

# The Anselmeter

December 6, 2020

St. Anselm Parish



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

“Prepare the way  
of the Lord.”  
- Mk 1:3

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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?

### PARISH THEME

"In order to promote individual and parish growth, St. Anselm parish is a welcoming Catholic community committed to serving Christ through:

- the celebration of the sacraments (especially the Eucharist),
- outreach initiatives to individuals,
- life long education resulting in the transfer of the truths and practice of our faith to our youth."

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Monday, December 7

8:30 a.m. +Elaine Lamers by Kathleen and Richard Bahlow

## Tuesday, December 8 (The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

8:30 a.m. +Josephine Sultana by her family

5:30 p.m. +Thomas O'Reilly by Serena and Joseph Mizzi

## Wednesday, December 9

8:30 a.m. Mass of healing for Eleanor Sheposh by Sharon Krill

## Friday, December 11

8:30 a.m. +Richard J. Janks by Michael and Christine Ryan

## Saturday, December 12

4:30 p.m. +Mary Stella Furchi by Eileen Matuszewski

## Sunday, December 13

10:00 a.m. +Paula Gillis by Ellen and John Norlock

12:00 p.m. +Peter S. Gallucci by the Lubienski Family

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**Tuesday, December 8th – Immaculate Conception**  
**8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

**Lectors: 8:30 a.m. M. Roberge & 5:30 p.m. L. Gutierrez**

# WREATH LIGHTERS NEEDED

## We are looking for: Advent Wreath Lighters

The first Sunday of Advent is November 29th and we are looking for people or families to light the Advent Wreath at the beginning of the masses. If you are interested please call Genny at 274-9264 or place a note in the collection basket for the mass and date. Your name and telephone number should be on the note. Thank You!



# BULLETIN ITEMS?

Bulletin announcements are due in the Parish office by 9:00 a.m. Mondays. All flyers must be submitted in a JPEG format. Please email articles to [kim.c@saintanselparish.org](mailto:kim.c@saintanselparish.org)

# WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE DECEMBER 12 & 13

	4:30 PM SAT. VIGIL	10:00 AM SUN.	12:00 NOON SUN
LECTORS	M. Walkuski	L. Gutierrez	D. Jennings
LAY MINISTERS	G. Schira	G. Schira	G. Schira
USHERS	B. Bucciarelli, P. Poynter J. Romano J. Drapala R. Habermas B. Jennings	E. Mignogna J. Witzleben D. Budz R. DeBlander M. Dudek M. Gass G. Rinke	J. Berkowski J. Mocerri J. Stodulski M. DeMarco



## DECEMBER

### For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

# LAWN SERVICE/SNOW

Sam will be offering snow removal services as well. If your interested please call him at the number below. Call of text Sam at 313-585-6603. Thank you!

# THIS WEEK

## Saturday, December 5

4:30 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass

## Sunday, December 6

10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

12:00 p.m. Sunday Mass

## Monday, December 7

8:30 a.m. Daily Mass

## Tuesday, December 8 (Holy Day )

8:30 a.m. Holy Day Mass

5:30 p.m. Holy Day Mass

## Wednesday, December 9

8:30 a.m. Daily Mass

## Friday, December 11

8:30 a.m. Daily Mass

## Saturday, December 12

4:30 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass

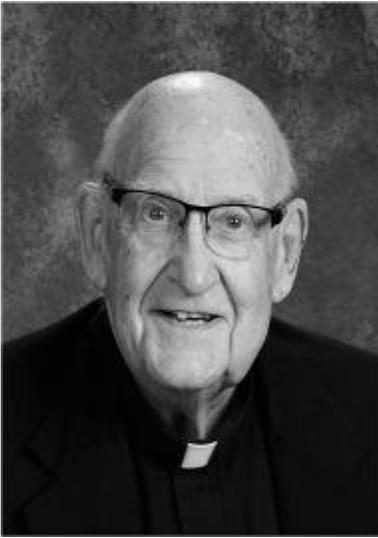
## Sunday, December 13

10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

12:00 p.m. Sunday Mass

*Rosary is recited after all  
8:30 a.m. daily Mass*

# OF MANY THINGS



Tuesday of this week is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be offered at 8:30 in the morning and at 5:30 in the evening.

Mary Immaculate is the Patroness of the United State of America. With all the political turmoil that we have been experiencing this year, it will do us good to pray to Mary for peace and prosperity.

