

John proclaimed a baptism of repentance



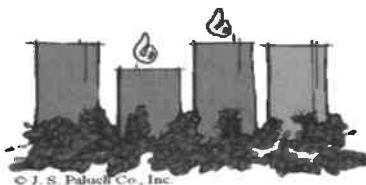
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December 9, 2018 • Second Sunday of Advent

When John proclaimed a baptism of repentance, as today's Gospel relates, he called people to a deep change of heart. For John the Baptist, repentance was not simply regret for past failings, but a commitment to orient life around God's desires and purposes. What might living in alignment with God's desires look like? Our readings offer some clues. Baruch indicates that when mercy and justice are embraced like a royal garment, we may see the fruits of repen-

tance. Paul notes how the Holy Spirit has been active within the church in Philippi, forming them to live in a loving and united community of faith, so they may witness to the love of God. And John himself suggests that a repentant heart clears a path for God to enter, leveling the mountains and valleys of our resistance, so that God might dwell within.

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SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 9, 2018

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 8, 2018
5:00 pm †Jerry Phelan req. by Ed & Judy Phelan

Sunday, December 9, 2018
9:00 am The Parish Family of St. Patrick
2:00 pm Penance Service

Monday, December 10, 2018
9:00 am †In Thanksgiving req. by Ed & Judy Phelan

Tuesday, December 11, 2018—NO MASS
6:00 pm Adoration until 9 pm

Wednesday, December 12, 2018—NO MASS

Thursday, December 13, 2018
9:00 am †John & Ann Shields

Friday, December 14, 2018
9:00 am Adoration until 11:00 am

Saturday, December 15, 2018
5:00 pm †Edward Cieply req. by Craig & Marilyn Cieply

Sunday, December 16, 2018
9:00 am †Leonard & Rosella Smith req. by Don Smith /
The Parish Family of St. Patrick

Altar Servers:

Saturday, December 15 - 5:00 pm
Brent Bieschke, Andy & Emily Horath

Sunday, December 16 - 9:00 am
Jimmy & Nikki Quigley

Cantor / Lector (Reader):

Saturday, December 15 - 5:00 pm
Linda Cakora / Jerry Kinsella

Sunday, December 16 - 9:00 am
Angie Kreske / Josh Kreske

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, December 15 - 5:00 pm
Jerry & Carmen Kinsella

Sunday, December 16 - 9:00 am
Melissa Wilhelmi

Usher:

Saturday, December 15 - 5:00 pm
Howard Bieschke, Eddie Horath

Sunday, December 16 - 9:00 am
Volunteers

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters: Boyle, Kotesa, Phelps

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,584.62

Sunday, December 2\$2,718.50

Thank you for your support of our Parish



The new 2019 Calendars are in the vestibule. Thank you Forsythe Funeral Home for this lovely donation.

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(630)639-0563.

The 2019 Collection Envelope Boxed Sets will be available next weekend. If there are any changes in your address or phone number, please contact the parish office. If you are new to the parish and would like envelopes please call the office; also if you have decided to use on-line giving and do not wish the boxed sets let us know. With some families using on-line giving we have had to change a few envelope ID numbers.

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 in the back of the church. If you would like to honor a special person or make a donation in memory of a loved one, enter their name (s) on the envelope or sheet of paper and return in the collection. The names will be published in the Christmas Bulletin. Flowers will remain in church. Donations must be returned by December 9 to be included in the Christmas Bulletin.



Father Joe's 86th birthday is Thursday, December 20

Let's shower him with birthday wishes !

Cards can be sent to : Father Joe Follmar
P.O. Box 113
Manhattan, IL 60442



Second Sunday of Advent

God knows where we are – and comes. This is divine revelation: God coming, God showing, God being with us. Always! Let us, therefore, wear the cloak of justice and the hat of God's glorious splendor. That is, let us still dress like Christ—just as we were first clothed in him at baptism—and radiate his presence—just as we were first illumined by him in that sacramental bath.

- John the Baptist calls us, today, to conversion. What will I do ?
- How can I wear mercy like a comfortable cloak, a well worn hat ?
- How can my daily life shine in more merciful ways ?

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

ST. PATRICK— SUNDAY DECEMBER 9—2:00 PM

ST. ROSE, WILMINGTON—EVERY THURSDAY EVENING FROM 6-7 PM

ST. PAUL, PEOTONE—WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19—6:30 PM

One never notices what has been done;
one can only see what remains to be done.

--Marie Curie



LITURGICAL MINISTERS PLEASE HELP

THERE IS A SIGN UP SHEET IN THE VESTIBULE FOR CHRISTMAS. WE NEED CANTORS, LECTORS (reader), EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, SERVERS, & USHERS.

PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR PERSONAL SCHEDULE AND SIGN UP WHERE YOU CAN

Save the Date

FOR NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

ABRAHAM LINCOLN NATIONAL CEMETERY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

- ARRIVAL TIME 9-10 A.M.
- CEREMONY AT 11:00 A.M.
- WREATH PLACEMENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY

Wreaths Across America

Save the Date - This year St. Rose is coordinating a group to participate in the National Wreaths Across America (WAA) Day at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood. The event takes place the morning at Saturday, December 15th and open to all youth and adults.

Community wide Christmas Caroling

Calling all youth grades 6-12th to help us provide joyful Christmas Carols this holiday season. We are inviting youth and their families from St. Rose, St. Patrick and other churches throughout the community to go Christmas Caroling on December 22nd. Fellowship and food will be provided after Christmas Caroling on Dec. 22nd.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistery, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three nativities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angels announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her. Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing.

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Riches are the instrument of all vices,
because they render us capable of putting even our worst
desires into execution.

--St. Ambrose

ADVENT PRAYER

Lord, fill our hearts with your love, and as you revealed to us by the angel Gabriel the coming of your Son as man, so lead us through his suffering and death to the glory of his resurrection, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



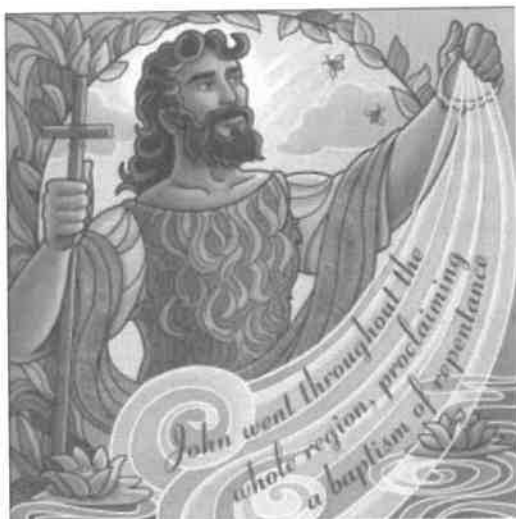
**PLEASE REMEMBER IN
YOUR PRAYERS**

Marge Flint; Grace Niemiec; Cathy Engler, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Jeanne Kuzmicz, Bonnie Hack; Ron Bzdil; Adrian Wilkerson, Michelle Schneider; Joyce Heffern, Lisa Bernhard, Jim McGrath ; Torie Jasinski; Judith Wright; Frank Wahlen; Cecelia Mundt; Don Tures; Kyle Cassidy; Derek Knauer; Marilyn Cieply; Norma Boyle; Judith Wright; Lorenzo Rossi; Joyce Albers; Tom Oliver; Jean Haas

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

**Intention of the Holy Father
MONTH OF DECEMBER**

- That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.



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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
December 9, 2018**



- Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18 bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
- Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL
OBSERVANCE**

- Sunday:** Second Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** International Human Rights Day
- Tuesday:** St. Damasus I
- Wednesday:** Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Thursday:** St. Lucy
- Friday:** St. John of the Cross



HEIGHTS AND DEPTHS

John the Baptist preached from the desert. The desert not far from Jerusalem is extremely rugged, where steep hills and deep valleys are common across a barren landscape. When John quoted Isaiah in today's Gospel, this rough terrain stirred the imagination of John's listeners. John proclaimed that these hills and valleys are to be made level, to provide a smooth path for God to enter.

John's listeners recognized that the height of hills and the depth of valleys are similar to human attitudes and relationships: heights of personal pride and depths of discouragement and fear. Hills and valleys evoked how people treat each other, with some people raised high and others brought low. They suggested how social structures embody and harden these tendencies with large-scale systems of military, political, or economic oppression. John proclaimed that God was about to alter this social landscape through the work of Jesus.

EARTH-MOVING

Transforming the human landscape, like the task of smoothing the desert hills and valleys, is an enormous undertaking, truly the work of God. Yet God looks for partners in this transformation. John the Baptist, and Jesus afterward, called followers to participate in God's work, and to begin with repentance. We the Church respond to this call today, and acknowledge our ongoing need for God's mercy and forgiveness. Our Advent preparation for Christmas includes opening our hearts to God's forgiveness, so that Jesus might come to take residence there.

We join in God's earth-moving project by repenting of how we block God's path with resentments and fears. When we are brought low in our lives, we seek God's help, and God will enlist the help of others. When we realize that we reside on mountains of advantage or privilege that place others in valleys, we are to repent and to change how we live. When we bring healing and justice to others, we are sharing in God's earth-shaking work, and preparing a straight pathway for our God.

Today's Readings: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

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