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May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ To The World!

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

Peace

*Prepare the way of the Lord,
Make straight his paths.*

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

*Registration suggested
for weekend Masses.*

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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection – Second Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist's life was fueled by one burning passion: to point others to Jesus Christ and to the coming of his kingdom. John broke the prophetic silence of the previous centuries when he began to speak the word of God to the people of Israel. His message was similar to the message of the Old Testament prophets who chided the people of God for their unfaithfulness and who tried to awaken true repentance in them. Among a people unconcerned with the things of God, it was his work to awaken their interest, unsettle them from their complacency, and arouse in them enough goodwill to recognize and receive Christ when he came.

John's baptism was for repentance - turning away from sin and taking on a new way of life according to God's word. Our baptism in Jesus Christ by water and the Spirit results in a new birth and entry into God's kingdom as his beloved sons and daughters (John 3:5). The Lord Jesus comes to baptize each one of us in his Holy Spirit so that we may walk in his truth and holiness and radiate the joy of the Gospel to all we meet. God's word has power to change and transform our lives so that we may be lights that point others to Jesus Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Christ. Do we point others to Jesus Christ in the way we live, speak, and treat others?

Readings for Sunday, December 13, 2020

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28



Saint of the Week Our Lady of Guadalupe

The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story.

A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patron saint of The Americas and Mexico.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: December 12

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, December 5

4:00 p.m. - Carmela, Larry & James DeMasi †

Sunday, December 6

8:30 a.m. - Julie Balassone †

Monday, December 7

No Mass

Tuesday, December 8 (Immaculate Conception)

6:00 p.m. - Marsh, Roach & Cessna Families

Wednesday, December 9

6:00 p.m. - Advent Penance Service

Thursday, December 10

12 noon - Angela Dorsey †

Friday, December 11

9:00 a.m. - Meredythe Barrick's Intentions

Saturday, December 12

4:00 p.m. - Deceased Members of the
Alt, Cobb & Kuh Families

Sunday, December 13

8:30 a.m. - Gladys Calemine †

Collections & Attendance:

Week Ending November 29, 2020

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,260
Loose Donations	\$320
Repairs & Maintenance	\$60
Holiday Flowers	\$20
Poor Box.....	\$112
Votive Candles	\$65
Total	\$2,837

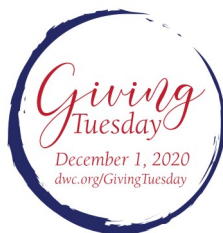
Diocesan Collections.....	\$125
Saturday Attendance	18
Sunday Attendance	31
Total	49

A national collection for Retired Religious is scheduled for next Sunday. More information about this fund can be found in the enclosed message from Bishop Mark Brennan.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception



Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held on **Tuesday, December 8, at 6 p.m.**



Giving Tuesday Update

To date we have raised \$10,405 in our Giving Tuesday campaign...thank you to all who have donated so far!

Since the Catholic Sharing Appeal was not held this year, money raised through Giving Tuesday will allow us to accomplish the special projects that would have been supported by the CSA: installing a security system for all properties and installing new carpet in St. Mary's Hall.

Even though the online donation site is no longer open, we can continue to collect donations.

These can be dropped off or mailed to the Parish Office or placed in the offertory basket, with "Giving Tuesday" on the memo line. Our parish will receive 100% of your donation. Thank you!

\$12,000



Peace

Let the peace of Christ
rule in your hearts.



Viola M. Huffman

Born into Life
April 11, 1923

Born into Eternal Life
November 26, 2020

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,
and let the perpetual light shine upon her.
May Viola's soul and all the souls of the
faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

*A Mass of Christian Burial was held
at our church on Friday, December 4.*



Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, December 12....Kenny Brant (L)
Anita Tetreault (C)

Sunday, December 13Kelley Kuhn (L)
Nancy Starcher (C)

Saturday, December 19....Doug Minnich (L)
Linda Marsh (C)

Sunday, December 20Paul Bogdan (L)
Julie Alt (C)

Saturday, December 26....Karen Yowler (L)
Linda Marsh (C)

Sunday, December 27John Bogdan (L)
Julie Alt (C)

*If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled date,
please arrange for a replacement.*

Warm the Children Donations

The Knights of Columbus continue to collect new winter clothing for the local *Warm the Children* campaign. These items can be dropped off at the Parish Office through next weekend and will be used for this year's clothing drive.

Giving Tuesday: Other Ways to Give

The Giving Tuesday campaign encourages us to show generosity in many ways - not just with monetary donations. It can be volunteering, praying, or other acts of kindness.

We have many ways that you can give to our parish. We are in need of additional cantors; if you've been given this gift, please share it with us! Maybe you've been thinking about becoming a lector; call us, we'll train you!

As you know, we began having greeters when we reopened for Mass to help register, take temperatures, assist with Communion, etc. We have decided that greeters are a great addition and will be continuing with them, even when we don't have to write down names and check temperatures. We will be developing a schedule for greeters just like we do for lectors; if you would like to participate in this ministry, please call or email the Parish Office.

Volunteers Needed

The church will be open for private prayer on Christmas Eve from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. We need volunteers to clean the pews that are used in between visitors. If you are available for a 1- or 2-hour shift that day, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

Remember to Register For Christmas Masses!

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