



JOHN THE BAPTIST APPEARED,
PREACHING IN THE DESERT OF JUDEA
AND SAYING, "REPENT,
FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
IS AT HAND!"

MATTHEW 3:1



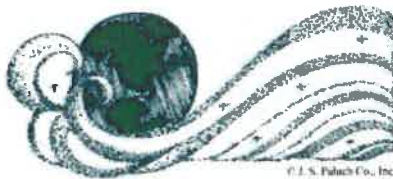
SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 8, 2019

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ADVENT CANDLE: TONY VARDI FOR THE POLARIS FOUNDATION

Have you ever known a moment when, just for a brief instant, you felt that all was right with the world? It is just such a moment, stretched into eternity, that the writer of Isaiah describes in today's first reading: the perfection of everything, centered in God's spirit, where knowledge, justice, and awe in God's presence reign. In such a paradise, everyone sees eye

to eye and thinks in harmony with each other, as Saint Paul describes in his letter to the Romans. Even animals with a natural animosity toward one another coexist peacefully. John the Baptist understood that such harmonious relationships do not simply happen. They are the fruit of living in right relationship with God and others.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, 5:45 pm	December 7, 2019 +Jim & +Rita Phelan req. by Ed & Judy Phelan
Sunday, 9:00 am	December 8, 2019 Parish Family of St. Patrick
Monday, 9:00 am	December 9, 2019 +Jerry Phelan req. by Ed & Judy Phelan
Tuesday,	December 10, 2019—NO MASS
Wednesday,	December 11, 2019—NO MASS
Thursday, 9:00 am	December 12, 2019 End To Abortion
Friday, 9:00 am	December 13, 2019 Adoration until 11am
Saturday, 5:45 pm	December 14, 2019 +Parish Family of St. Patrick
Sunday, 9:00 am	December 15, 2019 +Leonard & Rosella Smith

Altar Servers:

Saturday, December 14 - 5:45 pm
Brent Bieschke, volunteer
Sunday, December 15 - 9:00 am
Alexander & Annabelle Lawson

Cantor / Lector (Reader) :

Saturday, December 14 - 5:45 pm
Cameron Luehrs / Eva Luehrs
Sunday, December 15 - 9:00 am
Sarah Hoehn / Steve Hoehn

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, December 14 - 5:45 pm
Jim Kreske
Sunday, December 15 - 9:00 am
Tracy Quigley

Usher:

Saturday, December 14 - 5:45 pm
Howard Bieschke / Mark Tillotson
Sunday, December 15 - 9:00 am
Jim Ciesla / volunteer

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters : Boyle, Kotesa, Phelps

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37
Sunday, December 1\$1,946.44

Thank you for your support of our Parish

***Please Participate!
Your Gift Makes a Difference!***

Parish Goal:	\$ 10,400.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 11,845.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 10,925.00
2019 Rebate	368.00

Thank you for your generous response.

2020 COLLECTION ENVELOPES – We are preparing our collection envelopes for next year. If you are new to the parish and would like envelopes, please contact the office. We also need to know if you have changed your address or phone number. If you are an on-line giver and no longer wish the boxed set, please let us know. Thank you.

If you are unable to come to church because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. A priest or home bound minister can come to your home. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian can be reached at :
1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102.

Mass intentions can be requested through the office, or dropped in any weekend collection, please mark in a separate envelope. Think about having a Mass for a loved one. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. We are also accepting requests for our 2-week Sacred Heart Candle.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Extra Flower offering envelopes are on the back of church. If you would like to honor a special person or make a donation in memory of a loved one, enter their names on the envelope and return in the collection. The name will be published in the Christmas bulletin. Flowers will remain in church. Donations must be returned by December 15 to be included in the Christmas bulletin.

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Retired Religious.

Thank you for generosity.

Advent: The Grace of Waiting



Date: Thursday, December 12th

Adoration/Reconciliation—6:00 p.m.

Presentation: 7:00 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served.

St. Rose Catholic Church

Wilmington, IL

Special Guest Speaker

Dolores Bopp-Potterton

Join us for a special evening of adoration, reconciliation and reflection. As a certified Spiritual Director in private practice, Dolores accompanies others on their journey to wholeness. She is a lead member of the Spiritual Formation Team for the Diocese of Joliet Diaconate Program.

THE LONG-AWAITED ONE

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace. After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets.

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SAINT JUAN DIEGO (1474-1548)

How well Mary's own words describe Juan Diego: "God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly" (Luke 1:52). Through him, for the diverse peoples of the Americas, indigenous and immigrant, the Mother of God became known as their Mother, too. Cuauhtlatzin, his given name, means "One Who Speaks Like an Eagle," and Juan Diego faithfully delivered the Virgin's request that a church be built at Tepeyac where she had appeared to him. To the skeptical bishop's request for a sign, Our Lady showed Juan Diego roses blooming through stony ground, despite winter's cold. When he unfolded his tilma to present them to the bishop, imprinted there was Mary's image! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a mestiza, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus to peoples too easily prone to a "clash of cultures," Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS
THERE IS A SIGN UP SHEET IN THE
VESTIBULE FOR THE CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAY SEASON.**

**WE NEED CANTORS, LECTORS/
READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS,
SERVERS AND USHERS.**

**PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR PERSONAL SCHEDULE AND SIGN UP
WHERE YOU CAN. THANK YOU**

Second Sunday of Advent - In today's Gospel reading John the Baptist warns his listeners: "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" The Church's yearly Advent herald is a call to repentance. The season of Advent urges us to be open to a conversion of heart. Christian stewards heed this call daily, and take the need for conversion in their lives seriously. As a family of faith, do we hear this call to conversion amidst the massive holiday spending? The increase in credit card debt? The urge to buy things that are not necessary? The incivility on the roadways during the holidays? Are there patterns in our own lives that need to be converted?



RECONCILIATION
ST. ROSE, Every Thursday
6:00 pm– 7:00 pm

**Out of respect for those in Prayer Please be considerate and move your conversation
to the Vestibule before & after Mass. Thank You**



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Judith Wright; Cecelia Mundt; Lorenzo Rossi; Holly Flint-Jones; Cathy Engler; Brett Burkhalter; Michelle Schneider; Lou Crabtree; Ron Englert; Father Roger Kutzner; Doris Robbins, Mike Irlle, Chuck Phelps, Jodi Mundt, Hunter Lauridsen; Fr. Jim Lennon; Gary Ulman; Jessica Lagan; EJ Lagan; Nicole Flint

Anyone wishing to be on the prayer list, should contact the office.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF DECEMBER

- That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

Our parish offers Online Giving, a web based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage our contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. It is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at: www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org and selecting one Online Giving link.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 8, 2019

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12:1-26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4: Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1: or any readings from Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-7: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 11:16-19

Friday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 145:5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

Monday: Immaculate Conception

Tuesday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: International Holy Family Day

Thursday: St. Damasus I

Friday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday: St. Lucy

Sunday: St. John of the Evangelist

