and carrots while also putting celery and carrots inside the turkey cavity along with

some fresh herbs I picked up. As I picked up the mayo and herb-rubbed turkey and carefully tried to put it in the turkey bag, the bag collapsed on me, and I had to handle the turkey with one hand as I tried to reopen the bag with my other hand. Well, I had a little fumble experience with the turkey in my hand, but thankfully it never completely dropped. I finally got this one nestled in its bag, tied up, and ready for the oven.

I was a bit more careful with the other turkey, which got a butter and herb rub (thank God there are no cameras in my kitchen ... my family would fire me). This turkey got to sit on a bed of apples. I figured the butter and apple combination was more appropriate than a mayo and apple combination!

Once both turkeys were ready, I took the mayo and veggie turkey over to the Parish Center, and the butter and apple turkey got to stay at my house.

For what I paid for these turkeys, I was expecting the greatest of smells in the house and Parish Center and the most tender and flavored of turkeys. Well, only my house had a slight whiff of that nostalgic aroma of Thanksgiving Day dinner cooking in the kitchen. The Parish Center was void of any of the familiar smells. Even Father Andrew walked through the Parish Center and talked about how disappointed he was that you couldn't smell that familiar smell of a turkey cooking in the oven. Maybe the \$125 turkeys don't smell. I don't know!

When all was done, I packed up my turkeys and put them in my car. I leave them intact and travel to my mom's condo with the turkeys in their bag and roasting pan. Once at the condo, our usual game plan is to unwrap and carve the turkeys. I couldn't wait to taste the two versions I prepared. As we were carving away and meticulously keeping the turkeys on separate platters, I took a quick bite of both. I was so disappointed because you couldn't taste the difference between the two. They were both good, but you couldn't tell the difference between the mayo and butter-rubbed turkeys. They tasted the same. And then, even more disappointing, I couldn't taste the difference between these \$4-a-pound super dupper turkeys versus the \$1-a-pound on-sale variety. I was so bummed out at this point because I was expecting the king of kings turkey experience. But then again, I had to count my blessings! I didn't drop

either one of them on the floor (okay, it was a close call with one turkey), nor did either explode in the oven.

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception:** This Thursday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception; it is a holy day of obligation. Our mass schedule for the holy day will be Wednesday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, December 8, at 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 7:00 p.m.

Surprisingly, many people think that the Immaculate Conception has something to do with the birth of Christ. It doesn't; well, sort of! The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is about Mary being born without original sin. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)* teaches: CCC #488: "'God sent forth his Son,' but to prepare a body for him, he wanted the free cooperation of a creature. For this, from all eternity God chose for the mother of his Son a daughter of Israel, a young Jewish woman of Nazareth in Galilee, 'a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary' ... The Father of mercies willed that the Incarnation should be preceded by assent on the part of the predestined mother, so that just as a woman had a share in the coming of death, so also should a woman contribute to the coming of life."

With the celebration of the Immaculate Conception, "we recall that Mary, free from original sin, remained free of all sin throughout her life. This means that she always chose to be faithful to God's will, even in the most difficult times. Mary was a human being who, as the Second Vatican Council taught, was on a 'pilgrimage of faith.' Even when her faith was tested, she remained steadfast. As the Council also affirmed, she freely cooperated 'in the work of human salvation through faith and obedience.' She shows us what it means to be a follower of her Son. As we participate in the Eucharist on this December 8, we thank God for giving us the Blessed Virgin Mary as the pre-eminent model of discipleship and holiness (from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org))."

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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# Readings for the Third Sunday in Advent



## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 11

### Reading One – Is 35:1-6a, 10

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

### Responsorial – Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10.

#### **R. Lord, come and save us.**

The LORD God keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.

#### **R. Lord, come and save us.**

The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers.

#### **R. Lord, come and save us.**

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations.