How many times did Mary send sick people to Jesus for healing. This also would be a good time to pray to Mary to intercede with her Son to bring an end to the plague of the Covid-19 virus that is destroying the lives of so many people throughout the world.

The word “pandemic” has been given the honor of the “word of the year”. I would rather that the word “help” be given that honor.

Again I want to thank the people who are coming forward to light the Advent Wreath at our weekend Masses. You are an integral part of the celebration of that Mass. God bless you.

We lost three of our priests this past week. With so many priests dying, we must wonder what the Church will be like with so few young men asking to enter the priesthood. We must pray for vocations.

My retirement house next door is coming along nicely. I can't wait for the swimming pool.

Remember, I pray for you at each of my Masses that I offer when allowed.

*Msgr. Moloney*

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday:  
TBD at a later date

## BAPTISMS

For information call  
rectory.

## WEDDINGS

Please call ahead,  
at least six months for  
weddings.

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:  
4:30 pm  
Sunday:  
10:00 am and 12:00 pm

## WEEKDAY

Monday, Wednesday and  
Friday  
8:30 a.m.

## HOLY DAYS

8:30 am & 5:30 pm

# DIRECTORY



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# CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**St. Anselm Church  
Dearborn Heights**

## 2020 Christmas Schedule

### Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – Immaculate Conception

8:30 a.m. Holy Day Mass

5:30 p.m. Holy Day Mass

### Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

7:00 p.m. - Penance Service

### Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

1:00 p.m. - Penance Service

### Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. – Christmas Mass

10:00 p.m. – Christmas Mass

### Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day

(Nativity of the Lord)

10:00 a.m. – Christmas Mass

12:00 p.m. – Christmas

### Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

4:30 p.m. – Sunday Mass

### Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> (The Feast of the Holy Family)

10:00 a.m. – Sunday Mass

12:00 p.m. – Sunday Mass

### Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – New Years' Day

(Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)

9:00 a.m. – Holy Day Mass



**1 800 799 7233  
for help for domestic abuse**

## PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you would like to enroll, change your address, or simply have questions about our parish, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Church office: 17650 West Outer Drive, Dearborn Heights, 48127.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- ◇ I would like to enroll as an active parishioner.
- ◇ Please change my address to the one shown above.
- ◇ I would like to learn more about school/parish activities
- ◇ I would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.
- ◇ I would like to speak with a priest about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

## GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree will be up and ready in the church vestibule. If you would like a tag from the tree but are unable to come to church please call the rectory to make arrangements to for pick up.

This Christmas we will be helping those who are in need from the Parish of Holy Redeemer Christian Service (Detroit), Lennon Center, St. Vincent de Paul Prison Ministry and a few of our parish families that are struggling.

The gifts are due by Sunday, December 13th, 2020 with the gift tag **taped** to the **outside of the gift** so that we are able to see the name and number and deliver them to the designated children. These gifts are delivered the afternoon of December 13th to the groups for them to distribute during that week before Christmas.

**St. Anselm Families:** We have several families from our parish and school that we are helping. We are asking for contributions for Kroger gift cards in increments of \$10 and Meijer or Walmart gift cards in increments of \$25. They will be divided among the families equally.

**Thank you very much for your generosity!!**

Please be sure to take a gift tag from the "GIVING TREE".

**St. Anselm  
Christian  
Service**



## NEW FOOD REQUEST

We are going to continue assisting St. Sabina with their Christmas boxes. So that we can assist them in providing a Christmas meal for neighbors in need, they are asking for the following items:

Potatoes (boxed or canned), turkey gravy, stuffing mix, corn, green beans, cream of mushroom soup, macaroni & cheese (box), Jell-O, pudding mix, canned fruit, muffin mix, cookie mix, canned pie filling, pie crust mix and salad dressings.

Please place all food donations for St. Sabina in the grey food collection bin in the church vestibule.

If you have any questions or concerns please call the rectory at 313-565-4808.



# LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (5B)

### A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Comfort, give comfort to my people,  
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her  
that her service is at an end,  
her guilt is expiated;  
indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!  
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!

Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill shall be made low;  
the rugged land shall be made a plain,  
the rough country, a broad valley.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together;  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain,  
Zion, herald of glad tidings;  
cry out at the top of your voice,  
Jerusalem, herald of good news!

Fear not to cry out  
and say to the cities of Judah:

Here is your God!

Here comes with power  
the Lord GOD,

who rules by his strong arm;  
here is his reward with him,  
his recompense before him.

