



The Time Is Right

Saint Luke loves to be precise in his Gospel, so he documents the exact time and place of the appearance of John the Baptist, the precursor to Jesus. Tiberius was the second emperor of Rome, and the fifteenth year of his reign corresponds to AD 27. Pontius Pilate was prefect from the years 26 to 36. Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, ruled in Galilee until his death in the year 39 and is the Herod who had John the Baptist beheaded. On the Jewish side, Caiaphas was high priest, and his influential father-in-law Annas was considered a leader of Jewish religious life.

These historical dates align with Luke's explanation, as well as other events described in his Gospel. Ours is a faith based on real people and events. No doubt there is a great appreciation for the supernatural in our faith, but it is never *against* nature, just *beyond* it.

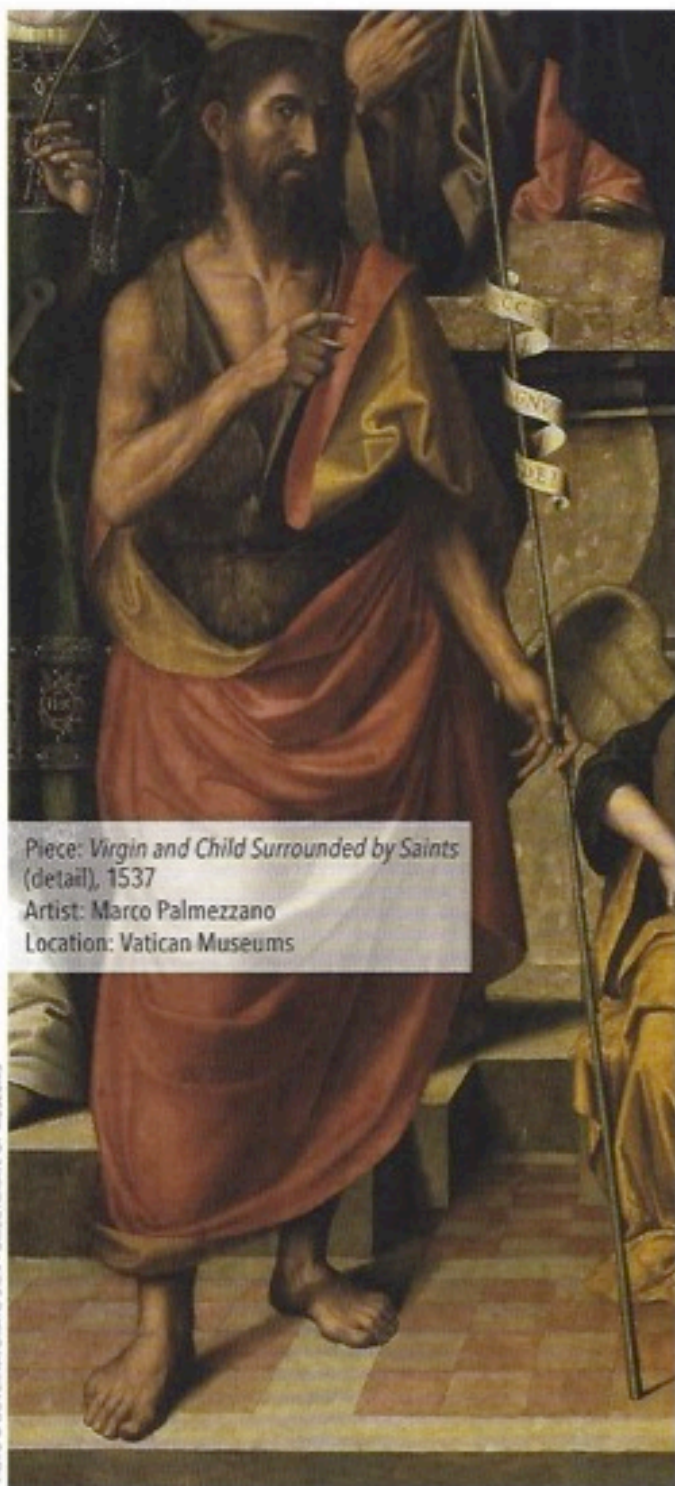
Jesus praised John the Baptist (see Matthew 11:2-9) for his strong will and dedication. Humility, austerity, courage, and a spirit of prayer are also a large part of the testimony John left us. Palmezzano dresses him in the martyr's red and camel skin to accent his supreme virtue. So dedicated and heroic was he in his fulfillment of the mission entrusted to him, Jesus acclaimed "among those born of women there has been none greater" (Matthew 11:11). "He was a burning and shining lamp" (John 5:35) to illuminate the path toward the true light who was coming into the world. Once that divine light arrived, John receded into the shadows.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I lead people to Jesus through my dedicated testimony?

