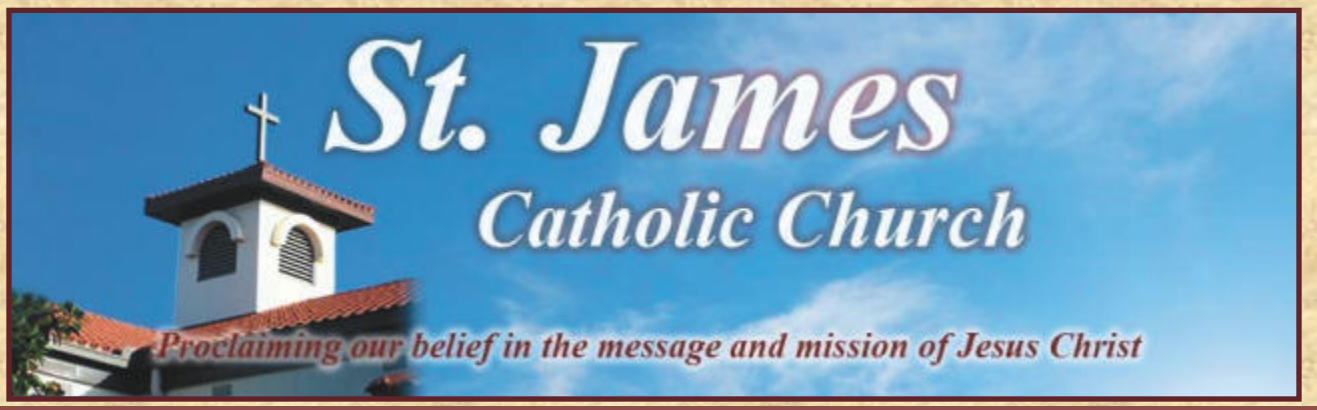

December 6th, 2020

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Music Director

Office Hours

Mon.-Fri.: 9:00AM—3:00PM
Wed.: 9:00AM—12:00 Noon

Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM
1st Saturday of Month - 9:00
(with Anointing of the Sick)

Saturday (Vigil)
4:00 PM
Sunday
October—May
8 AM & 10:00 AM
June—September
9:00AM
Holy Days
Vigil 7:00 PM, 9:00 AM

Confessions

1/2 hour before weekend Masses

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays
After 9:00 AM Mass - 11:00 AM

Sacraments

Baptisms
Last Saturday of the Month
or by appointment

Weddings
Contact Parish Office

Anointing the Sick & Homebound
Please contact the parish office at least 2 days prior to admission to hospital, if possible.

Altar Flowers

To contribute to the flower fund or to sponsor flowers for Sunday services in memory of a loved one or for any special intention, please fill out a flower fund envelope and place it in the offertory basket. Checks should be made payable to: **CCW of Lake Placid.**

Holy Water
The holy water dispenser is located in the vestibule of the church.

Votive Candles
Votive candles are located in the church and in the chapel.

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Collections
Offertory: $4,573

Readings for the Week of December 6th

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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Brenda Davis	Carol Muir
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John Degen	Ronald Pekar
June Dessoy	Jose Sierra
Boots Essex	Robert Steele
Claire Essex	Jack Westerterp
Henry Hartzell	Lucille Westerterp
Jacqueline Hartzell	MarySue Willeke
Mary Hetrick	Luka Williams Ortiz
Bobbie Hovey	Anne Woznicki

Weekly Mass Intentions

If you would like to place a Mass Intention, please do so over the phone by calling 863-465-3215. You may mail your $10 stipend in to the office. Thank you!

Monday, December 7th, 9:00 AM

†**Carol Smead (1 year),** by Loraine Pollock

Tuesday, December 8th, 9:00 AM
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
(Holy Day of Obligatino)

†**Fr. Robert Millard,**
by Michael & Glenda Brannen

Wednesday, December 9th, 9:00AM

†**Jim Howe,** by Elsie Howe

Thursday, December 10th, 9:00 AM

†**Jim Howe,** by Elsie Howe

Friday, December 11th, 9:00 AM

†**Donald Welsh,** by his wife

Saturday, December 12th
(Vigil) 4:00 PM

†**Paul Lambert,** by his wife Bernice Lambert

Sunday, December 13th
8:00 AM

†**Craig Moye,** by Adele Moye

10:00 AM

†**Kevin Fairfield,**
by Joe & Lynda Fairfield

My Dear People,

The First Verse of the Gospel is a title to the whole work. Like Matthew and John, Mark opens with a reflection of the book of Genesis. The beginning recalls the first likeness of the creation narrative. In Gen 1:1, the good news that Mark is about to tell is a new beginning, a new work of God as original and stupendous as the creation of the universe.

