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Evangelion

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"Saint John the Baptist in the Wilderness," by José Leonardo, c. 1635

HE is HERE! | December 6, 2020 | Second Sunday of Advent

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT + DECEMBER 6, 2020

ENTRANCE—“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud and majesty and awe.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse's stem, from ev'ry foe deliver them that trust thy mighty pow'r to save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. (R)

Text: LM with refrain; 'O' Antiphons, Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3–6 para. in Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. The Hymnal 1940, alt. Music: Chant, Mode I; Processionale, French, 15th cent.; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE# A-726069

FIRST READING—Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

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.

RESPONSORIAL—Psalms 98

Response: Lord, show us your mercy and love. Show us your mercy and love.

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

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)

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)

SECOND READING—2 Peter 3:8-14

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.

GOSPEL—Mark 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."

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

PRESENTATION—"A Voice Cries Out"

Console my people, the ones dear to me; speak to the heart of Jerusalem: the time of your mourning is ended now, the Lord of life will come.

Refrain: A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Prepare a way for the Lord!" A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Make straight a highway for God!"

Ev'ry valley is made a plain, ev'ry mountain is leveled; the glory of God shall then be revealed, and the nations will sing in praise. (R)

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CLOSING RITE—"On Jordan's Bank"

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh; Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be ev'ry soul from sin; Make straight the way of God within, Prepare we in our hearts a home, Where such a mighty guest may come.

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LOVE JESUS

“THE WORLD HATES CHRISTIANS, SO WHY GIVE YOUR LOVE TO IT INSTEAD OF FOLLOWING CHRIST, WHO LOVES YOU AND HAS REDEEMED YOU?”

—Saint Cyprian

I read these words and thought, “How clear!” Why do I ‘love’ things of the world so much when in return I get “Corona Time,” political movements, manipulated movie values, social media slime, and anxiety in attempting to keep up with others?

Following Jesus is listening attentively for his loving inspirations, walking courageously in his ways, speaking with hope in his voice and caring with unconditional kindness.

Sometimes I give my love and heart to a world full of hatred toward my Christ and his ways. So, it should be to no surprise that in return the world breaks my heart. Perhaps this season instead of turning to the worldly tinsel sold by the “Inn Keepers” and powerful elite like the “Herods,” we keep our eyes and longing hearts on the bright light of the star born in Bethlehem.

What area of our loving hearts is filled with the anxieties of worldliness rather than heavenly peace Godliness? Let us love Jesus more and let his divinity fill our humanity!

COMING SOON?

THE CATECHIST COLUMN

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It has been roughly 1,990 years since Jesus ascended into heaven. At that time, the angels who appeared assured the Apostles that Jesus “will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven” (*Acts 1:11*). It has been roughly 1,930 years since Jesus himself said, “Surely, I am coming soon” (*Revelation 22:20*). So what is the hold up?

Today, the Spirit takes on that important question, and he reminds us that Jesus’ “delay” is actually an act of patience and mercy. What is Jesus waiting for? In a way, he is waiting for me to get my act together by responding to his grace. And he is really patient with me, because I am a little slow on this front. After all, when I go to confession each month, I often confess the same, tired list of sins. According to one priest’s advice, I am thankful that I am not experimenting with any new sins. All the same, if Jesus returned today, he would likely find me with more than a few spots and blemishes.

Sandwiched between apocalyptic language reminding us that the world will be dissolved with fire and beautifully literal language reminding us that we await a new heaven and a new earth, the Spirit asks us an important question: “what sort of persons ought you to be” (*2 Peter 3:11*). It is the classic question taken up by ethical philosophers throughout the millennia: How should we behave?

Aristotle said we should seek personal happiness. Epicurius said we should seek personal pleasure. John Stuart Mill said we should maximize societal pleasure and minimize societal pain. Immanuel Kant said we should always act from good intentions. What do you say? What sort of person ought you to be?

The Spirit challenges us to be people who live “in holiness and devotion” (*2 Peters 3:11*). The assumption here is that we can actually live in holiness and not just endlessly seek after it. With the Spirit’s help, we can get there and thrive there. We can be set apart for God, devoted to him. We can live in the knowledge that this world is not permanent and that everyone we meet is a potential-Saint who may just need to see a living example of the sort of person we ought to be.

The Lord is “slow” in his return because he wants “all to come to repentance” (*2 Peter 3:9*), and he is waiting for me to do my part. I need to be a living example of the sort of person we ought to be. And I need your example too. Let’s all strive to be the sort of people we ought to be while we wait for and hasten the coming of the day of God.