#### **R. Lord, come and save us.**

### Reading Two – Jas 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.

Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

### Alleluia – Is 61:1

#### **Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

#### **Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel – Mt 11:2-11

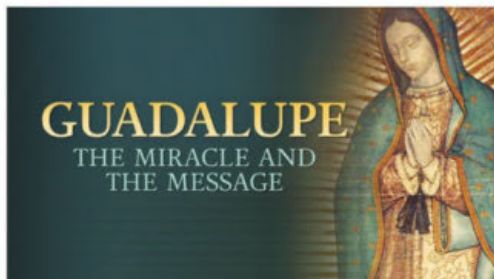
When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.* Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."



# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of December 04, 2022



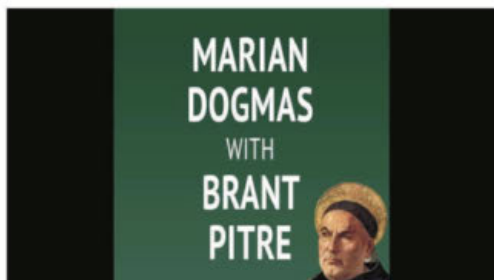
## Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message

Enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego, an encounter that has influenced the conversion of millions of people.



## FORMED Live: Do We Make Too Much of Mary?

Why do Catholics think so highly of Mary? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss our Lady's esteemed place among the saints.



## Marian Dogmas with Brant Pitre

Listen in as Matt Fradd and Dr. Brant Pitre explore the Church's understanding of Mary's role in the Church.

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December 4, 2022

## Second Sunday of Advent

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Is 11:1-10 | Rom 15:4-9 | Mt 3:1-12

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Harmony. It can seem so elusive in these times when our news-feeds bombard us with reminders of what's wrong with our world: war, political conflicts, hunger, injustice, violence. We may also experience discord in our homes or within our hearts. Perhaps that is why the beautiful imagery in Isaiah's prophecy, where Isaiah envisions a world transformed by the coming of the Messiah, strikes a chord as we prepare for Christ's coming: We picture the wolf lying beside the lamb, and the calf with the lion. All will be right with the world. As we reflect on the areas in our lives that lack harmony, we are reminded to focus on Jesus and the Father, the source of all good. Through prayer and reflection on our Advent readings, we can "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I have a "smart" alarm clock. To shut it off, I just have to say, "Alexa, turn off my alarm." Easy, right? Well, too easy, it turns out, because lately I've slept right through the one-sided conversation. But it's hard to miss John's wake-up call: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Perhaps, though, we've become complacent; we've heard it so often that we skip right past it. That can happen during Advent, this season of preparation and, yes, repentance. I love our family traditions - candy every day, in the morning!; our well-worn Nativity set; lighting the Advent candles; Christmas concerts and gatherings. None of those are bad, of course, but in the blur of the season we must be challenged by John the Baptist's words to prepare not only our homes but our hearts for Christ's coming. During this season, we can examine our lives to separate the wheat from the chaff, focusing on those things that bring us closer to the Lord and one another. As St. Paul encourages the Romans, "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God."

**PRAY** St. Paul's words above give us pretty clear instruction for how to live out our faith by welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us. Reflect on these words during daily Advent reflection this week: When have we welcomed others in our lives - and truly loved them? How can we do that for someone in the coming days?



*The reason for the season.*

# O Holy Night

**Join us for a beautiful  
production of the Nativity  
Story presented by the  
children of our parish.**

**Saturday, December 17  
after 6 pm mass**

**Followed by fellowship and family fun.**



Contact Kristine Hass for  
information for children 5 and  
older interested in  
participating as angels.  
[khass@sjascs.org](mailto:khass@sjascs.org)

## St. Joan of Arc Giving Tree Project 2022

“Giving Tree” is a special charitable project designed to match the generosity of our parishioners with the needs of our community during the Christmas holidays. The project serves 100% local individuals who may otherwise not receive a gift at this special time of the year.