Do I speak easily and naturally of Jesus with colleagues, family, or friends?



Piece: *Virgin and Child Surrounded by Saints* (detail), 1537

Artist: Marco Palmezzano

Location: Vatican Museums

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*He went throughout [the] whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming
a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.*

Luke 3:3

**Parish of the Visitation
and St. Raymond
St. Andrew's Church**

Msgr. John R. Murphy, Pastor 315-384-4242

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Masses: Saturday: St. Andrew's~ 4:00pm; St. Raymond's~ 6:00pm

Sunday: St. Andrew's~ 8:30am; Church of the Visitation~ 10:30am

**Confessions: Saturday: Church of the Visitation~ 11:30-12:00pm and upon request
St. Andrew's~ 3:15pm and upon request; St. Raymond's~ before 6:00pm Mass as time allows**

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat Dec 8		+ Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	4:00pm	ST. ANDREW'S – Alice Dolecki by Pat LaRose
	6:00pm	ST. RAYMOND'S – Joanne E. Parent by Paul, Diane Baxter & Family
Sun Dec 9		+ Saint Juan Diego
	8:30am	ST. ANDREW'S – For the intentions of the Parishioners
	10:30am	CHURCH OF THE VISITATION – Gerry Richards by John Richards
Mon Dec 10	8:30am	ST. ANDREW'S – Paul Brownell by the Elizabeth Brownell Estate
		<u>MORNING PRAYER AND MASS</u>
Tue Dec 11		+ Saint Damasus I, Pope
	8:30am	ST. RAYMOND'S – Special Intentions
		<u>MORNING PRAYER AND MASS</u>
Wed Dec 12		+ Our Lady of Guadalupe
	8:30am	ST. ANDREW'S – Fr. George Maroun by Norwood K of C
Thu Dec 13		+ Saint Lucy of Syracuse, Virgin and Martyr
	8:30am	ST. ANDREW'S – Hugh Miller by Thomas Fiocco & Family
Fri Dec 14		+ Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Martyr
	8:30am	CHURCH OF THE VISITATION – Rita and Leon Robert by Robert Family
		<u>MORNING PRAYER AND MASS</u>
		<u>8:25AM – NOVENA IN HONOR OF ST. PEREGRINE</u>
Sat Dec 15	4:00pm	ST. ANDREW'S – Richard Boprey by Robert Reagan
	6:00pm	ST. RAYMOND'S – Living and Deceased Members of the PVSR ARS by the Society
Sun Dec 16	8:30am	ST. ANDREW'S – Naz & Carol Bellerdini & Audrey Vandermuss by Mark & Beth Bellerdini & Family
	10:30am	CHURCH OF THE VISITATION – For the intentions of the Parishioners