What does the **gospel** mean here? The Greek word *evangelion means "good news" or "joyful tiding." It often referred to festive public occasions such as a military victory or the coronation of the emperor. An inscription from about 9 BC announces the birthday of Caesar Augustus, stating it is "good news for the world." For the Old Testament prophets especially Isaiah, the "good news" is not a past event but a promise that God is coming to save his people:*

> *Go up onto 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! (Isa. 40:9)*

Mark's announcement of "the beginning of the good news" is a resounding proclamation that now, in Jesus, the long-promised visitation of God has begun. The gospel is something to be preached and believed. Indeed, so good is this good news that it is worth more than life itself (Mark 8:35; 10:29-300.

What is the content of this Good news? In a word, it is that **Jesus** is **the Christ**, **the Son of God**. Jesus meaning, "YAHWEH saves" is the Greek form of Joshua, the name of the ancient leader who led the Israelites into the promised land. Mark gives Jesus two titles—Christ and Son of God—each of which had profound meaning for Jews. Christ, or Messiah, means "anointed," To declare that Jesus is the Christ is to proclaim that he is the fulfillment of the hopes of Israel, the promised descendant of David who would reestablish the reign of God. Even more, Jesus is the Son of God—a title whose full significance will be unfolded only gradually in the course of Mark's account. From his very first line, Mark lets readers in on the secret: Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah, the Son of God in a unique and transcendent way. Yet his readers are invited to share with the disciples their gradual discovery of the mystery of Jesus. Mark will place these two titles, *Messiah and Son of God, on the lips of a Jew and a Gentile, respectively, at key points in his narrative. (8:29; 15:39).*

Mark launches into a biblical quotation, showing that Jesus's coming was not out of the blue, but was planned and prepared by God for centuries. For Mark, the Old Testament background is crucial for understanding what God is doing now in Jesus. Although Mark mentions only **Isaiah,** his quotation also weaves in phrases from Exodus and Malachi (v.2). It was not uncommon to cite only the main theme when combining related biblical texts. In Exodus, in the passage where God tells his people that he is sending an angel to guide them through the desert on their way to the promised land (Exodus 23:20), the Greek ***angelos*** *(like its Hebrew counterpart, Malakh) means both angel and messenger. Many centuries later, the prophet Malachi prophesied that a* ***messenger*** *would "prepare the way" for God's sudden coming on the day of the Lord (Mal 3:1). Malachi identified the messenger with the great prophet Elijah, whose reappearance would signal the events of the last days (Mal. 3:23).*

Mark quotes from a section of Isaiah often called the "Book of Consolation" because it is filled with words of comfort for God's people during their exile in Babylon. Isaiah announces in a jubilant voice, crying out that the exile will come to an end and the Lord will **prepare the way** by removing all obstacles so he can lead his people back through **the desert** to their homeland (Isa. 40.3).

In the original passage, God was speaking to his people, but Mark has reworked it to portray God speaking to his Son, telling him: "Your coming will be prepared by a forerunner, John the Baptist." Thus, **the Lord** whose way is prepared is Jesus! His **path** will be made **straight**—that is, the people's hearts will be made ready for his coming—by the contrition for sin and the repentance that come about through John's preaching. Mark is saying, in effect: "Israel, here is your God!" God's promises are being fulfilled, and a new and greater return from exile is about to take place!