### HOW IT WORKS:

#### 1) **PURCHASE GIFT CARD(S):**

Unlike past years when we accepted tangible gifts such as toys and clothing, the Giving Tree will accept only gift cards again this year. This decision is to make it safer and easier for our parishioners to participate. It will also make the program more flexible for our charity agencies.

**Buy plastic\* gift card(s) valued from \$15-30 (per card). You may purchase more than one, but please make sure limits fall within per-card limits of \$15-\$30.**

\* tangible gift cards please, no electronic vouchers. Please make sure cards have been activated at the retailer that issued the card.

**STORES ACCEPTED:** Meijer, Walmart, Target, and Amazon

**WHERE TO BUY:** At the named retailer, at most drug & grocery stores or online.

**LET US PURCHASE THE GIFT CARDS FOR YOU:** You may also donate this year via our online giving platform by going to [givingtree.stjoan.church](http://givingtree.stjoan.church) and indicating the amount you would like to donate. We will take care of the rest.

#### 2) **PLACE GIFT CARD(S) IN AN ENVELOPE:**

Place the gift card(s) in an envelope. The envelope may include a Christmas greeting card, but this is not required. Mark on the envelope (directly or with a pasted note) “GIVING TREE” along with the quantity, store name, and value of the gift card(s).

#### 3) **TAKE THE GIFT ENVELOPE(S) TO A DESIGNATED DROP SPOT:**

**DEADLINE: December 4, 2022**

Bring your marked envelope(s) to the Parish Center Office during office hours, or place it in the locked collection boxes in the Sr. Carol Center or the Parish Center Lobby.





St. Vincent DePaul

As the Holidays quickly approach, the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry is in need of supplies to continue to provide support to our families during this Season.

We are in great need of the following items but are grateful for any contributions:

Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Paper Towel  
Cereal, Peanut butter, Jelly  
Macaroni and Cheese, Flour and Sugar

If you would prefer to make a financial donation Yellow SDVP envelopes are at all church exits and at the Parish Center. All food donations can be left in the baskets in Church or at the Parish Center.

Thank you for your support and God Bless your family, now and in the New Year!

## Help our 8th Grade with Your Returnables

*The Class of 2023 is holding an ongoing can and bottle drive. This important fundraiser helps defray the cost of the class's graduation events.*

*Bring your returnables in bags to the WEST SIDE DOOR of the Parish Center (near Father Andrew's House).*

*Just place them in the large plastic bin with a lid. Or if you need to arrange a pick-up, call or text Erin at 586-321-0667.*



### SJA Is Asking For Your SMILE!

Make all your Amazon purchases through Amazon Smile!

You can use your current Amazon account and search for St. Joan of Arc.



Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) there are no additional fees and .5% of all sales will be donated back to our parish/school.

## Save your can tabs!

**Spread the word! We're collecting can tabs again.**

**Let others know that those little pop and food can tabs make a big difference for the Ronald McDonald House Charities.**

**Drop off donations in the buckets in the church or at the Parish Center during business hours.**





## CALLING CHILDREN FOR OUR NATIVITY PROGRAM

We need narrators, Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Inn Keepers, Caesar, Guards, St. Elizabeth, Arc Angels, Wise Men, and MANY angels for our Nativity program that will take place on Dec 17 after 6 pm mass in the church.

Practices for narrators and named parts are Wednesdays, Nov 30 and Dec 7 at 4:15-5:15, Saturdays Dec 10 and Dec 17 at 1-2:30 pm. Narrators must be confident readers (grades 5 and up)

Angels will join practices on Dec. 10 and 17th at 2 pm

**Parent helpers are also needed!**

For more information and to sign up, go to [sjascs.org/nativity-program](http://sjascs.org/nativity-program). Call Mrs. Hass at 586-772-1282 or send an email to [khas@sjascs.org](mailto:khas@sjascs.org) if you have any questions.



