

DECEMBER 6, 2020

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DAILY EVENTS AND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 5th

9:00 a.m. Christmas Toy Shop
4:15 p.m. Confessions
3:00 p.m. Play Practice
5:00 p.m. Mass: + Phyllis Benz

Sunday, December 6th

8:15 a.m. Confessions
9:00 a.m. Mass: Stu Curtis
10:10 a.m. Religious Education 2nd-4th, 7th & 8th
10:45 a.m. Confessions
11:30 a.m. Mass: People of OLP

Monday December 7th

8:30 a.m. Mass: +Mary Lukassen
7:00 p.m. IN IPSO talk: Peter Stur
6:00 p.m. Misa: Vigilia la Inmaculada Concepción:
David Fahey

Tuesday, December 8th

8:30 a.m. Mass: + Harriet Ford
6:30 p.m. Mass: + Mary Beckman

Wednesday, December 9th

OFFICE CLOSED: ALL DAY

Thursday, December 10th

8:30 a.m. Mass: Stu Curtis

Friday, December 11th

8:30 a.m. Mass: + Mary Lukassen
5:30 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary
6:30 p.m. Mass: OPEN - OL of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 12th

4:15 p.m. Confessions
10:00 a.m. Decorating the Church
3:00 p.m. Play Practice
5:00 p.m. Mass: Mark and Michelle Linnebur

Sunday, December 13th

8:15 a.m. Confessions
9:00 a.m. Mass: Stu Curtis
10:10 a.m. Religious Education 2nd-4th, 7th & 8th
10:45 a.m. Confessions
11:30 a.m. Mass: People of OLP

Please pray for those who are ill & in need of our continued prayer:

*Terence Sewald, David Prieur, Bob Yoder, Kaylee Remmich,
Joe Kranz, Brian & Crissy Cobain, Christopher Endicott, Eddy Messer,
Erin Palmer, Scott Weaver & Luke Barden, Foster Sauter*

QUESTION OF THE WEEK/REFLECTION

Prepare the Way of the Lord!

As we continue our journey to Bethlehem to celebrate “the one event that redirected the course of human history more than any other: the Incarnation of Jesus Christ,” let us look at the image of John the Baptist, the precursor of Jesus Christ. John’s vocation was to fulfill the prophesy of Isaiah which said, “A voice cries: ‘In the wilderness prepare the way do the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.’”

The Greek Orthodox Church understands this journey as a reminiscence of the forty years of Israel in the wilderness, in which they begin what is known as Advent Fast. Therefore, as early as the fifth century, the Christian was asked to fast three times a week during Advent. It was a way of making straight the path for the Lord, which came not through the poinsettias but through penance, through fasting, through contemplation of the mystery of “God with us.” Advent disposes the soul to move towards something, or someone, who is coming. If Advent is allowed to work upon us, then we will be prepared to receive the graces of Christmas, and only then can we make an interior pilgrimage that truly prepares us to receive Christ, just as the Blessed Virgin Mary did.

For the Christian, repentance brings joy, and also rejoicing, for the purification of our humanity has come, and is coming again. Even in the midst of our penitential preparations, God moves before us. Advent is time set apart from Christmas, given to prepare us for something that the prophets foretold. But in the midst of our unpreparedness, even as we repent of our sins, the Church bears witness to that heavenly order of rejoicing in that Light which illumines every light: God is coming into the world, to make holy all the world in “the economy of the flesh,” as St. Cyril has it. We can hear the words of John the Baptist resound: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Therefore, let us continue our spiritual journey towards this great mystery of the Incarnation with fervent joy.

OFFERTORY

November 29, 2020

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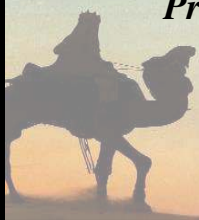
Thank you for your generosity!

FORMED DURING ADVENT:

Prepare the Way by Bob Rice

Advent

<https://watch.formed.org/advent-1/season:1/videos/prepare-the-way-by->



PARISH UPDATES

- ❖ **PARISH BILINGUAL PENANCE SERVICE:** There will be a bilingual Penance service on December 19th, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please take advantage of this time to go to confession and prepare your heart for the coming of our Savior.
- ❖ **Annual Christmas Wreath Sale:** K of C are selling Wreaths this weekend before and after all weekend masses. Pickup or delivery is available. For more info or to order call Jerry Mosbrucker at: 303-929-0509
- ❖ **Our Lady of Guadalupe:** We will be having our celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Friday December 11 beginning at 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Decorating the Church:** All the youth of our parish are invited to come and help decorate the Church on December 12th at 10:00 a.m. We will get to enjoy some delicious Pizza afterwards, so come out and join us!
- ❖ **Christmas Play 2020:** The play will be Sunday, December 20, 2020 from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm.
- ❖ **Continuing the theme "God Within" Peter Stur:** will be giving presentations on "Prayer and the Interior Life". The next meeting is December 7th from 7:00 pm- 8:30 pm. The Remaining Schedule of talks: December 7th, 14th & 18th. If you miss one, not a problem, come to the next.
- ❖ ****NEW** Child Care/Kid's Ministry:** There will be childcare available this weekend during the 9:00 a.m. mass. The room to drop off your children will be the quiet room.
- ❖ **Bulletin Advertising Space Available:** There is currently one space available for your company to advertise in the bulletin., or if someone wants to be put back on the bulletin, please contact Michelle 303-769-4333
- ❖ **Christmas Altar adornment envelopes:** are in the pews this weekend, consider helping us adorn the church for Christmas.



YOUTH EVENTS & UPDATES

- ❖ **SUNDAY Religious Education:** The following dates are the **ONLY Sundays when Religious Ed will be CANCELLED.** There will be **NO RE** on: 12/20, 12/27 & 1/3. Classes will resume on: January 10, 2021.
- ❖ **NEXT RCIA & RCIC class:** December 10th - 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- ❖ **SOPHIA INSTITUTE:** Our next meeting: Jan. 4th, 2021: 6:30-7:30 pm
- ❖ **ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK FOR KIDS!!!** (for K- 2nd grade)
This week: Advent: <https://watch.formed.org/brother-francis-the-days-of-advent/season:2/videos/day-2-the-power-of-prayer-1>

ALTAR & ROSARY

- ❖ **Altar & Rosary Meeting:** December 6th. Immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Basement of the Rectory. Please, remember to wear your mask.
 - ❖ **Silent Auction:** 12/12 and 12/13 We will be holding a silent auction instead of our annual bake sale and live auction. The Silent auction will be held after all masses on the weekends of 12/12 to 12/13 and 12/19 to 12/20. The Bidding will close at 1:00 p.m. on 12/20.
- *ALL DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 10TH.** The auction will be in the church hall where bidders will pick up a numbered ticket that has their contact information on one part (we keep) and just the number on the other half (bidder keeps). They then walk around and bid on items they want by writing down their number and their bid amount on the paper in front of the item. End of the auction the highest bidder will be contacted, and arrangements will be made for payment and pickup of the item. If you have any questions, please contact the following:

Thank you all, God bless.

- Jane Kranz, president 303.882.9995
- Diane Fahey, vice president 303.748.3897

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!
MAKE STRAIGHT THE PATH

- Is 40:3

