



# ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

— ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD —

DECEMBER 6, 2020  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## MASS SCHEDULE

### MASS TIMES

Saturday..... (Vigil) 4:00pm  
Sunday..... 8:30am, 10:30am, 7:00pm  
..... (Spanish) 3:00pm

### DAILY MASS

Mo, Tu, Th, Fri..... 8:30am  
Wednesday..... 6:00pm

Daily Mass and the 10:30am Sunday Mass  
are live-streamed and can be viewed on our  
parish Facebook page or the Parish Website.

### CONFESSIONS

One half hour before each Mass daily  
and Sundays.

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

**CHAPEL** - Open 24 hours daily.

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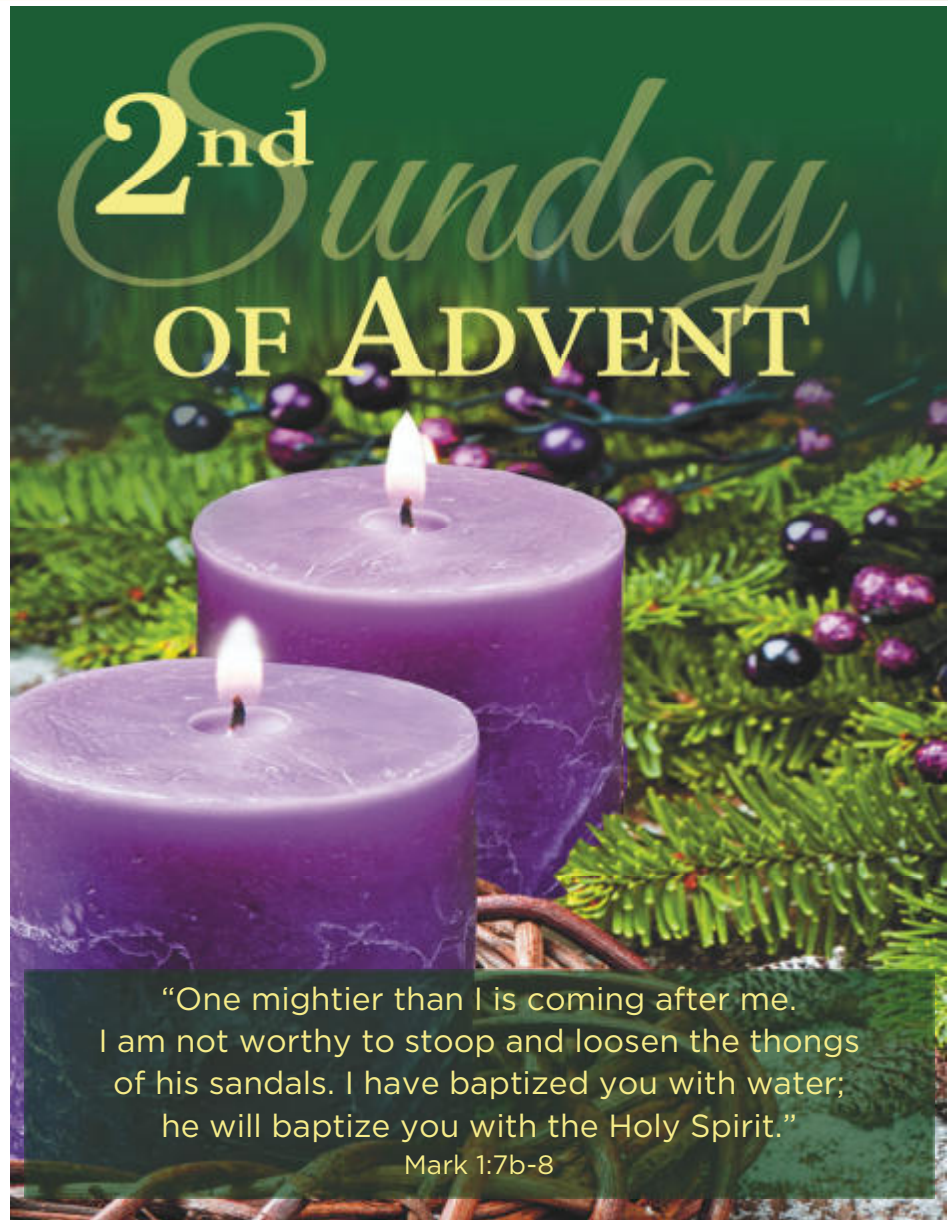
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"One mightier than I is coming after me.  
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs  
of his sandals. I have baptized you with water;  
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Mark 1:7b-8

