



# SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH

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## December 13, 2020 Third Sunday of Advent

### Who Are You?

So far the readings for Sundays in Advent have shown God leading the people into a new way of life—a way of righteousness and loyalty, of honesty and responsibility. Today the readings show the people beginning to see that the accomplishment of this transformation would come through the leadership of one individual. Who might that person be?

The passage from Isaiah describes a prophet, one anointed by God and bringing good news to the poor. When the Baptist appears on the scene in John's Gospel, people wonder if it might be him. He insists he is not the one, nor is he a prophet. Then, "Who are you?" (John 1:19) Recalling the passage from Isaiah read on the First Sunday of Advent, John tells them he is the one repairing the road, getting it ready for the long-awaited one to arrive. He adds that his baptism is a baptism of repentance. He is readying them to be what Paul describes as "perfectly holy...blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

We now see that these readings are preparing us for salvation. We are now told that such divine graciousness will be inaugurated by an individual, one who has not yet been identified. Will it be a powerful king? A mighty warrior? A spectacular prophet? Those in the time before Christ didn't know. We now know that it will be someone powerful enough to initiate a revolutionary change in the lives of the entire people. Now waiting gets exciting.

The events described in all three readings unfold because of God's merciful love of all. It is for such a day that we are called to prepare. Are we willing to exert the effort? Are we willing to listen to God's words?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

#### **For Reflection:**

*How might you envision this long-awaited one?*

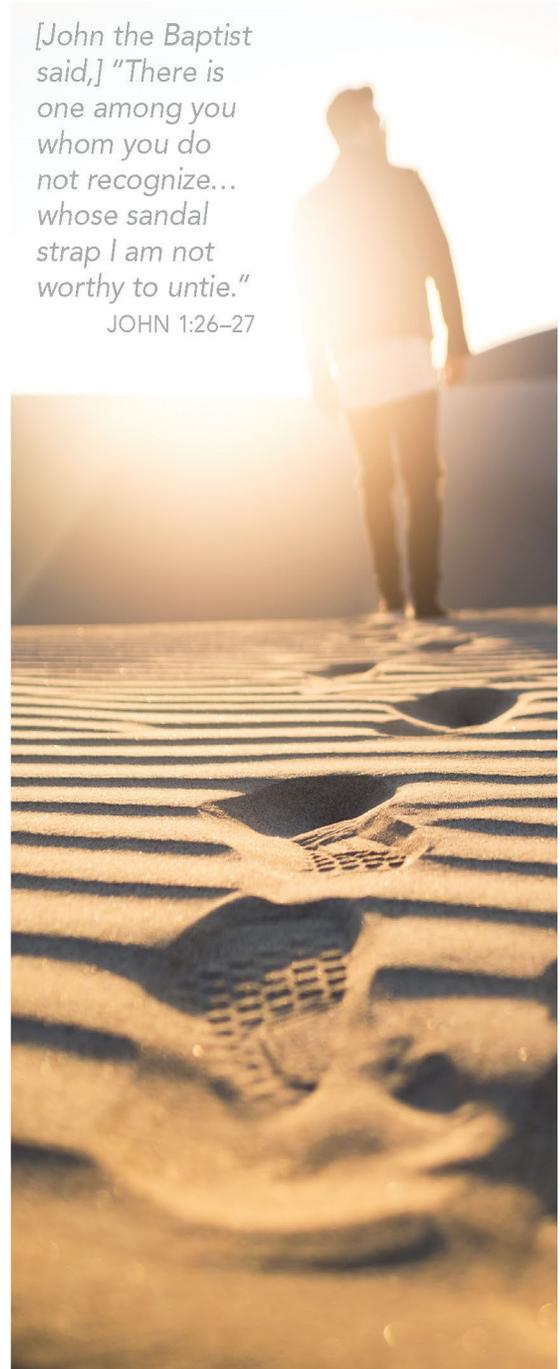
*What do you think the nation needs in a leader?*

*What kind of revolutionary transformation do you think we need today?*

*What might you have to leave behind?*

[John the Baptist said,] "There is one among you whom you do not recognize... whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."