It was not by chance that **John the Baptist** made his appearance **in the desert**. The desert is a place of deprivation, loneliness, and stripping away of comforts. The Jews would well remember the desert as a place of testing where their ancestors had wandered for forty years after the exodus, often complaining and rebelling against God, discovering God's severity toward sin but also his patience and merciful love. During this formative period, the Israelites were learning to depend on God to guide them and provide for all their needs—though they never learned that lesson completely. Centuries later, through the prophets, God recalled the desert wanderings as a time of intimacy and even of betrothal to his people (Jer. 2:1-3: Hosea 2:16-17) and promised to restore the purity of the original relationship.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Vincent Clemente

ITEMS FOR VETERANS ARE STILL BEING COLLECTED BY THE CCW

So many things are needed but here are just a few suggestions:

- Soap, shampoo, combs, washcloths, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, flip-flops, clothing i.e.
- hoodies, shirts, socks -
- Crackers, cookies, snacks, peanut butter -
- Pens, pencils, crossword puzzle books, pocket novels, reading glasses (all strengths), other activity
- books

They will collect items through the holiday season starting in November. Look for the veterans' mailbox in the vestibule.

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our families, and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

Thank you and blessings to all who have continued to support us during this time.

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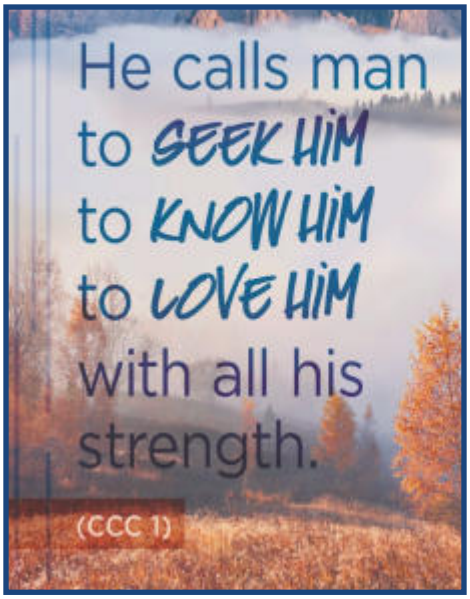
Early Bulletin deadlines

Dec. 20th bulletin inserts needed by **Thursday, Dec. 10th**

Dec. 27th bulletin inserts needed by **Tuesday, Dec. 15th**

Jan. 3rd bulletin inserts needed by **Thursday, Dec. 17th**

The **2nd Sunday of Advent** symbolizes Faith with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.



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November 20, 2020

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King and Advent approaches, please accept my pastoral greetings and concern for you, the good Faithful in the Diocese of Venice. My prayer is that the preparation for the Lord's coming in the Advent Season will enliven our hope in the promises of Christ.

Allow me to update you regarding Masses as the Covid-19 Pandemic continues to impact the Diocese and all of us. In my October 9, 2020 letter, it was said that the General Dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass would remain in effect until November 28, 2020, and perhaps longer. Considering the present circumstances of the virus spread, the General Dispensation is extended into the New Year and I will advise regarding its conclusion at a future date.

There are some optimistic signs and there are increasing numbers of the Faithful returning to Church for Sunday Mass. Also, there is greater weekday attendance. Please continue to make every reasonable effort to return to in-person worship if you are able. With gratitude, I acknowledge all who have returned and commend those who continue to join the live streaming of Mass due to vulnerabilities and those who care for them. Further, let us all keep in prayer our brothers and sisters who have had the virus and their families.

As Christmas and the New Year approach, it is crucial to maintain vigilance regarding safety precautions in Parishes. This will necessitate scaling back special Feast Day celebrations and holiday related events. Unfortunately, it cannot be as it was in the past. Particularly, I underscore the need for the wearing of masks, maintaining appropriate distances, as well as cleaning and sanitizing measures. Parishes have been encouraged to schedule more Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day than is customary. Having additional Masses, perhaps at different times or in different locations (Parish hall or gymnasium), will safely accommodate the potential numbers of Faithful who may attend Mass for Christmas.