## **Raise a Joyful Noise to the Lord! We need singers for our Christmas Eve 4 pm Children's Choir!**

Practices are in the church from 11:30-12:30 on Saturdays November 19, December 10, and on Wednesday, December 23  
Grades 2 and up



Register online at  
[sjascs.org/childrens\\_choir](http://sjascs.org/childrens_choir)  
Questions? Contact Mrs. Trudell at  
[Cthomas@sjascs.org](mailto:Cthomas@sjascs.org)



## Weekly Calendar of Events

### **Monday, December 5th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed  
10:00 AM Funeral for Elizabeth Howard  
6:00 PM Confirmation Meeting

### **Tuesday, December 6th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

### **Wednesday, December 7th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed  
7:00 PM PTG Meeting - Emmaus Hall  
7:00 PM Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

### **Thursday, December 8th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed  
8:30 AM Mass - Live Streamed  
12:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed  
7:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

### **Friday, December 2nd**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

### **Saturday, December 3rd**

8:30 AM Baptism of Nora Cook, Luke Frontczak  
and Logan J. Frontczak  
9:30 AM Exceptional Christmas Party - E.H.  
11:00 AM Reconciliation  
12:30 PM Baptism of Theo James Hentrich  
4:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed  
6:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

### **Sunday, December 4th**

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed  
9:00 AM Coffee & Donuts - Emmaus Hall  
10:00AM Sunday Mass- Live Streamed  
12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

## Words on the Word

### *Dec. 4, 2022 – Coffee Break*

A prominent retailer of coffee – perhaps the world’s most prominent retailer of coffee – found itself in a bit of a difficult situation a few weeks ago.

On the day of this retailer’s most well-known customer event, during which drinks are served in reusable red cups, employees at a number of stores across the country, including some local stores, went on strike. In explaining their decision to the media, some employees discussed the difficulties of their jobs, the economic and non-economic concerns they have, and the problems they have had in negotiations with management.

The company’s management countered with its own explanations about the specific concerns related to that day’s promotions and the overall issues of the employees.

Labor disputes, to be sure, have been around as long as there have been employers and employees. And while it’s easy for people uninvolved with the situation to offer their opinions as to who’s right and who’s wrong, those answers are best left to those directly involved.

The good news is that these situations can serve as a reminder of the importance of working respectfully and in good faith and with “the other side,” whomever that may happen to be.

“Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them,” we hear in today’s first reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

“The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra’s den, and the child lay his hand on the adder’s lair.”

Christmas is three weeks away. What steps are we taking to conduct our day-to-day lives more peacefully?

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# Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

## Mass Intentions

**Monday December 5, 2022 Advent Weekday (Purple)**

7:00 a.m. Jerry Brennan and Irene Mack

**Tuesday December 6, 2022 Advent Weekday, Saint Nicholas, Bishop (Purple/White)**

7:00 a.m. Virginia Robinette

**Wednesday December 7, 2022 Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (White)**

7:00 a.m. George J. Bugarin

7:00 p.m. John Finn Sr., John Finn Jr. and Steven Finn

**Thursday December 8, 2022 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (White)**

7:00 a.m. Danuta Siwik

8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Nick Di Cresce

12:00 p.m. George J. Bugarin

7:00 p.m. For the Intentions of St. Joan of Arc Parishioners

**Friday December 9, 2022 Advent Weekday, Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin (Purple/White)**

7:00 a.m. Wally Gray

**Saturday, December 10, 2022 Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent, Our Lady of Loreto (Purple/White)**

4:00 p.m. Salvadore & Cindy Urso, Sara Ventimiglia, Bonnie Batche, Alfred Blind, Anthony Schulkey, Therese Issa, Richard Torina, Rose Ferreri, Sandra Guitar and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family and the Thomas Family

6:00 p.m. George J. Bugarin

**Sunday December 11, 2022 Third Sunday of Advent (Purple/Rose)**

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Saint Joan of Arc Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Leon Winn

12:00 p.m. Sr. Marie Gregory, SSJ, Joseph Paluzzi Jr., Sicilia Grego, Jose R. Medina, Emael L. Sarmiento, Rosario O. Medina, Jeffrey A. Hardy, Daisy Marie Buenavista, Anna Semaan and a Special Intention for Brian Mara