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 9 K of C Breakfast, 8:30 – 12:00pm, FAPC
Dec 9 Faith Formation Classes, 9:20 – 10:20am, FAPC
Dec 10 NHN Bing, 1:30 – 3:30pm, Baldwin Acres
Dec 10 Living Stones Steering Committee Mtg, 6:30pm, FAPC
Dec 12 Domino Days, 12:30 – 3:00pm, FAPC
Dec 12 SA ARS Christmas Gathering, 5:30pm, SA Church Hall
Dec 13 Bingo for the Fun of It, 1:30 – 3:00pm, High Street Apts
Dec 13 Norfolk K of C Mtg., 6:15pm, FAPC
Dec 14 Movie Night "The Star", 6:30 – 8:30pm, FAPC
Dec 15 First Reconciliation, 9:30am – 1:00pm, FAPC
Dec 16 Faith Formation Dress Rehearsal, 9:20 – 10:20am, FAPC
Dec 16 Faith Formation Family Christmas Event "A Keepsake Christmas", 11:45am, FAPC
Dec 20 Norwood K of C Mtg., SA Church Hall
Dec 24 Christmas Eve
Dec 25 Christmas

Church of the Visitation: 3 Morris Street, Norfolk, NY 13667, 315-384-4242

St. Andrew's Church: 2 Park Avenue, Norwood, NY 13668, 315-353-7303

St. Raymond's Church: 8828 St. Hwy 56, Raymondville, NY 13678

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Parish Secretary: Amy Mudry Religious Education: St. Andrew's Ellie Prashaw, Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond: Carol O'Brien Gonthier

Creating a culture of vocation . . .

"IT IS REALLY GOD HIMSELF, the 'LORD of the harvest', who chooses his laborers. His call is always undeserved and unexpected. We are called to cooperate with his providence, and to use the powerful tool that he has placed in our hands: prayer> Jesus said, "Pray the LORD of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest!"

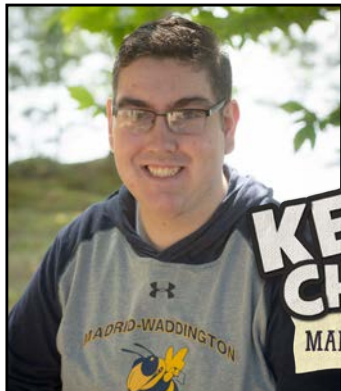
OUR ADOPTED SEMINARIAN

Tyler Fitzgerald is our adopted seminarian would love to hear from you and appreciates your support: Please take a moment to let him know that you are caring and praying for him.

TYLER FITZGERALD
Pontifical College Josephinum
7625 N. High Street
Columbus, Ohio 42235

Our adopted seminarian
Tyler Fitzgerald
will be joining us for our

Faith Formation's Family Event



Tyler hopes to greet and meet the youth and families of our parishes while also enjoying the presentation. Come, visit with *Tyler* and share in our **KEEPSAKE CHRISTMAS** Family Event at the Fr. Amyot Parish Center,
Sunday, December 16, 2018
from 11:45am - 1:30pm

SA ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY

St. Andrew's Altar & Rosary Society members will be having their Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 12th with social hour at 5:30 and the meal at 6 PM. Members and invited guests are asked to bring a dish to pass and a \$10.00 gift for the Bingo which will follow the meal. If you have any questions please feel free to call Anne Miller at 353-2950.

RETIREMENT PLAN FOR PRIESTS

The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement Plan for Priests has long been supported by parish contributions from its annual Christmas Collection. Currently 37 retired priests, and 9 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of \$872,000 in 2018-19. Also 100% of the cost of health insurance premiums for retired priests is paid by the Plan. Your generous contribution not only supports current retirees but will also help provide for the retirement needs of priests who will retire in the future. Say *thank you* to your pastor and all priests of the diocese through a generous contribution to our Christmas Collection.

TRINITY THANK YOU!

Many thanks to EVERYONE who donated to our One Day of Giving on Tuesday, November 27! You helped us raise \$41,966. But that doesn't mean it's too late to give! Our Trinity Fund will run through next October and donations can be made at our school office at 188 Main Street, Massena, by calling 315-769-5911, or by going to our website at www.trinitycatholicschool.net and clicking the DONATE button. Please watch adorable videos of our students giving tallies on our website. You may also see a full list of donors on our website page, as well!