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;  
in his arms he gathers the lambs,  
carrying them in his bosom,  
and leading the ewes with care.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

R. (8) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims;  
the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people.  
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,  
glory dwelling in our land.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Kindness and truth shall meet;  
justice and peace shall kiss.

Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

The LORD himself will give his benefits;  
our land shall yield its increase.

Justice shall walk before him,  
and prepare the way of his steps.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation

## Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-14

### A reading from the second Letter of Saint Peter

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Luke 3:4-6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
**+Glory to you, O Lord.**

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

*Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;  
he will prepare your way.*

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:*

*“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.”*

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



# ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen*

## Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls.

**Amen.**



## YOUTH GROUP

By Marcia Santostasi

We will meet this Sunday, December 6th. Our plan is to meet from 6-730p. Our service project will be for C.O.T.S. We will be putting together Fleece Blanket Kits. Students if you are able, please bring a good pair of scissors that will cut fabric. Dinner will be served.

We have extended an open invitation to all of our Parish and School 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to join us at our upcoming service projects. With the limitations on doing volunteering because of State Mandates, we thought this invite may help the students to get their required service hours needed for Confirmation, while staying close to home. If 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents have any questions, feel free to contact one of the adult leaders at the numbers listed at the end of this article.

We also want to remind our Parish High School Students WE NEED YOU. If you are a 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade student and are interested in joining the Youth Group, you are always welcome to attend any upcoming meeting. We generally follow the school calendar throughout the year.

The mission of the St. Anselm Youth Group is to do service for our parish and community, and needed service hours for high school can be earned. This is a great opportunity for our parish high school students to stay involved and participate in our Church, truly live their faith and lend a helping hand to others. Also remember, while attendance isn't mandatory, it is encouraged. You will meet new friends and get reacquainted with old ones. It's never too late, simply join us for the first time or we welcome you back anytime at an upcoming meeting. Be sure to fill out a Registration Form as this will add you to our Group Text Message List, and stay tuned to this weekly bulletin article for current events and updates.

### Upcoming Events:

Dec. 6: Meeting, Service Project C.O.T.S, 6-730p

Dec. 20: Meeting - Christmas Fun

Dec. 21-January 3, 2021: Off for Christmas Vacation

### Area Events:

**AMVETS Americanism Contest:** Open to students in grades K-12 who attend Public, Private, Parochial Schools, are Home Schooled, or are members of a Youth Group or Faith-based organization are eligible to participate. The divisions include:

**AMVETS Americanism Flag Coloring Contest** for K and 1<sup>st</sup> grades.

**AMVETS Americanism Poster Contest** for 2-5<sup>th</sup> grades.

**AMVETS Americanism Essay Contest** for 6-12<sup>th</sup> grades.

Parish students can contact Kim Cwiek or Marcia Santostasi for more information. For more specifics on the program, please visit [AMVETS.org/Americanism](http://AMVETS.org/Americanism).

For more info regarding Youth Group, please contact: Marcia Santostasi @313-277-3844 or [msantostasi@saintanselmschool.org](mailto:msantostasi@saintanselmschool.org), or Kim Cwiek @313-565-4808 or [kim.c@saintanselmparish.org](mailto:kim.c@saintanselmparish.org).



## FAITH FORMATION

By Maryann Walkuski

About Advent.....

The word "advent" comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning coming, or arrival. Advent marks the beginning of the Church calendar year. It starts on the Sunday following the Solemnity of Christ the King and ends Christmas Eve with the celebration at the Vigil Mass. During the four weeks of Advent we commemorate the coming of Jesus to Bethlehem more than 2,000 years ago; we prepare for his final coming at the end of the world; and we celebrate his coming into our hearts today. In a spirit of anxious anticipation we prepare once again, with grateful hearts, to celebrate the coming of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

The most common symbol for Advent is the Advent wreath. It is circular in shape, formed by evergreens, which are a symbol of eternal life. Its three purple candles symbolize our time of waiting, our time of repenting, our time of preparing for the Lord. Its pink candle represents a time for rejoicing as we move closer to Christmas. The light cast from the candles reminds us of Jesus, the Light of the World.

We as, Catholic families, usually place our Advent wreath on our dining room table, where it becomes an important centerpiece. As we gather for meals, the wreath provides a visual reminder that Jesus is the reason for our coming celebrations. At meal times, we should light the appropriate candle(s) for that week.