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 7 • St. Ambrose

8:30 am Living & deceased members of the Rockel & Roussel Families

### Tuesday, December 8 • The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am Norman & Verna Millet, Rosalind Hutson, Deborah Acosta, Jessica Fournet  
6:00 pm Fr. Russell Biven, Andre "Del" Couturié, Armand Brinkhaus, Jr.

### Wednesday, December 9 • St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

6:00 pm Zulma Williams, All those remembered at our Christmas Mass of Remembrance

### Thursday, December 10

8:30 am Kim Blanchard

### Friday, December 11 • St. Damasus I

8:30 am Deacon Paul & Philip Dupuy, Edith Layton

### Saturday, December 12 • Our Lady of Guadalupe

4:00 pm Stuart Torres, Louis & Georgina Andry, E.J. & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Grady Duff, Jr., Scott Duff, Gayle & George Hoffman, Vivian & Lionel Fisher, Jr., Helen Brayard, Melvin & Nellie Powell, Brock & Larousse Families, Fisher & Melancon Families, Dolores Fajardo, Dr. Keith Melancon & Family, Ronald G. Perilloux, Ronald N. Perilloux, In thanksgiving for answered prayers, Anthony J. Valure, Jacques Williams, Sr., Esmeregildo Munoz, Jr., Thiel Bueto, Special Intentions, Healing of America

### Sunday, December 13 • Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Gwen Booth, Harold Strehle, Annette Poche, Anthony St. Pierre, Connie Thornton, Claudia Mauberret, Mary & Maurice St. Pierre, Mr. & Mrs. Lance Poche, Joseph & Verlie Marks, Maude Hymel, Vivian & Lionel Fisher, Jr., E.J. & Zola Martin, Steve & Nancy Valure, Clarence & Shirley Frost, John Snyder, Sr., Elma, Emanuel, & Doug Sicard, Deborah, Daryl, & Drew Bourgeois, Nancy Freitas, Deceased members of the Lynn Nguyen Family, Lester Savoie, Special Intention  
10:30 am Cynthia Naquin  
3:00 pm (en espanol) Our Parishioners, Oscar Clotario Espinoza Concha  
7:00 pm Special Intention



Happy Ordination  
Anniversary

Deacon Dave  
December 12

### VIGIL LIGHT DECEMBER

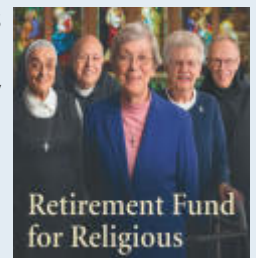
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### CHAPEL CANDLES BURN FOR

In memory of Alvin Dufrene and Dowie & Annabelle Gendron

### Special Collection - December 13th Retirement Fund for Religious

**Help our elders.** In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.





## AROUND OUR CHURCH & OUR COMMUNITY



### Young Adult Ministry Christmas Project BLESSING BAGS FOR THE SOUTHEASTERN VETERANS HOME

We are continuing to accept donations for the Blessing Bags for the Southeast Veterans Home through December 13th.

Items needed include socks, kleenex, candy, chocolate Kisses, Reese's, KitKats, soft mints, soft cookies, peanut butter crackers, small jars of jelly, small bottles of Tabasco Sauce, and prayer cards.

Please bring donations to the Church or to the Parish Office.  
Questions? Contact [aoldevelopment@gmail.com](mailto:aoldevelopment@gmail.com).



All Young Adults are invited to come and help assemble our Blessing Bags in Piovan Parish Hall on Wednesday, December 16th after 6pm Mass.

## Christmas Giving Tree

Our Christmas Giving Tree is set up in the foyer of the Church. If you would like to help a family in need, please take an ornament off of the tree and record the ornament family number and letter with your name and phone number on the forms provided in the back of Church. All Christmas Giving Tree gifts must be returned to Church by **December 16th** or to the Parish Office by **December 18th**. Thank you for your love and generosity to our neighbors in need!