THANK YOU BISHOP LAVALLEY

We are so grateful for everyone who came to celebrate Mass with us after Bishop LaValley's visit with students on 11/29. We so appreciate the Bishop taking the time to visit our school!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Reporting Abuse: As part of the Safe Environment Program followed so closely today by the Church in the North Country we want to inform people again that ample opportunities exist for reporting incidents of abuse. Please see the brochures regarding safe environment and child safety available in all the churches. For further information please talk with Fr. Murphy, Carol Gonthier, Ellie Prashaw, or visit the diocesan website.



Neighbors Helping Neighbors Party for Kids

Come join us at the Norwood Public Library on **Saturday December 15th from 12:00 – 3:00** for an afternoon of holiday fun. Activity stations will be set up where kids can enjoy making holiday crafts, listening to a special Christmas story with a fun activity to follow, playing Christmas BINGO, and of course decorating Christmas cookies. Hope to see

A PASTOR'S PONDERINGS:

I was thoroughly surprised to be asked by Bishop LaValley to become pastor in Old Forge and Inlet in January. My hope was to remain here, with you, until my retirement in a few years. I will miss you so much! How grateful I am to God that we can enjoy our liturgies and time together through Advent and the whole Christmas season. At his ordination a priest promises to his Bishop obedience and respect. I intend to do my very best in my new assignment to honor that commitment. More than that, in faith I believe that a Bishop in assigning priests discerns what is the will of God for them and local Church leadership. I hope you will join with me in accepting the changes this signals. The challenges here today are great! YOU are so valuable as a committed member of these fine parish communities. Your active participation is needed. I believe that. Trusting providence and God's grace, let us all look to our future with trust and hope.

- Fr. Murphy

PARISH OF THE VISITATION AND ST. RAYMOND

SANCTUARY LAMP BEFORE THE TABERNACLE

The Sanctuary Lamp at the
Church of the Visitation burns this week for
Our Pastor - Msgr. John R. Murphy
By Gil & Carol Gonthier

PVSR ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on December 23rd after the 10:30am Mass. Volunteers are welcomed!

Wreath of Wealth Raffle

\$50
plus \$50
worth of
tickets

Need not be present to win
Drawing at Christmas Family Event
December 16, 2018

\$1 each or 6 for \$5



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP BEFORE THE TABERNACLE

The Sanctuary Lamp at the
Church of the Visitation burns this week for
12th Ann. Joe Regan
By Joan

COFFEE HOUR



Join for St. Andrew's Coffee Hour us on Sunday, December 16th after the 8:30am Mass. Everyone is welcome to gather at the rectory for refreshments and fellowship. We hope to see you there! *Note that there will not be a coffee hour on the second Sunday of each month in deference to the Norfolk K of C Brunch.*

ST. ANDREW'S PRAYER LINE

Members of our Parish who would like a member of their family or a close friend put on our Prayer Line are asked to call either Doreen Valade @ 315-212-5729 or Ann Miller @ 315-353-2950. Please be sure the person we will be praying for agrees to this before you call. Everything you share with us is kept confidential.

ST. ANDREW'S PRAYER GROUP

St. Andrew's prayer group meets at St. Andrew's Church Hall each Monday at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

St. Andrew's Parish Financial Report Available: At a meeting of the Parish Corporation a week ago the Parish Financial Report for 2017-18 and the Parish Budget for the current fiscal year were approved by the members present, Trustees Rita Jackson and Kent Fetter and Msgr. Murphy. Both documents were previously developed and approved at the direction of the Parish Finance Council. Copies of the Parish Financial Report for that year are available at the main church entrance. Trustees, Finance Council members, and Fr. Murphy all welcome discussion of our reports.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Monday Dec. 17th 11:00am-12 noon
(St. Andrew's) Fr. Murphy
Tuesday Dec. 18th 2:00-3:00pm
(St. Andrew's) Fr. Amyot
Wednesday, Dec. 19th 6:30 - 7:30pm
(St. Raymond's) Fr. Amyot
Friday, Dec. 21st 3:30 - 4:30pm
(Visitation) Fr. Murphy