## Daily Readings

**Monday, December 5**

Isaiah 35:1-10  
Luke 5:17-26

**Friday, December 9**

Isaiah 48:17-19  
Matthew 11:16-19

**Tuesday, December 6**

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Matthew 18:12-14

**Saturday, December 10**

Wisdom of Ben Sira 48:1-4,9-11  
Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

**Wednesday, December 7**

Isaiah 40:25-31  
Matthew 11:28-30

**Sunday, December 11**

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

**Thursday, December 8**

Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12  
Luke 1:26-38



## I Am The Resurrection & The Life

“Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families.”

Elizabeth A. Howard



“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.”

*Minnie Louise Haskins*



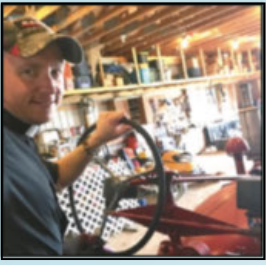
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## Tire Tracks in the d'Arc



**The Nitty-Gritty of Advent:** From the evidence in today's Gospel, I hope I never get a Christmas card from John the Baptist: "Merry Christmas... you

Brood of Vipers!" While Isaiah in the first reading is telling us of a time when all will have knowledge of God and their lives will give evidence to that by the peace and harmony around them, John the Baptist is dealing with messiness of conversion. Not all are onboard. Matthew's Gospel names John as the prophet, the voice in the wilderness that Isaiah had spoken of, announcing the glorious arrival of the Messiah, calling his followers to repent and to change their lives.

But John has to get down to the nitty-gritty of it, because not everyone coming to hear him has come to repent and be baptized. The Pharisees and Sadducees had only "come" to the baptism, Matthew writes. They weren't asking for baptism, they weren't about to repent. They were just scoping things out. "Who is this guy? Is he a threat to us, to our authority?"

It's been said that "nothing is more perilous than getting used to what is magnificent." - that it's very dangerous for us to lose our sense of awe - for the incredible to become run-of-the-mill; that whatever is beautiful to becomes just so-so and whatever is gifted to be claimed as entitlement.

While there's truth to this, I'd propose, there's nothing more perilous than getting used to what is evil - being unconcerned about things that are offensive to God. If we're unconcerned about it, we soon lose the ability to even see it when it happens. And then repentance is out of the question. Familiarity breeds contempt. It's hard to notice your brakes going bad until you get them replaced.... or you hit something.....

We've gotten used to the magnificent. Maybe we don't even recognize the miracle happening on our altar every Sunday. And maybe we come to Mass every Sunday, but have no sense of a need for repentance.

Committing a serious sin, knowing it was serious, intentionally doing it anyway and then receiving the Eucharist puts the soul in great peril. Sin severs, partially or fully, our relationship with God. And sin ruptures our communion with each other as the Body of Christ that is the Church.

Receiving the Eucharist in a state of mortal sin is a sacrilege - the unworthy treatment of something sacred, which is a grave sin in itself. And the one in mortal sin is unable to receive the grace offered by the Eucharist, so receiving communion in that state does you more harm than good.

If we were very sick, we'd tell our family not to come to visit us at Christmas because we love them enough to keep them away from our germs. All the more so we should show Jesus the love He deserves and want Him to not have to come into the unclean environment of our body and soul in mortal sin.

Now here's the good news...G.K. Chesterton, author of the Fr. Brown series of books said that "the real difference between the Church and State is huge and plain. The State, in all lands and ages, has created a machinery of punishment, more bloody and brutal in some places than in others, but bloody and brutal everywhere. The Church is the only institution that ever created a machinery of pardon. The Church is the only thing that ever attempted by system to pursue and discover crimes, not in order to avenge, but in order to forgive them..."

