

## ST PAUL CATHOLIC CENTER

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December 7th & 8th, 2024

## Second Sunday of Advent

### The Second Sunday of Advent - Reflection by Fr Thomas Hoisington

Baskin-Robbins used to advertise that they sold 31 flavors of ice cream. You could have a different flavor every day of the month! On the Baskin-Robbins website, the company states that since 1945, they've produced over one thousand, three hundred flavors. It's difficult to imagine that ice cream could come in that many different forms.

During the Season of Advent, one of the virtues that the Church sets before us—both for us to reflect upon, and for us to put into action—is the virtue of humility. One of the potholes that we might fall into, however, is thinking that there's only one form of humility: that humility looks the same within each person. It doesn't!

The Season of Advent sets before us several models of humility. During your daily time for prayer and reflection, you might over the next few weeks consider each of these models of humility, one at a time. Each can help you meditate upon what changes you could make in your life in order to make your life look more like the lives of these models of humility.

Who are these models of humility? The four chief models of Advent humility are: St. John the Baptist, St. Joseph, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Obviously that order is in order of increasing humility. Yet the first of the four is first for another reason, also: because we have to begin with the example of St. John the Baptist.

John's message is a *"baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins."* St. Mark the Evangelist goes on to describe this further: how people *"were going out to [John the Baptist] and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins."*

This act of humility—acknowledging one's sins—is the first step to accepting the gift of Jesus. Every year about this time, you hear the saying that Jesus is "the reason for the season". True enough. But what's the further reason? That is to ask: why was Jesus born in Bethlehem? Why did God the Father send His only Child from Heaven down to earth?

Did God the Father send His Son to earth in order to teach? There are many world religions that recognize Jesus as a great teacher: on a par with other religious teachers such as Buddha, or Mohammed, or Confucius, they claim. But God the Father did not need to send His Son from Heaven in order to teach mankind. He'd been doing that for centuries through the prophets of the Old Testament. God the Father could have dropped down copies of the Sermon on Mount from Heaven if He had wanted to. Teaching was not the chief reason for God the Son to be born at Bethlehem.

The chief reason is summed up in a little saying: "The wood of the crib is the wood of the cross." Or there's another saying that expresses the same insight: "Jesus was born in Bethlehem so that he could die on Calvary." "So that he could die." What God the Son, as God, could not accomplish from Heaven is to die in order to wash away both your sins, and the punishment that your sins merit. That's why if you won't acknowledge your sins as St. John the Baptist demands, you won't be able to accept Jesus as the gift that God the Father sent Him to be for you.

### ***Please Pray for:***

Torii Cain	Jim Keys	Richard McAfee
Cheryl Kartes	Jim Scarth †	Rita Hoffman
David Pope	Joseph Graziano	Rob Dwyer
Dionesio Briones †	Karen Poelakker	Samuel Scarth
Don Taylor	Kitty Woolridge	Shaun Rich
Doug Pope †	Kyle Hanson †	Sue Munoz
Fred Hawkes	Laura Fawson	Suzie Bledsoe
Gordon Bryson	Lilie Ostro	TJ Olsen
Hector Garduno †	Lynn Spencer	Tom Garegnani
Irving & Lucille Douroux	Lynne Cook	Tracy Goodin
Jean Bourque †	Mark Borowiak	Wanda Guglielmetti
Jill Nagrodsky	Norm Engle	Wendy & Lance Tanner

We are a Mission Parish; our Priests travel from St George

### **CONTACT A PRIEST**

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**Pastor, Reverend**

**David Bittmenn,**

Reverend Tristan Dillon

Deacon Dan Weber

**Communion to the**

**Sick & Homebound:**

**Please contact the church office.**

### Parish Calendar

**VIGIL MASS:** Saturday 6p

**MASS:** Sunday 12:30p

**BIBLE STUDY:** Monday @ 12:30p

**ROSARY:** Monday 2p

**BINGO:** Check back in January

**KNIGHTS ROUNDTABLE:**

Third Monday at 3p

**CCD CLASSES**—Tuesday 5:30-7p

**COMMUNION SERVICE:** @ 9am

Wednesdays

**ADORATION:**

Wednesday, Dec 11, 9:30-10a

Saturday, Dec 21st 7p-8p

**A Funeral Mass for Jean-Paul Bourque** will be celebrated on **Friday, December 13, 2024, 11:00 a.m.** at **St. Paul's**. A **potluck reception** will follow at the **Bourque Home**. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: **St. Paul Building Fund, PO Box 950, Hurricane, Utah 84737.**

**FREE—Hurricane Valley Choir**  
**Christmas Concert - December 14th at 7pm**  
**Hurricane Fine Arts Auditorium**



**Last week collecting Donations**  
**after mass for**  
**SHOP with a COP**

**SPECIAL FOOD COLLECTION for Christmas**  
**NEXT WEEKEND—December 14th & 15th**



*"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle." - St. Francis of Assisi*

### LOOKING AHEAD

The **Immaculate Conception** is moved to **Monday Dec. 9th** and **IS a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
Mass at St Pauls at 5:30p

**Dec. 11th**—Guadalupe Procession  
Meet at 5pm at Sand Town Park  
600 N Bluff in St George

Dec. 12th—Our Lady of Guadalupe is **NOT** a Holy Day—Masses in St George.

Sunday, Dec 15th & 22nd Confession St Pauls 11am before Mass.

**Dec. 18th—St George Penance Service 7pm**

**THRIFT STORE**—Blowout Event  
Dec 18th - 20th

**Dec. 24th**—Mass at St Paul's  
6pm

**Dec. 25th**—Mass at St Paul's at  
12:30pm

Dec. 24th—Jan. 1st—THRIFT  
STORE CLOSED—reopens 10am  
January 2nd

Dec. 27th—Shroud of Turin Exhibit—10:30a-3p in Kuzy Hall

January 1st is a HOLY Day of OBLIGATION—Mass at St Paul's at 5:30p

## **“The Mystery of the Shroud of Turin”**

**An Exclusive Presentation by Professor Fr. Andrew Dalton**  
**Hosted by St. Paul Catholic Center & St. George Catholic Church**



**Date: Friday, December 27, 2024**

**Time:** Registration begins at 10:30am,  
presentation at 11am,

Exhibit will be open until 2:30pm

**Place: St. George Catholic Church (Kuzy Hall)**  
**259 W 200 N, St. George, UT 84770**

Our Presenter is Fr. Andrew Dalton, a Roman Catholic priest of the Legionaries of Christ and an international speaker on the Shroud. He is a Professor at the Pontifical University of Rome, Italy, where he teaches Biblical Theology of the Passion of Christ. He is also a Board member of Othonia, a part of the Pontifical University's Science and Faith Institute, which educates the public about the Shroud of Turin.

**“The Shroud is a challenge to our intelligence... For the believer, what counts above all is that the Shroud is a mirror of the Gospel.” ~ Saint Pope John Paul II**