

Saint Bernadette Parish

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SECOND SUNDAY OF

Advent



DECEMBER 4, 2022

John the Baptist appeared,
preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

MATTHEW 3:1

Prayer Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 3

5:00 PM † Kathleen Maloney, *By John & Magdalen Brewer*

Sunday, December 4

9:00 AM A Special Intention in Thanksgiving
for Answer to Prayers, *By Mary Ellen Duggan*

11:00 AM † Natalie Bilancieri, *By Steve & Mary Lou Stupik*
† Joseph Moineau, *By his Family*

Monday, December 5

8:30 AM † Xavvier and Dora Sailer, *By Joesphine Griffin*

Tuesday, December 6

8:30 AM † Elena Seymour, *By the Family*

Wednesday, December 7

8:30 AM † John Milton, *By Richard & Deanna Charves*

Thursday, December 8

8:30 AM For our Homebound Parishioners

7:00 PM For our Parish Community

Friday, December 9

8:30 AM † Ethel Grogan, 1st Anniversary, *By Judi Winning*

Saturday, December 10

5:00 PM † Patricia Lefevre, *By the Family*
† Fr. Dennis J. Wheatley,
By Richard & Deanna Charves

Sunday, December 11

9:00 AM † Joseph & Alice O'Shea, *By the Family*

11:00 AM For our Parish Family

Masses, Feasts & Gospels

SUNDAY Luke 5:17-26

Second Sunday of Advent

MONDAY Matthew 18:12-14

Advent Weekday

TUESDAY Matthew 11:28-30

Advent Weekday

Saint Nicholas, Bishop

WEDNESDAY Matthew 11:28-30

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

THURSDAY Luke 1:26-38

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FRIDAY Matthew 11:16-19

Advent Weekday

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

SATURDAY Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

Our Lady of Loreto

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Mass Schedule

Saturday, The Lord's Day Vigil at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Weekdays at 8:30 AM ~ Holy Days at 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM

Confession: Saturdays at 4:15PM

A Message from our Pastor:

My Friends in the Lord Jesus,

Advent is a season of light. Even as the days grow shorter, we celebrate light. Our homes are especially illuminated with Christmas lights that seem to dispel the darkness of autumn into winter. Light! It is our Advent and Christmas declaration of Him who is the light of the world.

If there is one person who looms large in the season of Advent, it is John the Baptist. If there is one individual in the season of Advent who points us in the right direction, it is John the Baptist. His role is to direct us to the Light who is Christ Jesus.

The Gospel according to John says about John the Baptist, "There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light, which enlightens every person, was coming into the world."

John the Baptist, who with courage spoke truth to power, did not shy away from giving witness to Jesus, even when it cost him his life. His words, the manner of his life and his death as a martyr, faithfully points us to Christ, Light of the world. He does so with humility, "One mightier than I am is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals." John the Baptist teaches us humility before God, who is our light and hope. John the Baptist is a model for Christian living.

Advent is a season of hope and expectation. It renews our hope in God and God's saving grace in the birth of Jesus. Isaiah, the prophet of Advent, depicts the "peaceable kingdom" in our first reading. It is both a declaration and a vision of hope. He describes the Messiah as one upon whom the spirit of the Lord rests. He gives a vision of peace for the world "There shall be no harm or ruin on my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord, as water covers the sea."

May the fruit of St. Paul's prayer from our second reading strengthen and encourage us in this vision for the world. "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Advent and Christmas are seasons that proclaim the will of God for all people "peace on earth, good will toward all." A world enlightened by the "peaceable kingdom." May it, by God's grace, ever be so.

Fr. Ron



Thursday, December 8th

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass will be celebrated
at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM

Masses for
the Week



Weekday Morning Mass

Join us weekdays for morning Mass. What a wonderful way to start your day! It brings us many blessings and special graces. This week, Mass will be celebrated Monday, thru Friday at 8:30 AM. The Rosary begins at 8:00 AM.

The following feast days will be celebrated this week:

Tuesday: Saint Nicholas

Wednesday: Saint Ambrose

Thursday: The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary (*Holy Day of Obligation*)

Friday: Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Saturday: Our Lady of Loreto

Offertory Collection

Offertory November 12-18: \$ 3,558.51

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Religious Education: \$ 1,156.23

Campaign for Human Development: \$ 667.51

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RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

Next weekend, December 10-11,
we will have a collection for the
Retirement Fund for Religious.
Thank you for your generosity!



2nd Sunday of Advent

*"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit
will be cut down and thrown into the fire."
(Matthew 3:10)*

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

BEHOLD
A GUIDED ADVENT
JOURNAL FOR PRAYER
AND MEDITATION



Women's Advent Faith Sharing

Tuesday mornings at 10AM in the Pastoral Center

Meeting Dates: Dec 6th, 13th, 20th

A Journey through Advent with the Holy Family

Contact Ginny Boland in the parish office with any questions
508-393-2838 or email ginnyboland@stb-parish.net

Religious Education Classes

Class Schedule for December

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

December 4, 11* & 18 - 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM in the Atrium

*December 11 - 10:15 AM - Advent Family Gathering

Grade 1

December 4, 11* & 18 - 10:15 - 11:15 AM

*December 11 - 10:15 AM - Advent Family Gathering

First Reconciliation

December 4 - 10:15 - 11:45 AM in School Building

December 11 - 10:15 AM - Advent Family Gathering

Tuesday, December 13 - 7PM Advent Penance Service

Grades 3-8

December 4, 11* & 18 - 10:15 - 11:45 AM

*December 11 - 10:15 AM - Advent Family Gathering

Grades 9 - 10

December 4, 11 & 18 - 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Confirmation

December 4*, 11 & 18 - 6:00 - 8:00 in Parish Hall

*December 4 - Student/Parent Mandatory Meeting 6PM



All are welcome to join us for the
Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 PM

We will have several priests available to hear confessions.
Please join all of the First Reconciliation Candidates and
their families at this special service.

Office for Vocations

Giving Tree Tags for Seminarians



The Office for Vocations invites our parishioners to assist our seminarians this Christmas. All that is requested for those who would like to participate, is to purchase a single gift card of any denomination to one of the vendors listed on the tag. Then place the gift card in the envelope attached to the tag. The envelope may be mailed directly to the seminarian at the Vocation Office. The gift tags are available in a basket in the gathering space. Thank you for your generosity!

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