JOHN 1:26-27



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*Calendar*

**Monday**  
 DECEMBER 14  
 Advent Weekday  
 Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a  
 Matthew 21:23-27

**Tuesday**  
 DECEMBER 15  
 Advent Weekday  
 Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13  
 Matthew 21:28-32

**Wednesday**  
 DECEMBER 16  
 Advent Weekday  
 Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25  
 Luke 7:18b-23

**Thursday**  
 DECEMBER 17  
 Advent Weekday  
 Genesis 49:2, 8-10  
 Matthew 1:1-17

**Friday**  
 DECEMBER 18  
 Advent Weekday  
 Jeremiah 23:5-8  
 Matthew 1:18-25

**Saturday**  
 DECEMBER 19  
 Advent Weekday  
 Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a  
 Luke 1:5-25

**Sunday**  
 DECEMBER 20  
 Fourth Sunday of Advent  
 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
 Romans 16:25-27  
 Luke 1:26-38

# Dear Padre,

## Who was John the Baptist?

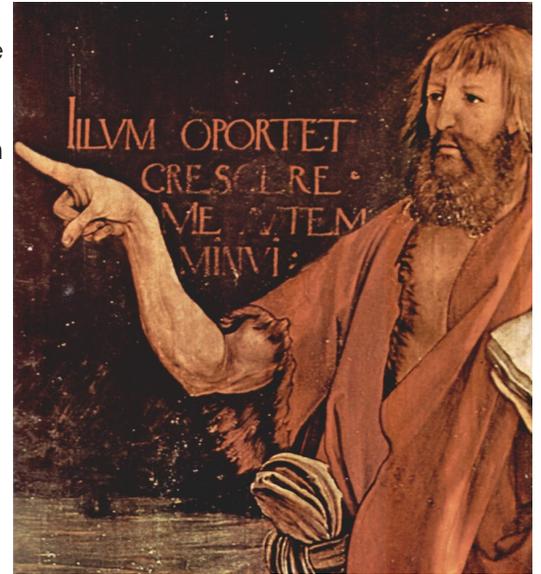
What we know about John the Baptist comes from a combination of Scripture and Church traditions that evolved during and after the writing of the Scriptures of the New Testament.

John's parents were Zechariah, who was a priest in the Jerusalem Temple, and Elizabeth, who was related to Mary. The angel Gabriel told Zechariah that his wife would bear a son, even though she was quite old. It is believed that John was born in the region of Ain Karim, southwest of Jerusalem. When he was in his early twenties, he was a member of the Qumran community, and later was a hermit in the desert. John began his public ministry in his late twenties in the Jordan River Valley.

His preaching followed the long line of Jewish prophets who preached against the evils of the day and demanded inner repentance and outer baptism as a sign of that repentance.

John continued his preaching in the Jordan Valley even after encountering Jesus. Eventually John was arrested by Herod Antipas and imprisoned at Machaerus Fortress by the Dead Sea. He was beheaded at the request of Salome, the daughter of Herodias, and buried at Sebaste, in Samaria. After John's death, many of his disciples followed Jesus, including Andrew and John.

John, whose name means "God is gracious," is usually represented in pictures holding a long slender cross with a small lamb partially hidden behind him.



— Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR (Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)

## A word from POPE FRANCIS



Anxieties, difficulties, and sufferings permeate our lives, and so many times the reality around us seems to be inhospitable and arid, like the desert....But the words of [John] the Baptist reveal that our joy rests on the certainty that this desert is inhabited: "Among you there is one whom you do not know."

