

St. Gabriel Parish

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent



“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.” *MT 1:3*

IS 40:1-5, 9-11

2 PT 3:8-14

MK 1:1-8

Please Include in Your Prayers



If you have any sick among you for whom you would like us to pray, please contact the Parish Office to request their name to be put on the prayer list. The list will be updated monthly. This week we remember the following:

Wesley Samosuk, Constance Hehl, Carol Crismer, Patricia Shanahan, Raul Casas, Carlotta Sumbilla, Dr. Orlando Sanidad, Madeline Terwilliger, Rosa Hernández, JoAnn Callahan, Bryant Peaco, Ma Juana Gomez, Robb Foote, John Spindler, Stephen Piechowiak, Esme Carty, Fernando Rodriguez, and all other members of our parish who are sick or shut-ins.

Scripture Reflection

Today's readings urge us to prepare for and be open to God's presence in our lives. We have been taught that this presence is ongoing, yet it doesn't always seem so.

We need to work to overcome fear and doubt, especially in challenging times, but the task need not be a frantic effort. These readings carry warnings and longings, but the operative words are comfort, tenderness and hope.

We wait and prepare because of the promise.

Readings for this Week

Day	Date	Readings
Monday	12/07	IS 35:1-10 / LK 5:17-26
Tuesday	12/08 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	GN 3:9-15, 20/ EPH 1:3-6, 11-12 LK 1:26-38
Wednesday	12/09	Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	12/10	IS 41:13-20 / MT 11:11-15
Friday	12/11	IS 48:17-19 / MT 11:16-19
Saturday	12/12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	ZEC 2:14-17 / LK 1:26-38

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

IS 61:1-2A, 10-11

1 THES 5:16-24

JN 1:6-8, 19-28

GENEROSITY REPORT

November 21st and 22nd

Mass	Envelope	Loose	Total
4:00 pm	\$300	\$121	\$421
8:00 am	\$353	\$93	\$446
10:30 am	\$195	\$156	\$351
12:30 pm	\$20	\$478	\$498
Weekly	Electronic	Giving:	\$1,057
In	The	Mail:	\$1,190

Income \$ 3,963.00
Expense \$ 6,075.00
Net \$- 2,112.00

Poor Box \$ 10.00

November 28th and 29th

Mass	Envelope	Loose	Total
4:00 pm	\$290	\$137	\$427
8:00 am	\$286	\$110	\$396
10:30 am	\$166	\$396	\$562
12:30 pm	\$62	\$566	\$628
Weekly	Electronic	Giving:	\$1,057
In	The	Mail:	\$1,861
WeShare	Online	November:	\$2,125

Income \$ 7,056.00
Expense \$ 1,756.00
Net \$ 5,300.00

Poor Box \$ 1,195.00

St. Gabriel Aid Food Pantry

Every week, from our Community Center we provide an average of 250 boxes of food to families in need, boxes filled with fresh fruits and vegetables, staples, dairy products, cleaning products and personal care items.

We are in great need of diapers, wipes and formula.

How you can help:

IDENTIFY:

- If you or anyone you know is in need of food please have them call 443-328-3230 to make an appointment to pick up food.

VOLUNTEER:

- Phone support volunteers bi-lingual or English speaking who respond to requests for food. This may be done from home and we have a google phone account, so your personal phone is never shared.
- Volunteers to distribute food M-F from 4-6 PM Saturday 1-3 PM
Join over 100 Volunteers from our parish and community and Contact Kacy Conley at 443-690-0997.

DONATE:

- We continue to collect non- perishable food items, cleaning supplies, personal care items and cat and dog food. WE ARE MOST IN NEED OF DIAPERS AND BABY FORMULA. Drop off at the Community Center
- To make a monetary donation
- ONLINE -Go to stgabrielch.org select from the menus St Gabriel AID FOOD PANTRY and then choose the WE SHARE option.
- MAIL to the parish office St. Gabriel Church 6950 Dogwood RD. Windsor Mill, MD 21244
- DROP- OFF in the slot to the left of the door to the St. Gabriel office.

