



SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH

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December 8, 2019 Second Sunday of Advent

Creating God's Peaceable Kingdom

At times, God's presence among us is so unspectacular that we need someone else to point it out, someone with a loud voice. That seems to have been the role of John the Baptist. His lifestyle and his message certainly caught everyone's attention. But when he caught their attention, he directed it away from himself to the kingdom of heaven.

He called it a kingdom because that was the government those of his time knew. (Jesus, too, often spoke of his kingdom.) However, the kingdom John referred to is not one of military power and privilege but a "peaceable kingdom," where animals that are normally feared as predators live with each other in peace. A beautiful picture, but is it a possibility or just fantasy? The people believed that some day one would be born who would rule this way, thus enabling them to become a genuine peaceable kingdom. This kingdom would not be made of animals, but of women and men of different races, cultures, and beliefs; women and men who would recognize each other's God-given uniqueness and would create genuine unity from this diversity.

John the Baptist declared that this kingdom "is at hand." Is it? Do we strive to live peacefully with the great diversity of people of our world? Or are we smug as we proclaim: "We have Abraham as our father" (Matthew 3:9), so we are right and you are wrong. The people of John's time should have known better. We should, too. John cries out to them—and to us: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:2).

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



For Reflection:

How open are you to people of different faiths, races, or nations?

What can you do to make real the peaceable kingdom of heaven?

*[John the Baptist said,]
"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."
Matthew 3:3*

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Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 9

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Genesis 3:9–15, 20
Ephesians 1:3–6, 11–12
Luke 1:26–38

Tuesday

DECEMBER 10

Advent Weekday

Isaiah 40:1–11
Matthew 18:12–14

Wednesday

DECEMBER 11

Advent Weekday

Isaiah 40:25–31
Matthew 11:28–30

Thursday

DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zechariah 2:14–17
or Revelations 11:19a;
12:1–6a, 10ab
Luke 1:26–38
or Luke 1:39–47

Friday

DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Isaiah 48:17–19
Matthew 11:16–19

Saturday

DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Sirach 48:1–4, 9–11
Matthew 17:9a, 10–13

Sunday

DECEMBER 15

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1–6a, 10
James 5:7–10
Matthew 11:2–11
Luke 21:5–19

Dear Padre,

An intellectual friend told me that she loves the great dogmas of Advent. I smiled and agreed, but I don't have the faintest idea what she meant!

Dogma refers to Church teachings defined by an ecumenical council, including the pope, or by the pope alone acting as head of the Church. The magisterium, the Church's teaching authority, tells us these must-be-believed truths have been divinely revealed to us. During Advent, we celebrate two dogmas: the immaculate conception of Mary, which we honor tomorrow, and the Incarnation, which includes the birth of Christ that we prepare for now.



Both dogmas speak of God's extraordinary connection with humanity. God specially gifted Mary because of her role in becoming the Mother of God. Mary, from the instant of her conception, was free from original sin. Her closeness to Jesus was established from the earliest moments of her existence.

The dogma of the Incarnation is defined simply by St. John. "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14). During the year, we first celebrate the Incarnation on March 25, at the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Scripture and Tradition hold that Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb when she accepted God's will by

answering yes to the angel's announcement that she would bear the "Son of the Most High" (Luke 1:32). During Advent, we eagerly anticipate the result of that Incarnation, Jesus' birth.

Dogmas can sometimes seem disconnected from our lives. The customs of Advent put an everyday face on the book definitions and remind us that God lives in our midst. —Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

A word from POPE FRANCIS



It is the mystery of Christ's flesh: one doesn't understand love for thy neighbor, one doesn't understand love for thy brother if one doesn't understand this mystery of Incarnation.

I love my brother because he too is Christ, is Christlike, is the flesh of Christ.

—Visit to Pentecostal Church of Reconciliation, July 28, 2014



Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

For more than fifty years, Redemptorists have ministered compassionately with those struggling with scrupulosity. For more information and to sign up for our free monthly

newsletter, visit: ScrupulousAnonymously.org

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sun.	Dec. 8	9:00 a.m.	Baby Paul H
		11:00 a.m.	Maria Conception—86th bday
		5:30 p.m.	Maria Anh-Dung Ho +
Mon.	Dec. 9	8:00 a.m.	Thank You successful hearing
		12:10 p.m.	Mary Bernard
Tues.	Dec. 10	8:00 a.m.	Deacon Dick Comb +
		12:10 p.m.	Doan Family
		5:30 p.m.	Shuky Comb +
Wed.	Dec. 11	8:00 a.m.	Chu-Fong Wang & family +
		12:10 p.m.	Pham Family
Thur.	Dec. 12	8:00 a.m.	Marcel
		12:10 p.m.	Jane Bernard +
Fri.	Dec. 13	8:00 a.m.	Mariane
		12:10 p.m.	Maria
Sat.	Dec. 14	8:00 a.m.	Bach & Lood families
		5:30 p.m.	John Rigney +



SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Sacred Heart Parish will host two Training Sessions for “Protecting God’s Children” part of the Archdiocese of Seattle’s commitment to providing a safe environment for children, youth and vulnerable adults.

Both sessions will be on Monday, January 20. The first will be at 12:30, and the second will be at 6:30 p.m.

THE STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offerings (November 18-December 1)	\$8,160
Online Giving (November 18-December 1)	<u>\$1,586</u>
Total Sacrificial Giving	\$9,746
YTD Sacrificial Giving (July 1 - Dec 1)	\$109,738
Parish Improvement (July 1 - December 1)	\$6,523

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS SCHEDULE AND PARISH EVENTS

December 8, Sunday

- Masses 9:00 a.m., 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
- Legion of Mary meeting, 12:30 p.m., Lower Chapel

December 9, Monday IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

- Today is not a Holy Day of Obligation
- Masses 8:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m.
- Legion of Mary, Rosary/Reception after 12:10 Mass
- SMART (Addictions) Recovery, 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall

December 10, Tuesday

- Masses & MPH Devotion (after Mass) 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:30 p.m.
- Rosary, Lower Chapel, 6:15 p.m.

December 11, Wednesday

- Masses 8:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m..
- RCIA 7 pm Lower Chapel

December 12, Thursday

- Masses 8:00 a.m.. & 12:10 p.m.

December 13, Friday

- Masses 8:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m.

December 14, Saturday

- Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Mass Praise & Worship, La Luz de Cristo (Spanish), 10:00 am, Lower Chapel
- Sunday Vigil Mass 5:30 p.m.
- Anointing of the Sick after the 5:30 p.m. Mass

Reconciliation: 30 minutes before Daily Masses,



SIMBANG GABI

Sacred Heart will celebrate Simbang Gabi on Saturday, December 21st at 10:00 a.m.

Simbang Gabi (Filipino for "Night Mass") is a nine-day series of Masses in anticipation of Christmas.

Everyone is welcome!



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In addition to Sacred Heart’s usual times for confession the Redemptorists will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 from 7:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.