At this challenging time, let us be united in prayer as we journey through the Advent Season in preparation for the Birth of Our Lord and Savior. Be assured of my prayers for you and your family!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
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Horario de Misas
Domingo: 10:00am
Jueves y Viernes: 7:00PM
Primer viernes del mes– Misa a las 7:00pm y la exposición del Santísimo Sacramento desde las 5:00pm hasta las 7:00pm
Confesiones: 9:30am domingo
Bautismos: 4o sábado del mes a las 4:00 pm
Platicas del bautismo: 3o viernes del mes a las 7:30pm después de la Misa
Quinceañeras: hablar con el sacerdote

Una voz clama: "Abran el camino al Señor en el desierto; en la estepa tracen una senda para Dios; todas las quebraduras serán rellenadas y todos los cerros y lomas rebajados; que se aplanen las cuestas y queden las colinas como un llano". (Isaías 40:3-5). El tiempo del Adviento es un tiempo hermoso. La Liturgia nos propone, caminar y avanzar. El camino está trazado, tenemos la confianza de llegar a puerto, llegaremos a un lugar cierto y seguro. Pero, antes debemos de preparar el camino, de enderezar los senderos mal llevados en nuestra vida. Esforzarnos es la respuesta a esta iniciativa del Bautista. Todos estamos expectantes de que algo nuevo surgirá.

El relato de Marcos es breve y conciso, la predicación del Bautista es muy diferente a la del Evangelio de Lucas. Marcos centra el anuncio de la venida del más poderoso, y del bautismo con el Espíritu Santo. *"Yo los he bautizado con agua, pero él los bautizará en el Espíritu Santo". (Marcos 1:8).* Bueno, entonces, ¿cómo debo preparar el camino del Señor? ¿Cómo pide Dios que viva mi matrimonio? ¿Qué de los vecinos que son de diferente cultura a la mía? La falta de trabajo, de alimento, vivienda y vestido de los demás no es solo su problema. Es también nuestro problema. No hagamos oídos sordos al grito del Bautista, cooperemos con él en su deseo de allanar el camino para que el Señor llegue ahí donde más se necesita su presencia. ¡Ven Señor no tardes en llegar! Especialmente, en este año 2020 tan devastado por el sufrimiento. ©LPi

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Thurs 7pm-9pm
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Carol Muir/863-465-2333
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CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION
Sunday 10:00 am Mass and Class
Connie Rollins/863-465-4361
CHOIR - All ages
Wednesday 6:30pm
Sally Fernsel/863-465-3215
CHURCH ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY
Annie Rodriguez/863-465-7675
COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW), LAKE PLACID
1st Thursday of the Month 10:00am
Carol Smart/863-699-5552
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DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP
2nd Friday of the month
3:00 pm, Social Hall
Mary Webb/863-273-4495
EMMAUS (MEN)
3rd Sunday of the Month
2:00 pm
Bob Muir/863-441-4754
EMMAUS (WOMEN)
2nd Sunday of the Month
2:00pm
Elsie Howe/863-633-8142
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
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GRIEF SUPPORT
2nd Thursday of the Month
2:00pm - 3:30pm
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HEALTH MINISTRY
Position open
HELPING HANDS
Elsie Howe/863-633-8142
HOMEBOUND
Joan Welsh/863-465-0711
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
2nd & 4th Tuesday of the Month
7:30pm
John Gray/715-456-9326
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Parish office/863-465-3215
YOUTH /CONFIRMATION CLASSES
Wednesday 6:30 pm/Social Hall
Connie Rollins/863-465-4361

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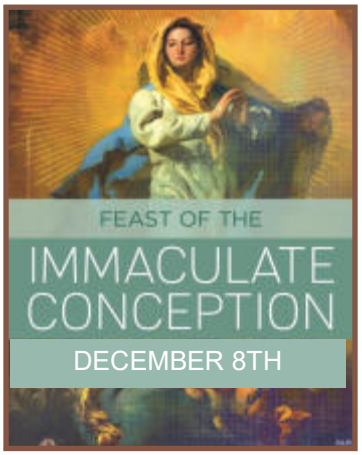
COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Daily Mass at 9AM. Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 4PM and Sundays at 8AM & 10AM. Adoration one hour after Mass on Thursdays. Call for an appointment for Confession. **If** you have a fever or flu like symptoms, please do not enter Church

- **You** must wear a mask before entering Church
- **Please** let Ushers take you to your seats
- **Please** maintain social distancing – Individual or Family Groups space 6 feet apart in pew.
- **Please** stay behind blue line when receiving Communion
- **Communion** will be received "in hand" only
- **No groups** over 10 people outside of Mass.



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