A NEW FAMILY HOLIDAY CLASSIC

The ad below invites you to join us, but we also wanted you to know of some special perks we will have at the movie night. We will have some door prizes of some of the characters from the movie. All for FREE. Just get your ticket as you enter and we will be drawing them throughout the movie. Remember to bring a friend, your parents, your grandparents, a neighbor or two. Make this a new family tradition and enjoy this special story.



Door prizes of The Star characters will be drawn at the end of the movie

The Adult Spiritual Enrichment Committee along with Stepping Stones would like to invite you to join us for a Movie Night.

One of the main characters in The Star, is a small but brave donkey named Bo who yearns for a life beyond his daily grind at the village mill. One day he finds the courage to break free, and finally goes on the adventure of his dreams. On his journey, he teams up with Ruth, a loveable sheep who has lost her flock and Dave, a dove with lofty aspirations. Along with three wisecracking camels and some eccentric stable animals, Bo and his new friends follow the Star and become accidental heroes in the greatest story ever told - the first Christmas

Bring some friends get comfortable and enjoy some popcorn, beverages and a movie (FREE). This promises to be a fun and moving experience for all.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our friends at St. Andrew's Church to join us. (Movie Length 86 mins.)

COFFEE AND MORE FROM STEPPING STONES

Members of Stepping Stones had taken coffee orders for some locally roasted coffee as a fundraiser from St. Lawrence Roasters. They will be distributed those soon. They are also offering a raffle for a gift basket with samples and items from Jernabi Coffee House. The tickets for this raffle will continue until the Faith Formation Family Event "Keepsake Christmas" which will take place on December 16th.



SCRIPTURE STUDY BY FATHER JACK

Weekly Scripture Study program will begin January 8 & 9,, 2019 at St. Raymond's Rectory, Raymondville. Repeat sessions will be held on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. on St. Luke's Gospel. To register, please call Fr. Jack at [315-384-4143](tel:315-384-4143).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Norfolk Council #11544

BRUNCH

DECEMBER 9, 2018

8:30am TO 12:30pm

at the
FR. AMYOT
PARISH CENTER



Pancakes
French Toast
Scrambled Eggs
Ham, Sausage
Home Fries
Sweet Breads
Toast ~ Juice ~ Coffee

Adults ~ \$8; Under age 12 ~ \$5;
Under age 5 ~ Free
Immediate family four ~ \$20
(additional person above 4 is \$3 extra); Omelets ~ \$3 extra

Stepping Stones

The Foundation of Our Youth

Our youth group is
collecting returnables
to help raise funds
for their future endeavors.

There will be a receptacle bin outside both St. Raymond's Church on Saturdays and the Church of the Visitation on Sundays for you to drop off your returnables after Masses. There will also be a receptacle in the parish center located on the classroom side.

Please bring your returnables and support our youth group!

For more information contact
Carol 212-5004 or Christina 250-0687

LINKING OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, THE PARISH OF THE VISITATION AND ST. RAYMOND, AND THE PARISH OF ST. PATRICK'S AND ST. LAWRENCE

Due to the early retirement of one of our priests, because of his serious health issues, Bishop LaValley has had to call for the linking of the parishes of St. Andrew's of Norwood, St. Patrick's of Brasher Falls, and Visitation-St. Raymond's of Norfolk under one pastor. While Bishop recognizes the disappointment this decision will cause for the parishioners of these parishes, he is confident that the people of these three communities will respond with a faith-filled and generous spirit.