The "system", as Chesterton called it, confession, is not a judgment upon us. God doesn't *need* to hear from us to judge us. He already knows our sins before we do— think about that one! Our sins are great, but His love is greater. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is simply the means He chose to offer forgiveness - to rid us of the burden of sin that weighs us down. Confessing our sins stops us from being overly generous to ourselves and allowing sin to grow by being our own lenient judge. Our own conscience needs the therapeutic effect of verbalizing our guilt to another. Repentance is for our own sake.

The confessional is the place of victory for God, a means to win His people back. God is not attempting to take our dignity from us and humiliate us - He's offering something - He's offering the gifts of His mercy, freedom, grace, peace.

If it's been a while, you don't have to wonder where to start, just start! Not sure how? Tell the priest, "I'm not sure how." He'll walk you through it. Then just tell the priest your sins, not someone else's, not the reasons, not the rationalization, not the stories. God doesn't need the story. The priest doesn't need the story - we can't absolve the story, only the sin at the end of it. The other people waiting in line don't need us to hear the story behind your sins. We just need to deal with the reality of the

sin. As I tell people frequently, a sin is a verb - it's something you either did or didn't do. Just say it, especially all serious sins, be freed of them, be forgiven of them, and let them go.

When people say they are embarrassed to go to confession, it's a sign that they are building-up their sin into something it doesn't need to be. It's real; we're all sinners. But don't give it so much credit as to think it's worth allowing it to control you or to stop you from confessing it, just because you're embarrassed. NEWS FLASH!!!.... your sin is boring! It's junk. The priest is not interested in it and he won't spend any time after your confession thinking about it and what you did. He won't think worse of you. He's just glad you got rid of the junk burdening your soul. He's glad you are reconciled to God.

Just listen to these incredible words the priest says: "*God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace....*"

And then you walk out of confession with a small penance and a huge sense of peace.

Every day of our lives is a new Advent, an opportunity to accept Jesus coming into the daily activity of our lives. We're not perfect people, but God's mercy has made provision for that through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. And we never have to wait until Advent or Lent! If you typically wait for Advent or Lent to "do your Advent or Lenten duty" and come to confession, try putting the focus on your need for forgiveness rather than on the calendar.

But either way, make it a goal this Advent. Come to confession. As I mentioned last week, Advent shares with Lent the character of being a penitential time. Don't let that get lost in the rush toward Christmas. It's not penitential to make us feel bad, but to care for us and for our souls, that we may be truly ready to welcome the Lord in a new and deeper way this Christmas.

We will have expanded weekday opportunities in addition to the regular Saturday 11am time. Confession is an act of honesty and courage - an act of seeing beyond the sin, and entrusting ourselves, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God.

You are in my prayers this week.

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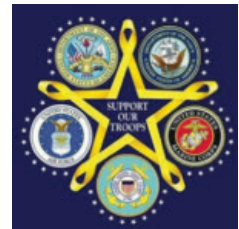
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# Bringing Home the Word

Second Sunday of Advent (A)  
December 4, 2022

## Creating God's Kingdom

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

At times, God's presence among us is so unspectacular that we need someone else to point it out—someone with a loud voice. That seems to have been the role of John the Baptist. His lifestyle and his message certainly caught everyone's attention. But when he caught their attention, he directed it away from himself to the kingdom of heaven.

He called it a kingdom because that was the government people of his time knew. (Jesus, too, often spoke of his kingdom.) However, the kingdom John referred to is not one of military power

and privilege but a "peaceable kingdom," where animals that are normally feared as predators live with each other in peace. A beautiful picture, but is it a possibility or just fantasy? The people believed that some day one would be born who would rule this way, thus enabling them to become a genuine peaceable kingdom. This kingdom would not be made of animals but of women and men of different races, cultures, and beliefs; women and men who would recognize each other's God-given uniqueness and would create genuine unity from this diversity.

