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Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

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DECEMBER 5, 2021

John went
throughout the whole
region of the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism
of repentance for the
forgiveness of sins.

Luke 3:3



SECOND
Sunday
OF *Advent*

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00AM

Tues, Wed, Thurs & Friday: 8:30 AM

Wed. — Holy Hour & Benediction 6:00pm

Pastor: Rev. Francis Offia

STAFF:

Secretary: Judy Guidroz

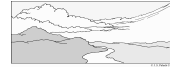
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God has commanded
that every lofty mountain be made low.— *Baruch 5:7*



**St. Bonaventure Catholic
Church**

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, December 4, Mass 5:00pm

L. H. Maria Nguyen T. Noi+; Phero & Maria Nguyen Ty;
Charion Hemphill; Mary Rice+; Dawn Gonzales+; Maria Tu
Thi Pham+; Catarina Lang+; Peter Nghi Van Tran+; Paul
Tuan V. Dang+; Dominic Khan+; Luu and
Lam family+; Gioan Kim+; for All souls in purgatory;

Sunday, December 5, Mass 8:00am

Parishioners of St. Bonaventure

Sunday, December 5, Mass 10:00am

Mary Ann Rice+; Gus W. Carmadelle Sr.+;
Lillian Carmadelle Fadre+; Eunice "Trent" Trentacosta+;
John Nguyen Nguyen+; Joseph Pham Manh Tein+; Maria
Tran Thi Cuoc+; All Souls of the Unborn; Luu and Lam Fam
ily+; and All souls in purgatory; Gioan Kim+

Monday, December 6 — No Mass

Tuesday, December 7— Mass 8:30am and 6:00pm

For All Souls; and Poor Souls in Purgatory; All Souls of our
Ancestors; Joseph Dam+; Anna Man+; Luu & Lam family+;
Gioan Kim; Julia Jenkins (h/b); Diana Wheelock (h/b)

Wednesday, December 8— Mass 8:30am

For All Souls; John Nguyen Nguyen+; Joseph Dam+; Anna
Man+; Dominic Cao+; Joseph Mien+; Catarina Lang+; Luu &
Lam Family; Gioan Kim+

Thursday, December 9— Mass 8:30am

For all souls; Melvin Glenn Vining+; Gunther R. Michaelis+;
Dominic Cao+; Joseph Mien+; Catarina Lang+; Maria Mai+;
Luu & Lam family; Gioan Kim+

Friday, December 10— Mass 8:30am

Millicent Jenkins+; All Souls; Charion Hemphill+; Catarina
Lang+; Maria Pham Thi Hoang+; Luu & Lam Family; Gioan
Kim+; Theda Melerine;

Mark Your Calendar — Possible Activities for the Year

December 10th Christmas Bingo

Parish Advent Pilgrimages

December 6th Sisters Convent

December 13th St. Joseph Church

December 20th Notre Dame Seminary

ENCOURAGEMENT

As vital as oxygen is to the body, so is encouragement to the
soul. —Anonymous

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Weekend of Nov. 27-28

Envelopes \$1,064.00 Loose \$234.00

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♦ Retirement Fund for Religious 12/11-12/21

♦ Maintenance 12/18-18/21 ♦ Archdiocesan Ministries 12/25

♦ 12/25 My Christmas Offering ♦

Weekly
Offering



This Week Sanctuary Candle burns For:

Jim Savoie+ and Parishioners of St. Bonaventure



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A DEEP CHANGE OF HEART

When John pro-
claimed a baptism of
repentance, as to-
day'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 com-
mitment 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 repentance. Paul
notes how the Holy Spirit has been active within the church
in Philippi, forming them to live in a loving and united com-
munity 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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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your chil-
dren rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and
just God leads Israel in joy
(Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled
with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to
discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day
of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the for-
giveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke
3:1-6).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

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 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



PASTOR'S CORNER

1. We are already in the 2nd week of Advent. How are you preparing for the celebration of the Birth of Christ? What are you doing in preparation for that great feast? What are you not doing? What should you be doing?
2. Thanks to those who are coming up with noble initiatives to enrich the pastoral life of our parish. May God continue to illuminate your hearts as you respond to that call of discipleship
3. The 1st Advent pilgrimage last Monday went well. If you make up your mind to join us for the remaining three, here are dates and locations