**DECEMBER
12 & 13**

"Making nut rolls is a way to keep the eastern European traditional baked goods of our heritage alive. But also it is about the church community coming together and socializing while working on this baking project. Having been involved for years, we look forward to seeing the people who come out to help year after year, but at the same time it reminds us of the loss of many good bakers, volunteers and friends."

—Nancy Salopek

"The most important reason is the interaction with all the other ladies and how much fun we have talking and socializing. Also I learn a lot about baking which I am a little clueless about. I just really enjoy being with the women of Good Samaritan and meeting the ladies of the other three parishes in our grouping and working side by side with them and forming new friendships."

—Karla Besong

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BAPTIZED IN THE FAITH



ADORATION

Adoration will be suspended on Christmas Day Questions? Deacon Tom Boucek tboucek@greatgrouping.org.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS

Masses for the Immaculate Conception will be on **December 7 at 5 PM at Our Lady of Peace, December 8 at 8 AM at St. John the Baptist and December 8 at 6:30 PM at Good Samaritan.**

SPANISH MASS

All are welcome to join us at Quigley on Sundays at 4 PM for the Spanish Mass. On **Friday, December 11** we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with 7 PM Mass followed by a reception at Quigley.

LONGEST NIGHT

All are invited to join us in an evening of prayer & worship on **Wednesday, December 16, at 7 PM at Saints John & Paul** for an evening of peaceful prayer and contemplation.

ROSARY RALLY

On **Sunday, December 20**, after 11am mass, there will be a rosary rally in honor of Christmas. We will be praying the rosary, saying some prayers and singing carols. Due to the corona virus spike, a cookie exchange will be unable to happen. Those interested in the rosary rally, please call Sheila at (724) 683-7447 or email sshilling72@yahoo.com.

LUMINARIES FOR LIFE

Due to the restrictions surrounding the Coronavirus pandemic, our parish grouping will not be traveling to Washington D.C. for the Annual March for Life on January 29. The Respect Life Committee of our Great Grouping will be making luminary kits available for parishioners to display at home on the evening of Thursday, January 21– the eve of the Roe v. Wade decision. Suggested donation for the luminary kits: 2 luminaries for \$1.00; 10 luminaries for \$5.00 Place your order online greatgrouping.org/luminary before January 6. Pick-up of the luminary kits will be the week of January 16-20 in the foyer of the Upper CDC at Saints John & Paul.

OLOP CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

The OLOP Christmas party in December is cancelled.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

Cookie Bakers, join us in the St. John's kitchen on December 14, 15 & 16 from 8 AM – 2 PM to bake cookies for our fundraiser. You may also donate cookies baked at home and bring them in on these days. Cookies may be ordered by phone: (412) 974-6773 or via email: SJCcookies@yahoo.com. 3 dozen assorted cookies, prepacked for \$15 1 dozen Lady locks, prepacked for \$7 Pick-up Cookies on Saturday, December 19 at St. John the Baptist from 9 AM – 1 PM. Deadline for orders is December 11.

JANUARY RAFFLE TICKETS

Our Lady of Peace is selling a January Raffle Ticket. The ticket is good for the entire month with various prizes. Tickets are available at the Parish Center and after all Masses. \$5 per ticket.

BIG RAFFLE TICKETS

LAST CHANCE! **Drawing is December 13.**

This year we are Raffleing 5 large prizes: Yeti Cooler Package, Samsung 65" Hi Def TV, Apple iPad Pro, \$1000 Gift Card for Sweetwater Bike Shop and a Deluxe Weber Gas Grill. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and will be available after all Masses in the Beaver Valley or online at greatgrouping.org/raffle

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

All are invited to join us on **Saturday, December 12 please plan to attend the 4:00 PM Mass**, there will be Christmas Caroling following Mass.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our live Children's Christmas Pageant will be on **Saturday, December 19 following the 4:00 PM Mass**. Please contact Chris Patsch at (724) 318-8403 to sign up.

GOOD SAMARITAN COOKIE BAKERS

Please bring your cookies to Jericho Hall on **Friday, December 11, between 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM.**

LAST PIEROGI SALE UNTIL FEBRUARY

St. John the Baptist Pierogi Project has a final big sale week. **Thursday, December 10 from 1-6 PM and Friday, December 11 from 9 AM until sold out.** Potato, Kraut, Cottage Cheese and Prune, all at just \$8 per dozen. Call to order: (724) 869-9758. Volunteers are needed for these 2 busy days; please come on down to help in this important parish fundraiser!