John the Baptist declared that this kingdom "is at hand." Is it? Do we strive to live peacefully with the great diversity of people of our world? Or are we smug as we proclaim: "We have Abraham as our father" (Matthew 3:9), so we are right and you are wrong. The people of John's time should have known better. We should, too. John cries out to them—and to us: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:2). +

*Do we strive to  
live peacefully with  
the great diversity  
of people of our world?*

### A Word from Pope Francis

God changes the desert into a sea, parched ground into springs of water....God turns his gaze to wherever sadness and loneliness abound....He comes to us in difficult situations; he fills our inner emptiness that makes room for him; he visits our existential deserts. The Lord visits us there.

Homily, Athens, December 5, 2021



REFLECTION  
QUESTIONS  
**QUESTIONS**  
REFLECTION

- How open are you to people of different faiths, races, or nations?
- What can you do to make real the peaceable kingdom of heaven?

## Sunday Readings

### Isaiah 11:1–10

He shall judge the poor with justice, and decide fairly for the land's afflicted.

### Romans 15:4–9

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus.

### Matthew 3:1–12

[John the Baptist said,] "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."



# The Deeper Dramas of Our Relationships

By Fr. John F. Kavanaugh

It is first and foremost in our relationships, our families, our friends, that God is encountered, that faith is given flesh, that our theories of justice are tested out, that our prayer is made real, that dreams are actualized.

Even the great mystic teacher St. Teresa of Ávila insisted on that truth: when people came inquiring about the heights of holy prayer, she would ask how their relationships were going. And the great skeptic Freud knew it, too: the stage of the ordinary, of the family, was where the deepest dramas are played out.

Our most profound sufferings, our greatest heroics, our most significant encounters with God are here with these people we know and love, in their goodness, in their weakness. Where else do we most intimately encounter what Paul calls the “requirements” of love: those crucibles of patience, the winnowing of humility, the courage of forgiveness, the comfort of kindness?

It is easy to love humanity. It is quite another thing to love this particular family, who is so close to me, so like me. But when it happens, there is glory, even if the sword pierces the heart.

- A man entrusts his only son, merely twenty-eight but at the gate of death, to the arms of God.
- A woman sees every one of her brothers and sisters die—and she trusts.



- A young son goes to his parents with news that is first sad, and then is transformed, like a butterfly, into soaring grace.
- A spouse forgives the deep wound of infidelity.
- A child gives the mother a flower, so unexpected, for the first time.
- A husband cares for a wife, who has multiple sclerosis, for twenty years. After she parts from this world, he himself, suddenly unmoored in the abyss of Alzheimer’s, is cared for by the daughter he once had to forgive.
- A mother still stands by with her teenager who seems neither kind nor appreciative.

It is all here, in our homes, in the pews of our churches, in our friends, in our families.

Here is the holy ground. Here is the face of God, the smile shining upon us, the kindly gaze upon us. These are arks of the covenant. These are the holy of holies if we only look, like Simeon; if we only see, like Anna; if only, like Mary, we take time to ponder it all in our hearts. +

Excerpted from *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas* by Fr. John F. Kavanaugh, SJ, available from Liguori Publications. Visit [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org) to learn more and review our list of *Daybreaks* authors, including Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Daniel Horan, and others.

***The stage of the ordinary, of the family, is where the deepest dramas play out.***



*Lord Jesus, so that by our words and our actions we may point the way to you, we pray—Be born in us, be born in our world.*

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## WEEKDAY READINGS

December 5–10

Monday, Advent Weekday:

Is 35:1–10 / Lk 5:17–26

Tuesday, Advent Weekday:

Is 40:1–11 / Mt 18:12–14

Wednesday, Saint Ambrose:

Is 40:25–31 / Mt 11:28–30

Thursday, Immaculate Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary: Gn 3:9–15, 20 /

Eph 1:3–6, 11–12 / Lk 1:26–38

Friday, Advent Weekday:

Is 48:17–19 / Mt 11:16–19

Saturday, Advent Weekday:

Sir 48:1–4, 9–11 / Mt 17:9a, 10–13



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