Bishop LaValley has asked Msgr. John Murphy, pastor of St. Andrew's and Visitation-St. Raymond's to take over as pastor of the parishes of St. Bartholomew's in Old Forge and St. Anthony's of Inlet. Bishop has asked Fr. Garry Giroux to be the pastor for the three parishes of Norfolk, Norwood and Brasher Falls.

Msgr. Murphy and Fr. Giroux begin their new pastoral responsibilities on Wednesday, January 23, 2019. The new weekend Mass schedule for Norwood, Brasher Falls and Norfolk will begin on the weekend of January 26 and 27, 2019 as follows:

Weekend Masses

Saturday (Anticipated)	St. Andrew's at 4 p.m.
Sunday	St. Patrick's at 8:15 a.m. Church of the Visitation at 10:45 a.m.

Religious Education

Sunday	St. Patrick's Church following the 8:15 a.m. Mass
Sunday	Church of the Visitation at 9:35 a.m.

Daily Masses

Monday	St. Andrew's at 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday	LBSH Senior Housing (Brasher) at 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Alternate between Church of the Visitation at 8:30 a.m. and High Street Senior Apartments at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday	St. Patrick's at 8:30 a.m.
First Friday	Alternate between St. Andrew's, Church of the Visitation and St. Patrick's at 8:30 a.m.

Funeral Masses will always take precedence over the scheduled Daily Mass.

Confession Schedule

Saturday	St. Patrick's from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. St. Andrew's from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.
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Marriages and Baptisms will need to be scheduled well in advance.

Please note that, with this combined Mass schedule, the ability to pick specific dates for your Mass intentions will become limited. We ask for your understanding and cooperation. Thank you.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING – TITHING

Your church and community offer many opportunities for using your time talent in God's service.

Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond

December 2-3, 2017 - \$3,648.00

December 1-2, 2018 - \$3,493.00

Adult Env. \$2,883.00, Plate \$52.00

Maintenance \$248.00, Christmas Collection \$95.00

Christmas Flowers \$35.00

Immaculate Conception \$60.00

Religious Retirement \$120.00

Fiscal year-to-date adult envelope comparison:

12/2-3/17 – \$44,513.40

12/1-2/18 – \$50,805.00

Adult weekly envelopes:

2017 - \$2,841.00 **2018** – \$3,493.00

Adult envelopes used:

12/2-3/17 – 68

11/24-25/18 – 37

12/1-2/18 – 59

***includes EFT contributions**

St. Andrew's Church

December 2-3, 2017 - \$3,507.00

December 1-2, 2018 - \$3,105.00

Adult Env. \$1,829.00, Plate \$622.00

Maintenance \$475.00, Maintenance Plate \$20.00

Christmas Collection \$30.00, Fuel \$10.00

Candles \$52.00, Christmas Flowers \$15.00

Immaculate Conception \$22.00

Religious Retirement \$30.00

Fiscal year-to-date adult envelope comparison:

11/25-26/17 - \$37,412.00

11/24-25/18 – \$48,629.00

Adult weekly envelopes:

2017 - \$2,210.00, **2018** - \$1,829.00

Adult envelopes used:

12/2-3/17 – 91

11/24-25/18 - 57

12/1-2/18 - 62

LET US PRAY

Please remember in your prayers all of our parish family and friends who suffer emotionally, spiritually or physically especially for **Leo Bond, Cathy Rodger and Peg Smith**. If you wish to have someone listed for one month, please contact the Parish office at 315-384-4242.