Monday December 6th Convent of the Sisters Servants of
Monday December 13th Mary St Joseph Church in Tulane Avenue
Monday December 20th Notre Dame Seminary
4. I humbly wish that many of you participate actively in the prayer/spiritual life of the parish. Parish that prays together stays together. Why not begin to join other members of the parish in living out your faith life in this way.
5. Many of you are already aware of the damages we had from the storm in the Church, hall, schoolhouse, and rectory. We are working with the Archdiocese and the Insurance company to address the problems in our property. Let us keep in our prayers all those who will be making important decisions that will affect us about all these.
6. We had our first meeting towards planning a huge parish re-union next year the Summer of 2022. You will get up-date on this very soon.
7. Looking into 2022 Lenten season! That might be a time we will begin our regional Masses at different locations within our parish boundary. This idea is still developing.
8. I will be traveling home to visit my family Dec. 26th and return January 27th.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What earthly undertakings do I need to set aside so that I can set out to meet God's Son?

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Christmas and New Year's Masses:

Friday, December 24th:

Mass: 5:00pm; Midnight Mass-12:00am

Saturday, Christmas Day, December 25th.

Mass: 8:00am and 10:00am (NO 5:00pm vigil)

Sunday, December 26th.

Mass: 8:00am and 10:00am

Friday, December 31st.

Mass: 5:00pm

Saturday, January 1st.

Mass: 10:00am and 5:00pm

Sunday, January 2nd.

Mass: 8:00am and 10:00am



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Annual Christmas Turkey Bingo

WHERE: McMahon Hall

Friday, Dec. 11, 2020

TIME: 7:00pm (doors open 6:00pm)

Refreshments will be sold. Parade of Prizes. CHILDREN WELCOME!! Any donations to help defray the cost of the Bingo would be greatly appreciated. *Suggested items: sweets for the snack table, can drinks, Cash donations (will be used to purchase turkeys & other items needed).* Come have a good time. Come join the fun and support your parish.



Would you pray for a priest each day?

Please take a monthly prayer request for priests available in the entrance of Church..



FORGIVENESS

God forgives like a mother who kisses the offense into everlasting forgiveness.

—Henry Ward Beecher



Kaitlyn , Tanya and Linda make Thanksgiving boxes for parish,



St. Louis Cathedral
We began our Advent
Pilgrimage







Pope's DECEMBER Intention

Intention for evangelization - *Catechists*

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE AND FOR THEIR FAMILIES.

Prayer for Soldiers Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

Next Weeks Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime. In good times and bad, Sister Theresa and the senior religious shown here have dedicated themselves to God's work. Together with nearly 30,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests in the United States, they educated the young, tended the sick, and ministered to the needy. Today, they pray for a world that is hurting. Yet many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your tax-deductible gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

STRENGTH AND COURAGE

Prayer infuses the weak with strength and the fainthearted with courage.

—Anonymous

VOCATION: MEDITATION FOR PRIESTHOOD, DIACONATE & RELIGIOUS LIFE

"God has called us with a holy calling...according to His own purpose and grace." If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, Contact Fr. Francis at 504-729-8469.



Prayer Request: Lynleigh Adams; Jeff Adams; Janell

Angelle; Tina Barry; Pearl & Rebecca Berthelot; Todd Bordelon; Joyce Caire; Jason Chiasson; Kai ye Chin; Brenda Goss; Ben, Brandon, & Tim Guidroz; Barbara Hammer; Ester Hammil; Kathleen, Donald, & Glenn Jeansonne; Joy & Norbert Labit; Gay Litloff; Kirk Litloff; Brenda Jones; Gary & Holly Marshall; Theda Melerine; Carolyn & Arthur Moore; David & Kim Muller; Anita Perkins; Janice Reiser; Tammy Reites; Jules & Michael Sancho; Lloyd Seneck; Al Stapler; James Theriot III; "Mooney" Woods. Please call the office or send in your request to add or delete a loved one to the prayer list.