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 (IS 35:1-10/LK 5:17-26)

8:00 AM Good Samaritan • John & Bertha Sherman (Bob & Judy)
Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:00 PM Our Lady of Peace • Francis M. Cline (Family)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 (GN 3:9-15, 20/EPH 1:3-6, 11-12/LK 1:26-38)

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • Mike & Stella Farah (Family)
6:30 PM Good Samaritan • Sheila Rabovsky (Rose Marie Volpe)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 (IS 40:25-31/MT 11:28-30)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • Frederick J. Ringel, Sr. (Helen Ringel)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 (IS 41:13-20/MT 11:11-15)

8:00 AM Our Lady of Peace • Leo & Angelina Genovese (Daughter, Jean)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 (IS 48:17-19/MT 11:16-19)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • In Honor of Fr. Stipe Renic, OFM (George Rozman)
7:00 PM Quigley • Intentions of our Latino Community (Beaver Valley Clergy & Staff)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 (ZEC 2:14-17/LK 1:26-38)

4:00 PM Quigley • Mike Adams (Donna, Jamie & Talia)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 (IS 61:1-2A, 10-11/1 THES 5:16-24/JN 1:6-8, 19-28)

8:00 AM Quigley • Margaret Adamowski (Gene & Mary Adamowski)
9:30 AM Quigley • Linda & Jeff Modrovich (Lori & Jack Carey)
11:00 AM Quigley • Deceased of the Arcangelo, Messalina & DiPietro Families (Rose Marie)
4:00 PM Quigley • Spanish Mass

OUR FATHFUL DEPARTED

Helen Andrascik

Parishioner of Good Samaritan

Theresa Dennis

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Frank Horniak

Parishioner of Good Samaritan

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Parishioner of Good Samaritan

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Parishioner of Our Lady of Peace

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CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve

No Confessions—No Morning Mass
Doors will open a half hour prior to Mass

Quigley Schedule

2:00 PM Mass • 4:00 PM Mass
6:00 PM Mass • Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Doors will open a half-hour prior to Mass

Quigley Schedule

9:00 AM Mass • 11:00 AM Mass

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, December 7

4:00 PM Catechsis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)
5:00 PM Vigil Mass Immaculate Conception (OLOP)
6:00 PM Sacramental Prep (OLOP)
6:00 PM Catechsis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)
6:30 PM Grief Share (Quigley)

Tuesday, December 8

8:00 AM Immaculate Conception Mass (SJB)
1:00 PM Catechsis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)
4:00 PM Outreach Samaritan Kitchen (GS)
5:30 PM St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (GS)
5:30 PM Confessions (GS)
6:00 PM Sacramental Prep (OLOP)
6:30 PM Immaculate Conception Mass (GS)
7:30 PM Leadership Meeting (GS)

Wednesday, December 9

10:00 AM Catechsis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)
6:30 PM Choir Practice (GS)

Thursday, December 10

10:00 AM Catechsis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)

Friday, December 11

9:00 AM Pierogi Sales (SJB)
10:00 AM Toddler Time with Jesus (OLOP)
6:30 PM Marian Prayer Group (GS)
7:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass (Quigley)

Saturday, December 12

Return Gifts for the Angel Tree
3:00 PM Confessions (Quigley)
5:00 PM Christmas Caroling (Quigley)

Sunday, December 13

Return Gifts for the Angel Tree
9:00 AM Bake Sale (GS)
11:30 AM Maronite Mass
2:00 PM Padre Pio Group Mass (Quigley)
3:00 PM Spanish Mass Music Practice (Quigley)
4:00 PM Padre Pio Meeting (Quigley Cafe)

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Deacon Anthony Giordano, Deacon James Olson, Deacon Tom Boucek

REGULAR MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



8:00 AM Good Samaritan
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul



7:00 AM Saints John & Paul
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
5:30 PM CONFESSION at Good Samaritan
6:30 PM Good Samaritan



8:00 AM Saint John the Baptist
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul



7:00 AM Saints John & Paul
8:00 AM Our Lady of Peace
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
6:00 PM CONFESSION at Saints John & Paul



8:00 AM St. John the Baptist
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
1st Friday 7:00 PM Saints John & Paul



9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
3:00 PM CONFESSION at Quigley
4:00 PM Beaver Valley Vigil Mass at Quigley
4:00 PM CONFESSION at Saints John & Paul
5:00 PM Vigil Mass at Saints John & Paul



7:30 AM Saints John & Paul
8:00 AM Beaver Valley Mass at Quigley
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
9:30 AM Beaver Valley Mass at Quigley
11:00 AM Beaver Valley Mass at Quigley
11:00 AM Saints John & Paul
7:00 PM Saints John & Paul
4:00 PM Spanish Mass at Quigley

For Holy Day & Holiday times, please see Week Ahead

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

As Catholics, we believe that Christ becomes truly present within the Blessed Sacrament. As promised by Him, His Presence is abiding, not something that vanishes at the conclusion of Mass. During Eucharistic Adoration, we can sit silently in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces.

