

The 2nd Sunday of Advent



*Repent, for the
kingdom of heaven is at hand!*

*St. Rosalie
Catholic Church
December 4, 2022*

The Pastor Jots It Down! _____

My dear parishioners and friends of St. Rosalie and St. John Bosco Parishes and Alumni,

Already one week of Advent has passed. What have we done this past week to prepare for Christ's coming on Christmas? Are we only engaged in physical preparations: shopping, gift buying, gift wrapping, making plans and menus for the Christmas and New Year's gatherings?

How are we coming along in our spiritual preparations for Christmas? If they have been meager or nil, perhaps the 30 suggestions on the next page will help prepare well for Christmas. The suggestions are entitled "Ideas for Acts of Reparation" but really they are great ways for us to celebrate these days of Advent, grow in our faith life, and prepare for Jesus' birth.

Today, in our Gospel we heard of John the Baptist who was the precursor of Jesus, who prepared the way for Jesus.

Today, might profitably pray and reflect upon the Litany of St. John the Baptist.

Lord have mercy, ... *Lord have mercy.* Christ have mercy, ... *Christ have mercy.*
Hear our prayer, ... *hear our prayer.*

St. John the Baptist, ... *pray for us.* Prophet of the Most High, ... *pray for us.*
Herald of God, ... *pray for us.*

Forerunner of Jesus Christ, ... *pray for us.*

Messenger foretold, ... *pray for us.* Child born to the elderly, ... *pray for us.*
Leaping in the womb, ... *pray for us.*

Witness of the Lord, ... *pray for us.*

Great before God, ... *pray for us.* Greatest born of women, ... *pray for us.*
Spirit filled man, ... *pray for us.*

Speaker of the Good News, ... *pray for us.*

Voice crying out in the wilderness, ... *pray for us.*

Living simply, ... *pray for us.*

Focused on your mission, ... *pray for us.*

Preparing the way, ... *pray for us.*

Baptizing and preaching, ... *pray for us.*

Calling for repentance, ... *pray for us.*

Recognizing Jesus, ... *pray for us.*

Pointing to the Lamb of God, ... *pray for us.*

Speaker of the truth, ... *pray for us.* Witness against power, ... *pray for us.*

Upholder of the law, ... *pray for us.*

Martyr of God, ... *pray for us.*

We must decrease, ... *we must decrease.*

Jesus must increase, ... *Jesus must increase.*

Lamb of God, ... *take away our sins.*

Lamb of God, ... *grant us peace.*

Hear our prayer, ... *hear our prayer.*

God loves you!

F. J. Mail

Ideas for Acts of Reparation

As a child of God, we each have an opportunity to help satisfy the justice of God by making reparation for our own sins and the sins of others.

1. Go to an abortion clinic and pray, or set aside an hour today to pray for those who are struggling with a decision of life or death for their unborn child.
2. Make an act of faith, hope or love. (www.bit.ly/9DaysFaithHopeLove)
3. Pray the Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
4. Spend an hour with the Blessed Sacrament in adoration.
5. Increase your knowledge about important life issues. Here are some resource examples:
 - Women's health and marriage prospects have suffered from more than 40 years of nationally legal abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy. Learn more in "Life Matters: Roe Plus 40" (www.bit.ly/RoePlus40).
 - Learn how some methods of conceiving a child pose serious concerns in "Life Matters: Reproductive Technologies" (www.bit.ly/ReproductiveTechnologies2011).
 - Read about some of the challenges, concerns and joys on a couple's journey of adopting a child in "An Adoption Love Story" (www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory).
6. Pray the rosary, or even just a decade, today for someone who has hurt or disappointed you, and ask for the grace to forgive that person.
7. Smile. Ask God today for the grace to be extra joyful and to share your love for Christ with those who most need that encouragement today.
8. Use Facebook or another form of social media to post something that builds up the culture of life.
9. Take time to write a handwritten note to someone who is lonely or needing encouragement.
10. We can sometimes forget how blessed we are to have many of our daily comforts. Give up sleeping with your pillow tonight.
11. Today, ignore your sweet tooth. Make healthy eating choices.
12. Make a "quiet hour" today, turning off all electronic devices (cell phone, iPod, computer, television, radio, video game system) and retreat to your room. Spend some time in prayer or prayerful reading.
13. Clean a room in your house without being asked or without telling anyone. Pray for your family members while you clean, "and your Father who sees in secret will repay you" (Matthew 6:6).
14. Read about a Church teaching you do not understand in the catechism.
15. Make an honest assessment of your "giving finances" — Are you giving too little? Make a resolution to give a set weekly or monthly donation to your parish or favorite local charity.
16. Say three Hail Marys for your parish priest. Without our priests, we could not have the Mass or the sacrament of reconciliation.
17. Pray for your deceased relatives and for those who have no one to pray for them.
18. Spend quality time with a family member or friend. Offer to help them with something with which they need assistance.
19. Go to confession — today, if possible! — or during this week. Before you go, look up St. Faustina and learn a little about the message of Divine Mercy she shared during her life.
20. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for those who are suffering the loss of a child through abortion, or through any act of violence, asking that they find healing and peace.