Advent wreath ceremonies combine the lighting of the Advent wreath candles with readings from Scripture plus songs and/or prayers. The Scripture readings speak of watching, waiting and hoping; they speak of preparing and living in peace (try to remind your children of this one); they speak of rejoicing and light; and they speak of love and the coming of the Lord. The main theme for the first week of Advent is that of watchful waiting, its secondary theme is that of hope

### Thought For The Week

*Ever-present Holy One, in the midst of little or large troubles, your care is never-ending, bringing all good things. Encourage me to recognize with gratitude the simple but remarkable blessings hidden within each day. Amen.*



## SOCIAL MEDIA

Our parish is always in the process of improving our social media outreach. If you have not connected with us on Facebook yet, we highly encourage everyone to follow us. It's a great way to keep in touch with our parish community and stay up to date on the latest news and events here at St. Anselm.

You can find us on Facebook at:  
[www.facebook.com/StAnselmParish](http://www.facebook.com/StAnselmParish).



# PREPARE

"Prepare the way  
of the Lord."

MARK 1:3



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2020

<b>SUN 12/6</b>	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
<b>MON 12/7</b>	Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
<b>TUE 12/8</b>	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
<b>WED 12/9</b>	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30
<b>THR 12/10</b>	Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
<b>FRI 12/11</b>	Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
<b>SAT 12/12</b>	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/
<b>SUN 12/13</b>	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

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2020

<b>Sunday:</b>	2nd Sunday of Advent
<b>Monday:</b>	St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
<b>Tuesday:</b>	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
<b>Friday:</b>	St. Damasus I, Pope
<b>Saturday:</b>	Our Lady of Guadalupe
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	3rd Sunday of Advent

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Prepare the way of the Lord! The message of John the Baptist becomes the calling of every baptized disciple of Jesus Christ. Each one of us is asked to prepare the way of the Lord. Given the humble means of our lives, how can we do this? It certainly does not require that we stand on street corners announcing God's future coming! We can more readily take up the task of our lifework by clearing our lives of unnecessary, distracting clutter. By creating solid and deep spiritual lives, we can heighten our awareness of God's presence and help people point to and discover God's presence around them. By conducting ourselves in holiness and devotion, we can speak volumes to those we meet. Not by preaching actual words, but by living lives that communicate the comfort God wants His people to know. As the world sometimes frantically unfolds around us, we can be people of patience who show others that it's okay to wait for God's gift to come. Conducting our lives in this manner, we will know the peace that comes from doing what we have been asked to do.



Quiet  
your  
heart.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 29	First Sunday of Advent
Nov 29	*Usher's Meeting ? P.M
Dec 12/13	Religious Retirement Fund Collection
Dec 21	*Penance Service 7:00 p.m.
Dec 22	*Penance Service 1:00 p.m.
Dec 25	Christmas—Friday
Feb 17	Ash Wednesday
Apr 4	Easter Sunday
Apr 21	Feast of St. Anselm
Jun 2	Msgr.'s 65th Anniversary of Ordination
Jun 4	Fr. Perfetto's 55th Anniversary of Ordination
Jun 4	*Fun Fair 2021
Jun 5	*Fun Fair 2021
Jun 6	*Fun Fair 2021
Jun 10	8th Grade Graduation
Jun 12	School Year Ends
Jun 18	Msgr's Birthday
Aug 2	Fr. Perfetto's Birthday

\*All events are pending the opening of the State of Michigan in regards to the Pandemic

## KNIGHTS KNOTS

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Council #3860

Offer expires 12/31/2020

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Or Deputy Grand Knight Ron Ciavaglia at (248) 613-6591

### Announcing Our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Advent Retreat Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Dear Parishioners – You are cordially invited to an evening retreat on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The retreat includes a presentation and mass featuring Fr. Pat Brennan, C.P., Director, St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center.

St. Paul of the Cross is best known for their remarkable weekend retreat schedule attended by thousands throughout the diocese, and beyond, for many decades. The retreat will open with recitation of the Holy Rosary, starting at about 6:45 p.m., and will close with mass in the on-premises chapel. All will be on their way home by 8:30 p.m., or so.

The cost is just \$10.00 per person. Payment at the door will be accepted, but please call ahead of time so we know to expect you. We can expect adherence to social distancing and masks while inside the facility.