Social Action Notes

What Would Jesus Do? (WWJD?) – A few times over the last several weeks under the heading of “Black Lives Matter” there was a notice about a group of parishioners representing several of our ethnic and cultural groups at St. Gabriel meeting to develop a program that would help gauge people's feelings about our parish. We have designed a survey to kick off this effort.

The survey can be completed electronically or by paper and pencil if you prefer. The survey will be available through the weekend of December 5/6. Notices about where to find the electronic version will be sent out via the Bulletin, Flocknotes, and our Facebook page.

The paper copies will be available before and after each mass. All COVID-19 protocols will be followed. You may complete the survey at any time before 11:59 PM on December 6. Please take this opportunity to voice your opinion. Thank you!

Special Food/Diaper Collection – On Saturday, November 21st, we conducted our annual Thanksgiving food basket distribution. We provided baskets for 44 families which included 168 individuals. People who attended the Thanksgiving Mass brought non-perishable food items to help restock the pantry to prepare for our Christmas food baskets.

We ask that you continue to donate holiday foods such as cranberry sauce, stuffing mixes, mashed potatoes, etc. Many families request diapers and wipes. All sizes of diapers and pull-ups are needed. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

Throughout the rest of the year feel free to drop off any non-perishable food items, household cleaning products, paper products, diapers, and pet food in the Narthex. Thank you!

Advent “Jesse Tree” Project – As mentioned in last week's bulletin, our “Jesse Tree” Project will be handled differently this year. Please, see below for further information.

Jesse Tree Project 2020

Due to the pandemic and the Archdiocesan guidelines, our Jesse Tree Project will be much different than in the past. There will be no tree, no tags, no gifts to return. If you wish to take part in our project this year, we ask that you send a monetary donation to any of the organizations listed below. We have provided addresses to donate electronically or by mail.

St. Vincent de Paul Head Start

To make an online donation, click on the hyperlink <https://www.vincentbaltimore.org/> or copy and paste the address into your browser.

If you prefer to donate by check, mail it to:

St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore
2305 North Charles Street, Suite 300
Baltimore MD 21218

In the memo line you can indicate that it is for the Head Start Program.

Women's Center West (formerly known as Pregnancy Center West)

To make an online donation, click on the hyperlink <https://www.womenscenterwest.com/> or copy and paste the address into your browser.

If you prefer to donate by check, mail it to:

Women's Center West
5411 Old Frederick Road #1
Baltimore, MD 21229

The WCW has requested that you indicate that the gift is from a member of St. Gabriel Church.

Project PLASE, Inc.

To make an online donation, click on the hyperlink https://projectplase.org/donate/?doing_wp_cron=1605472778.2119729518890380859375 or copy and paste the address into your browser.

If you prefer to donate by check, mail it to:

Project PLASE, Inc
3549-3601 Old Frederick Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21228

The Children's Home

To make an online donation, click on the hyperlink <https://www.thechildrenshome.net/holiday/2020-wish-lists/#toggle-id-25> or copy and paste the address into your browser.

If you prefer to donate by check, mail it to:

The Childrens Home
205 Bloomsbury Ave.
Catonsville, MD 21228

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

St. Gabriel Parish has the honor to invite you to the celebration in honor of our Lady of Guadalupe, that will take place on December 11th and 12th. Starting on Friday the 11th at 11:00 pm with the holy rosary, followed by the traditional mañanitas at 12:00 am. The Holy Mass in honor of the virgin will be celebrated on Saturday 12 at 9:30 am and after mass we will have a food sale: tamales, pupusas, atole, coffee, hot chocolate, and other snacks.

“With the pandemic we have a lot of rules for everyone to be safe. We must be 6 feet apart from each other unless you live with them. Always keep your mask on for your safety and others.”

(More information to follow next week)