—Angelus, Gaudete Sunday, December 17, 2017



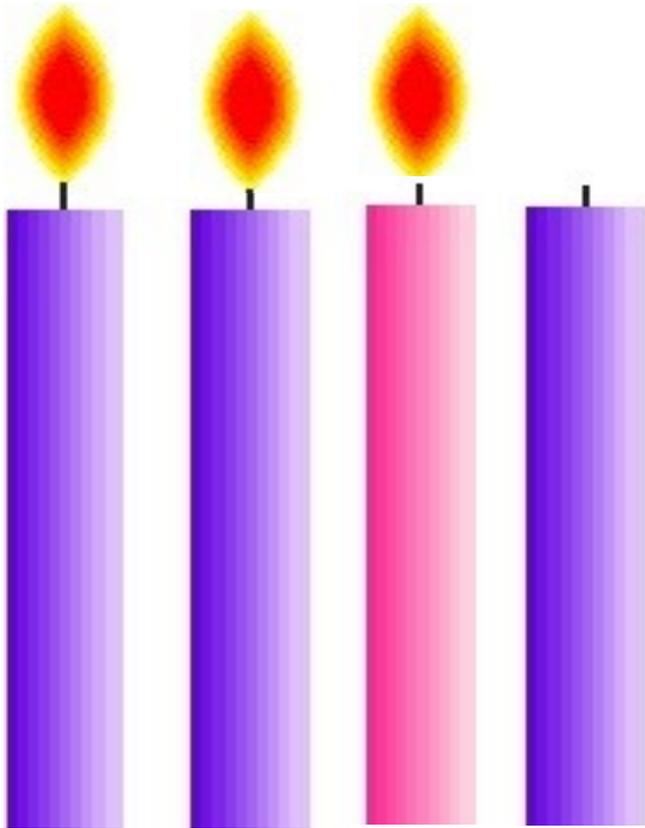
### Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

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: [ScrupulousAnonymous.org](http://ScrupulousAnonymous.org)

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sun.	Dec 13	9:00 a.m.	Jan Enthoven
		11:00 a.m.	All Souls +
		5:30 p.m.	Sandy Dawes
Mon.	Dec 14	12:00 p.m.	Gene Ann Carlino +
Tues.	Dec 15	12:00 p.m.	John Rigney +
Wed	Dec 16	12:00 p.m.	Frederic Severance +
Thur.	Dec 17	12:00 p.m.	Beatriz Tamayo +
Fri.	Dec 18	12:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Tamayo
Sat.	Dec 19	5:30 p.m.	Luzena Quiban



## MASS SCHEDULE AND PARISH EVENTS

### December 13, Third Sunday of Advent

- Masses 9:00 a.m., 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

### December 14, Monday

- Confession 7:30 a.m.
- Confessions 11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
- Mass 12:00 p.m.
- YAMS Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Zoom

### December 15, Tuesday

- Confession 7:30 a.m.
- Confessions 11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
- Mass 12:00 p.m.
- MPH Devotion after noon Mass

### December 16, Wednesday

- Confession 7:30 a.m.
- Confessions 11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
- Mass 12:00 p.m.

### December 17, Thursday

- Confession 7:30 a.m.
- Confessions 11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
- Mass 12:00 p.m.

### December 18, Friday

- Confession 7:30 a.m.
- Confessions 11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
- Mass 12:00 p.m.

### December 19, Saturday

- Confession 4:00—5:00 p.m.
- Sunday Vigil Mass 5:30 p.m.



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve:  
Thursday, December 24  
5:00 Christmas Eve Mass**

**Christmas Day  
Friday, December 25  
10:00 a.m. Mass**

*(no confessions or other Masses on  
Christmas Eve or Christmas Day)*

## STEWARDSHIP

Offerings (November 23—29 )	\$1,415
Online Giving (November 23—29)	\$1,180
Total Sacrificial Giving	\$2,595
YTD Sacrificial Giving (June 29—Nov 29)	\$66,523
Parish Improvement (June 29—Nov 29)	\$6,612

## SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



Don't forget to pick up a gift tag on the Giving Tree and help make the holidays a little brighter for our Food Bank patrons. You can also make a \$25 donation to the Food Bank and send it to the parish.

**BRING YOUR UNWRAPPED GIFTS**  
by the Mass on Christmas Day.