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## EXPLORE THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

## Prepare the way of the Lord!

MK 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

*Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way.*

*A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."*

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



## MEET OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: St. Nicholas (Feast Day December 6) MARCH 15, 270 - DECEMBER 6, 343

Nicholas was the fourth-century bishop of Myra, a city in Lycia, a province of Asia Minor. The best-known story about Nicholas concerns his charity toward a poor man who was unable to provide dowries for his three daughters of marriageable age. To help the family, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the poor man's window on three separate occasions, thus enabling the daughters to be married. Over the centuries, this particular legend evolved into the custom of gift-giving on the saint's feast. In English-speaking countries, St. Nicholas became Santa Claus—further expanding the example of generosity portrayed by this holy bishop.

## TAKE TIME TO CHAT

- In what way is John the Baptist preparing people for the coming of Jesus?
- Share a time when you've prepared to welcome a special guest in your home. What things did you do to prepare? What things can you do to prepare for the coming of Jesus this Christmas?
- What is the difference between John's baptism and Jesus' baptism?

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK: "Locusts" on a Log

*In the Gospel today, we heard of John the Baptist living on "locusts (grasshoppers) and wild honey." For today's recipe, we can eat like he did!*

Trim a stalk of celery and cut into 4-inch pieces.

Stop each end of the celery with a raisin.

Fill celery with honey.

Place "locusts"(raisins) on top of the honey.

Serve and enjoy! Upgrade option: Order real edible locusts online to serve instead of raisins!

## FAMILY FUN: Movie Night!

Watch "Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message," by the Knights of Columbus. It is available on Amazon Prime. If unavailable, find another movie about Mary the Mother of God.

## FAMILY PRAYER

This coming Saturday is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. In order to prepare for this awesome day, read this account of her apparition to St. Juan Diego. After reading the story, pray one decade of the rosary together as a family.

**THE STORY OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:** On December 9, 1531, in Mexico, Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego, a poor humble Aztec Indian who had recently converted to the Catholic faith. She asked him to go to the Bishop and tell him to build a church where she said "I will show and offer all of my love, my compassion, my help and my protection to my people." Juan Diego did as she asked, but the Bishop asked for a sign that this message was really from Our Lady.

Mary granted his request. On December 12, she showed Juan where the most beautiful Castilian roses were and told him to gather them. It was a miracle that the roses were there and in bloom because there was frost on the ground, and the ground was an infertile place where only cactus and thistles grew. After he gathered them, she helped arrange them in his tilma, or poncho, and told him to show them to the Bishop.

When he brought them to the Bishop, the Bishop was amazed at the roses, but was even more amazed at what began to happen to Juan Diego's tilma. Right before their very eyes, the image of Our Lady began to form on the cloth. The picture of Mary was beautiful and the Bishop fell to his knees. He had the church built at her request.

The tilma is still intact after 470 years. The colors have not faded and the cloth has not deteriorated. It has been on display in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe for all this time.

The manner in which Our Lady appeared on the tilma was very significant to the Aztec Indians. God had her dressed in a way that they would understand who she was. She was dressed in royal clothes that showed that she was very important, perhaps a queen. She also had the symbol of the cross at her neck which was the same symbol the Spaniards had on their ships and in the churches they built. She had a sash tied around her waist which meant that she was with child, for this was the way the Aztec women dressed when they were pregnant. And on her beautiful dress were all sorts of designs and flowers. But there was one flower on her dress that was very significant. It had only four petals. To the Aztecs, the four petal flower was the symbol for the true God, the God above all gods. This flower was located on her abdomen, right over the place where Jesus was growing inside of her. The Aztecs immediately understood that this was the mother of the true God!

His appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe was very important to the history of our continent. You see, the Aztec Indians and the Spaniards were on the brink of war. The Aztec Indians' culture and religion were very different from the Spaniards. They worshipped gods, to whom they would offer human sacrifices, often killing 50,000 people a year. The Spaniards, who were Catholic, were naturally disgusted by this. But they were cruel to the Aztecs too, treating them like animals and sometimes killing them for no reason. If a war had occurred, it would have been very brutal and the Spaniards and Christianity would have been totally wiped out.

Mary's appearance changed everything, however. It helped the Indians to embrace Christianity and it helped the Spaniards to treat the Indians with respect and as human beings. In the course of seven years, 6,000,000 Indians converted to the Catholic faith. This was the biggest conversion in the history of the Church! This is why Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Americas. Juan Diego, the humble man to whom she appeared, was canonized in the summer of 2002.

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