### Christmas Altar Flowers and Decorations

Please return all Christmas Flowers envelopes in the collection baskets or to the Parish Office by **Dec. 14th**.

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In appreciation for his many years of service to our Recreation Program, AOL honors Coach Mike Abbate by naming our ballfield after him. Thank you, Coach Mike!



Please visit our website, [aolparish.org](http://aolparish.org), for Advent Resources. Links to the *Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Mary & Joseph* videos are available for viewing. The Advent Edition of *The Word Among Us* is available for purchase at the Parish Office.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### PARISH CALENDAR

#### Monday, December 7

6:00pm PSR  
6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet - Adoration Chapel

#### Tuesday, December 8

6:30pm Bereavement Ministry Potluck - PPH

#### Wednesday, December 9

6:00pm Christmas Mass of Remembrance - Church  
6:00pm RCIA - Parish Office

#### Thursday, December 10

12:30pm Hearty Meal - DBH  
7:00pm Spanish Bible Study - PPH

#### Friday, December 11

#### Saturday, December 12 • Team 2

#### Sunday, December 13 • Team 2

4:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration - School grounds  
7:00pm Youth Mass - Church



### PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

#### Adorers Needed:

**Sundays: 10am, 1pm**

**Mondays: 2am**

**Fridays: 10am, 2pm, 3pm**

**Saturdays: 8am**

#### Come back and pray!

"Be at peace; what God has started, He will finish."

St. Faustina (Diary, 132)

### LIVE THE LITURGY -

#### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Prepare the way of the Lord! The message of John the Baptist becomes the calling of every baptized disciple of Jesus Christ. Each one of us is asked to prepare the way of the Lord. Given the humble means of our lives, how can we do this? It certainly does not require that we stand on street corners announcing God's future coming! We can more readily take up the task of our lifework by clearing our lives of unnecessary, distracting clutter. By creating solid and deep spiritual lives, we can heighten our awareness of God's presence and help people point to and discover God's presence around them. By conducting ourselves in holiness and devotion, we can speak volumes to those we meet. Not by preaching actual words, but by living lives that communicate the comfort God wants His people to know. As the world sometimes frantically unfolds around us, we can be people of patience who show others that it's okay to wait for God's gift to come. Conducting our lives in this manner, we will know the peace that comes from doing what we have been asked to do. ©LPi



### SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS:** Baptismal seminars are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Office at 7:00pm. Please call the Parish Office to pre-register.

**WEDDINGS:** Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the preferred date of the wedding.

**ANOIDING OF THE SICK:** Please call the Parish Office or 985-630-2837 (evenings).

**HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** To be added to the list, please call the Parish Office.

**FUNERALS:** Family must make arrangements with the priest prior to making final arrangements with the funeral home.



### Pope Francis' December Prayer Intention

#### For a life of prayer.

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



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**"Prepare the way of the Lord."**

**Mark 1:3**

Throughout the history of humanity, we find God sending people to announce that he would send them a Messiah. The Messiah would help guide the people to God the Father. These prophets told the people how they must prepare themselves so that when the Messiah came they would find themselves ready and waiting.

In the gospel we read of John the Baptizer who preceded the coming of Jesus the Messiah and Son of God. He told the people to prepare themselves. Many people failed to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. They were not prepared.

Before going back to the Father in heaven Jesus promised that he would come again to judge the living and the dead. This Final coming would mark the end of this world. Those found ready and waiting would find a place in heaven. Those not prepared would spend eternity in Hell.

In the second reading the author tells us that this day of Final Judgment 'will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.'

God kept His promise to send a Messiah and Jesus came into the world. Many people were not prepared. Jesus promises that He will come again. Are we prepared? How will God judge us should He come at this moment? Will He judge us ready and waiting or unprepared?

*Fr. Walter Austin*

### The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation



#### Mass Schedule

**Tuesday,  
December 8th**

**8:30 am**  
(will be live-streamed)  
&  
**6:00 pm**

## RESPONDING TO THE CALL

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**  
Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

### Jubilant to Share

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### LIVING OUR FAITH

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Monday:	Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Next Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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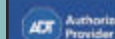
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