*Anyone from **Our Catholic Parishes** may request to have a person included in the bulletin for prayers. We will adhere to the practice of including a name for one month before removing it. Prayer can always be requested again at any time.*

PARISH OF THE VISITATION AND ST. RAYMOND

Lector and Ministers of Eucharist **Church of the Visitation**

12/9/18 - Kathie Ashley, Leanne Greene, Jean Gang

12/16/18 - Molly Pressey, Kris Layo, Dorothy Gately

St. Raymond's Church Lector

12/8/18 - Jan Slate

12/15/18 - Terri Clemmo

Collection Counters

12/9/18 - Jean Gang, Fred Baxter

12/16/18 - Donna Raab, Kathie Ashley

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Lector and Ministers of Eucharist

12/8/18 - Patti Dean, Linda Regan
Ted Levison, Lisa Levison

12/9/18 - Andy Burnett, Cathy Crary,
Jim Murray, Elaine Haggett

12/15/18 - Kathleen Colarusso, Lisa Levison
Pat LaRose, Ted Levison

12/16/18 - Linda Regan, Elaine Haggett,
Andy Burnett, Cathy Crary

Collection Counters

12/9/18 - Phil Regan, Doreen Valade

12/16/18 - Rita Jackson, Ellen Farrington

ST. RAYMOND'S CHAPEL MASS SCHEDULE

Father Jack Downs will celebrate daily Mass at St. Raymond's Church in the rectory chapel at 8:00am according to the following schedule:

Week of December 10th Mon, Wed - Fri

FUN FACTS FOR CATHOLIC KIDS

December 9 – It's time to think about the "theme" for the second week of Advent – Joy! Think today of all the joy of planning for the holy day of Christmas, the joy of sharing with others by giving them gifts, and especially the joy of knowing that Jesus gave himself as a gift to the world on that first Christmas!

NORWOOD-NORFOLK-RAYMONDVILLE-OUTREACH

In the past years our local parishes have given generously in our Angel Tree for our Christmas program. It is that time of year again. The Norwood-Norfolk-Raymondville Outreach Program has furnished the parishes with tags for this year's Angel Trees. Please choose a tag or two and return your gifts before December 9th. We request that you place your gift in gift bags for easier transport. Thank you!

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 10

Advent Weekday

Is 35:1-10

Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday

DECEMBER 11

Advent Weekday

Is 40:1-11

Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday

DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;

12:1-6a, 10ab

Lk 1:26-38 or

Lk 1:39-47

Thursday

DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy,

Virgin and Martyr

Is 41:13-20

Mt 11:11-15

Friday

DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross,

Priest and Doctor
of the Church

Is 48:17-19

Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

DECEMBER 15

Advent Weekday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday

DECEMBER 16

Third Sunday
of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18

Dear Padre,

Why doesn't the word *immaculate* also refer to Jesus' birth?

According to Webster's Dictionary, *immaculate* comes from the Latin *immaculatus*, which breaks down further into *in* (meaning "not") and *maculatus* (meaning "spotted"). It means "without stain or blemish" and is commonly associated with the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, which was solemnly defined as a dogma of the Catholic faith in 1854 by Pope Pius IX. The dogma states that Mary was conceived in the womb of her mother without the stain of original sin.

Catholics sometimes mistakenly think that this doctrine refers to Jesus' birth and not to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother. In a way, it refers to both. Everything about Mary ultimately leads to her Son—including the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. How so? The Church argues both from Scripture and tradition that God deemed it proper and

fitting that humanity's Redeemer should enter the world through a womb totally unblemished by sin. Mary, in other words, was free of the effects of original sin so she could be a proper dwelling place for the birth of the Son of God.

That is not to say, however, that Mary herself was not in need of redemption. On the contrary, the dogma clearly states that she was conceived without the stain of original sin *in anticipation* of the fruits of Christ's redemptive action manifested in his passion, death, and resurrection.

—Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: BARTOLOME ESTEBAN MURILLO / WIKI COMMONS



A Word From Pope Francis

The Immaculate Conception leads us to contemplate Our Lady who, by unique privilege, was preserved from original sin from the very moment of her conception. Even living in a world marked by sin, she was not touched by it: Mary is our sister in suffering, but not in evil or in sin.

—Angelus, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2015