— Minnesota Catholic Conference

Five Benefits of Frequent Confession

Acknowledging the truth of your sinfulness before God and recognizing your need for His grace to help you become the person, He wants you to be will really, truly set you free.



Confession helps us to better 'know thyself'

St. Augustine and countless other saints and doctors of the Church talk about the importance of knowing ourselves well. Through coming to know ourselves better, we realized how fallen we are, and how badly we need God's help and grace to get through life. Frequent Confession helps remind us to rely on God to help rid us of our sins.

Confession helps us overcome vice

Confession brings us peace

Confession helps us become more saintly, more like Jesus

Confession makes our will stronger

Of course, the list of benefits of Confession goes on and on! But you have to go to reap the benefits! **Going to Confession regularly will truly change your life.**

You've often heard the verse from John quoted: "the truth will set you free" (8:32). Well, this verse is very applicable here: acknowledging the truth of your sinfulness before God and recognizing your need for His grace to help you become the person He wants you to be will really, truly set you free.

The words of absolution in the Confessional are beautiful: "I absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Jesus is waiting to forgive you – all you have to do is ask! Don't miss out any longer on the healing power of Confession.

One might say: I confess only to God. Yes, you can say to God “forgive me” and say your sins, but our sins are also committed against the brethren, and against the Church. That is why it is necessary to ask pardon of the Church, and of the brethren in the person of the priest. “But Father, I am ashamed ...”. Shame is also good, it is healthy to feel a little shame, because being ashamed is salutary. When a person feels no shame, in my country we say that he is “shameless”; a “sin verguenza”. But shame too does good, because it makes us more humble, and the priest receives this confession with love and tenderness and forgives us on God’s behalf.

Also, from a human point of view, in order to unburden oneself, it is good to talk with a brother and tell the priest these things which are weighing so much on my heart. And one feels that one is unburdening oneself before God, with the Church, with his brother. Do not be afraid of Confession! When one is in line to go to Confession, one feels all these things, even shame, but then when one finishes Confession one leaves free, grand, beautiful, forgiven, candid, happy. This is the beauty of Confession!”

From <https://goodconfession.com/five-benefits-of-frequent-confession/>



"Of course, there is no better start than a good confession... When you disclose all your past life, you not only acquaint your confessor with the state of your soul, but you achieve something more important – you remove all doubts about your past confessions. You may then say, 'I have no worries about the past. I can look more cheerfully to the future.' You can indeed count on Our Lord’s help in all circumstances because you are His sons by grace."

Announcements

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a Second Collection taken up at all Masses next weekend to benefit the Retirement Fund for the Religious. This collection supports nearly 5,000 elderly religious sisters, brothers, and religious order priests in the United States.

Through the years our Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have served in ministries such as parishes, schools, and health care facilities for little to no pay. As a result, many now lack adequate retirement savings. With rising costs, hundreds of religious communities are struggling to care for elder members and now face a large gap between the needs of their older members and the funds available to support the members' care. Please give generously to this fund, helping us meet the needs of our aging religious.

SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

The Sanctuary Committee for the weekend of December 10th is Team 5, which consists of Liz Jones, Ruthie Tassin, Gail Brown and Darla Brilli.



Egg Shells Needed

The Altar Society/Women's Club is in need of egg shells for Confetti Eggs.

Please consider saving shells for the ladies.

In Our Parish

SANCTUARY LAMP

will burn in memory of
Byron S. LeJeune

BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP

will burn in memory of
Lorena & Avie Legendre

SACRED HEART'S LAMP

will burn in memory of
Kathleen LaGrange

ST. ROSALIE'S LAMP

will burn in memory of
Larry Babin

ALTAR WINE

is given in memory of
Doris & Walter Treadaway

Mass Schedules for Upcoming Holy Days and Holidays

Immaculate Conception – A Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 8th

ST. ROSALIE

Vigil Mass

Wednesday, December 7th 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 8th 7:00 a.m.

ST. JOHN BOSCO

No Vigil Mass

Thursday, December 8th

7:00 a.m and 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Mass Schedule

ST. ROSALIE

Vigil Mass – Saturday, December 24th – 4:00 p.m.

Mass at Night – Saturday, December 24th – 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Day – December 25th – 7:30 and 10:30 a.m.