COMING UP



MONDAY, December 6, 2021 —

- ♦ Mass—8:30am & 6:00pm
- ♦ Advent Pilgrimage—Sisters Convent

TUESDAY, December 7, 2021— *All Souls*

- ♦ Rosary 8:00 - Mass 8:30am & 6:00pm

WEDNESDAY, December, 8 2021—

- ♦ Rosary 8:00am—Mass 8:30am
- ♦ Holy Hour—5:00pm

THURSDAY, December 9, 2021 —

- ♦ Rosary 8:00am—Mass 8:30am

FRIDAY, December 10, 2021—

- ♦ Rosary 8:00am—Mass 8:30am

SATURDAY, December 11, 2021—

- ♦ Mass 5:00pm ♦ Confession — 4:00—4:45pm

SUNDAY, December 12, 2021 —

- ♦ Mass 8:00am & 10:00am

SACRAMENTS



Confession: Saturday 4:00—4:45pm;

Wednesday 5:30—7:00pm

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the office to schedule an appointment with Father. Parents and Godparents must attend a seminar.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Arrangements should be made at least 6 months prior to expected wedding date. Call the office for details.

Funerals: Please notify the priest before contacting the Funeral Home.

A BUSY MOTHER

Only after the Last Judgment will Mary get any rest; from now until then, she is much too busy with her children.

—St. John Vianney

A Nation's Prayer — God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people. Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.

Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



MATTERS ARISING

WE AWAIT THE COMING OF THE ONE STOOD FOR SOMETHING

The opening prayer on Sunday of Advent, asked God that “no earthly undertaking may hinder those who set out in haste to meet your son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. **Whether as a priest or as a lawyer, whether as a doctor, or a nurse,** whether as a housewife or as student, whatever we have chosen in life, whatever our state of life is, may that not be a hindrance, may that not be a distraction, may it not deny us the opportunity to meet Christ. Instead, may the richness of the Word of God we hear day after day help us to meet Christ day by day in our life. May it help us to walk in His company day by day, for as the psalmist says: **“Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.”** It is Jesus himself

who says, Peace I leave you, my peace I give you. Walking alongside walking along of him, walking in the company of Jesus brings justice, it brings peace! These are what He represents. These are what he stands for: **peace and Justice**

St. Paul writes: “Brothers and sisters, whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, so that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. The prophecies of the Old Testament were given to arouse hope and endurance, to stir up in our heart great anticipation for the coming of Christ. Because his coming gives glory to God in the highest, and brings peace to men of goodwill, to men and women who accept him and walk in His company. **The incarnation of Jesus** marks the dawn of a new age, age of justice and peace! **In his prophecy, Prophet Isaiah also gives us the image of this new age,** the new era, the new world, the new order of existence, which the coming of Christ is supposed to bring about. He used the image of the harmonious coexistence of wild animals, living together with dangerous animals, to reveal to us what the coming of the messiah is going to accomplish. *“On that day, in that era, in that age a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse and from his roots a bud shall blossom.* This shoot is no other person than Jesus! **Isaiah continues,** *on this shoot, in Jesus is the spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the spirit of counsel and of strength and the spirit of knowledge. He as the prince of peace and justice shall not be judged by mere appearance (empty rumors). He shall not decide anything based on hearsay (based on cheap gossip). He shall give everyone a fair share!*

With regards to the type of interrelationship that is supposed to exist among those who accept Christ and walk in his company, Isaiah suggests that it will be cordial, peaceful, and just. **Listen to this:-** The wolf shall be a guest of the lamb! The leopard shall lie down with the kid! The calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; The lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra’s den, and the child lay his hand on the adder’s lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain, for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. **What an Ideal world!!!**

If we can try and not allow our undertakings, and our occupations, if we can try and not allow our professions and our states in life hinder us, distract us from meeting Christ, if we can be in his company always, then this is what our relationship will look like! **Justice, peace, love, harmony, and tranquility! Togetherness, oneness!!** These are what Jesus stands for. **And so, as we continue our journey in the Season of Advent,** as we continue to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the feast of Christmas, **I wish that we as individuals** will begin to appreciate that Jesus who is already present among us represents peace and justice. **And I wish that his peace and Justice** will always influence the relationships in our homes between **husbands and wives, parents and children. I wish that our social and political** discuss be always based on this peace and Justice which Jesus represent. **It is my wish that when we** deal with or relate with people of different classes, people of difference races, people of different colors, different languages, and different religions, that our point of reference should always be Jesus who says to us, **peace I live My peace I give you!!!**



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