ST. JOHN BOSCO

Vigil Mass – Saturday, December 24th – 6:00 p.m.

Mass at Night – Saturday, December 24th – 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day – December 25th – 9:00 a.m. and 12 Noon

There will be no Youth & Young Adult Mass on Christmas Evening

Mary, Mother of God – January 1st – A Holy Day of Obligation

ST. ROSALIE & ST. JOHN BOSCO

No Vigil Mass on New Year's Eve

New Year's Day – Regular Sunday Mass Schedule at both churches.

There will be no Youth & Young Adult Mass on January 1st.

Young Adult & Youth Mass

Sunday - 8:00 p.m.

The latest Mass on the Westbank



Musically Inclined???

Get Involved!!!

St. John Bosco Catholic Church

2114 Oakmere Dr. Harvey, La



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00am All Parishioners
 4:00pm Fr. Jon Parks
 Carmen & Charles Austin
 Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.
 Alexis & Beverly Vicari
 Hilton Lirette
 Donald Comeaux
 Iris & Tibby Thibodeaux
 Rodney Wilcox
 Malcolm 'Buck' Cortez
 Avis & R.J. Burmaster
 Jerry Melancon, Sr.
 Ryan Welch
 Craig Pellegal
 Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Richoux, Sr.
 & Lee
 Ellen & Suzette Daniels
 Malcolm & Timmy LeBlanc
 Josephine & Bert LeBlanc, Sr.
 Claude & Verine Zeringue
 Ethel & Henry Kraus
 Wayne Oubre
 Dwayne Guidry
 Kenneth Ockman
 Gloria Schouest

*"Walk with your feet on
 earth and your heart in heaven."*
 St. John Bosco

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:30am Mass for deceased Priests
 10:30am Carlos Savona
 Doris & Walter Treadaway
 Angelina & Billy Shrader
 Lorena & Avie Legendre
 Tommy Mauro
 T-Van Falgout
 Nelson Cantrelle, Jr.
 Peter & Rose Vicari
 Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois
 Kevin Fitzhenry
 Byron S. LeJeune
 Madeleine Behette
 Agnes & Sidney Rotolo
 Rodney Isemann
 Troy Richoux
 Chetta Doming
 Laura Ann Ditta Walker
 L.J. Doming
 Sam & Laura Ditta
 Margaret & Joe Panepinto
 Kathleen LaGrange
 Gary Orgeron
 All Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00am Hilton & Geraldine Landry

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:00am Apolenor Anguiano
 Jerry Melancon, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:00am Saladino/LeBlanc family deceased

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:00am Jean Cheramie

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:00am Rosalie Gaspar
 Godfrey E. Boudreaux, Sr.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00am All Parishioners
 4:00pm Fr. Jon Parks
 Carmen & Charles Austin
 Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.
 Alexis & Beverly Vicari
 Hilton Lirette
 Donald Comeaux
 Joan Melton
 Sam & Helen Territo
 Bob Higgins
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jacobs
 Danny, Dave & Timmy LeBlanc
 Harold & Grayce Thiaville
 Raymond LeBlanc
 Estanislaio & Maria Ana Gongora
 Juan B. & Marcela Rodriguez
 Calogero & Loreta D'Amico
 Ryan Welch



MASS FOR HEALING:

Shannon Morvant Olivero
 Jackie Morvant Bush,
 O.J. Orgeron, Rosalie Oubre
 Kim Riley, Julie Kirkland,
 Linda LeJeune, Gary Guidry
 Hunter & Guastella family & friends

MASS FOR THE LIVING:

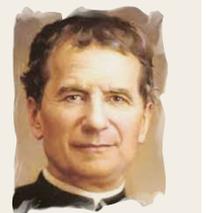
Patrick Lofton, Anne, William,
 Thomas and Marguerite Hart

SPECIAL MASSES:

For conversion of sinners.
 Prayer for Peace in Ukraine
 For St. Rosalie's intercession to our
 Lord for healing power in Isabella.

*"All for God and
 His Glory.
 In whatever you
 do, think of the
 Glory of God as
 your main goal."*

- Don Bosco



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MASS SCHEDULES:

ST. ROSALIE

Saturday Vigil – 4:00 pm
 Sunday – 7:30 and 10:30 am
 Weekdays – 7:00 am
 Saturday – 8:00 am
 Confessions:
 Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm

ST. JOHN BOSCO

Saturday Vigil – 5:30 pm
 Sunday – 9:00 am and 12:00 pm
 Youth & Young Adult Mass
 Sunday – 8:00 pm
 Weekdays – 7:00 am
 Saturday – 8:00 am
 Confessions: Saturday 4:30 - 5:15 pm

Both Churches: Adoration & Confessions Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 pm