



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent (A)

Is 11:1-10

Rom 15:4-9

Mt 3:1-12

## 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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
DECEMBER 9	DECEMBER 10	DECEMBER 11	DECEMBER 12	DECEMBER 13	DECEMBER 14	DECEMBER 15
<i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	<i>St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i>	<i>St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>
Gn 3:9–15, 20 Eph 1:3–6, 11–12 Lk 1:26–38	Is 40:1–11 Mt 18:12–14	Is 40:25–31 Mt 11:28–30	Zec 2:14–17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab Lk 1:26–38 or Lk 1:39–47	Is 48:17–19 Mt 11:16–19	Sir 48:1–4, 9–11 Mt 17:9a, 10–13	Is 35:1–6a, 10 Jas 5:7–10 Mt 11:2–11

# 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!**

**D**ogma 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.

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### 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

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, December 7**

- 8:00 a.m. + Salud "Nene" O. Gomez by her Children
- 5:00 p.m. + Melody Paige Klinker by The Klinker Family

**Sunday, December 8**

- 7:00 a.m. - Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
- 8:30 a.m. - Simpao & Lowry Families by Ruth Lowry
- 10:00 a.m. + Mary Lucielle Keppel by Tom & Girls
- 11:30 a.m. - The DeBenedittis Family by Tony & Tony
- 1:00 p.m. + Mary Anderson by John & Mary Ann Thomas
- 3:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass
- 5:00 p.m. + James Patrick Mulhern by the Bergeron Family

**Monday, December 9**

- 6:30 a.m. + Ruth Lauenders by Jeffrey Fairfield
- 8:00 a.m. + Mauro Messina by The Messina Family

**Tuesday, December 10**

- 6:30 a.m. - Special Intentions for Durocher Family by Cassandra Durocher
- 8:00 a.m. + Peyton Christopherson by Bob & Kathleen Dinkel

**Wednesday, December 11**

- 6:30 a.m. + Anita Saenz de Mena by The Saenz Family
- 8:00 a.m. + Frank Stanczak by Alice Eelman

**Thursday, December 12**

- 6:30 a.m. + Anita Saenz de Mena by The Saenz Family
- 8:00 a.m. + Judith Foley by Greg Foley

**Friday, December 13**

- 6:30 a.m. - In Thanskiving to St. Lucy by Catherine Shockley
- 8:00 a.m. + Rosalie & Joseph Giambrone by Adele Giambrone

**Saturday, December 14**

- 8:00 a.m. + William Boning by Celeste & Joe Aquilino
- 5:00 p.m. - Rosalita Patagnan by Anita Wolke

**Sunday, December 15**

- 7:00 a.m. + Hilda Rodriguez by Ana McCollim
- 8:30 a.m. - Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
- 10:00 a.m. + Nelson Deal by Kathy Norman and Family
- 11:30 a.m. + Donald Janik by Karen & Mike Prendergast
- 1:00 p.m. + Robert McGinn by The St. Joseph Catholic School Faculty & Staff
- 3:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass
- 5:00 p.m. + Margaret Catherine McGroarty by The Klinker Family



**The Youth Ministry Corner**

Attention High School Students! Join us tonight, December 8th, for dinner and holy hour. Dinner will be at 6:00pm in Hall C, followed by Adoration with Praise and Worship at 7:30pm in the church.

Join us next week, December 15th, for a Youth Mass at 5:00pm in the church, followed by a YM Christmas Party at 6:00pm in Hall C.

For more information, contact Jenn Chmiel at:  
[jchmiel@sjcherndon.org](mailto:jchmiel@sjcherndon.org).



**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES**

Our Advent Penance Service will be on **Monday, December 9th at 7 p.m.** This will be a wonderful opportunity for spiritual preparation before Christmas; for your convenience extra priests will be available.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES  
IN NEIGHBORING PARISHES:**

- December 10 - St. John Neumann 7:00 PM
- December 12 - St. Thomas á Becket, Reston: 7:00 PM



The Feast of Our Lady Of Guadalupe is on December 12th. Rosary will be at 7:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 8:00 p.m. During the entrance procession, people will be dressed in their native costumes. During Mass, there will be a procession with roses. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

## Blessings

The Parish staff wishes to thank the following parish ministries:

We thank **our parishioners** for their support of the **Christmas Catholic Charities** collection. Your generosity allows the "works of mercy" to be shared with those in need. Many blessings!

We thank **our parishioners** for their generosity and support of the **Project Gabriel - Gift forLife Giving Tree**. We are grateful to our parishioners who are active in this ministry. "Give a gift for life this Christmas."

We thank **our parishioners** who participated in the **Advent Night of Praise - O Come, Let Us Adore Him**. A special thanks to the **Youth Ministry team and the Friars** for their planning and oversight of this gathering. Pope Francis shares: "Advent is the time to welcome Jesus' coming, as He comes as a messenger of peace to show us the ways of God."

We thank **our parishioners** for their support of the **LINK Holiday Food Collection**. A special thanks to the **Men's Society and the Knights of Columbus** for their oversight of this collection. Know that your contributions to LINK supports their mission: "An unconditional love [which] includes commitment, compassion, and the courage to serve the sick, abused, hurt, unloved, and powerless."

We thank **our parishioners** for their participation in **praying of the rosary** after the 6:30 am Mass (M-F), and before 8:00 am Mass each day (M-Sat.), and before the 8:30 am Sunday Mass. We especially thank the leaders of the rosary and their commitment to this devotion. Many blessings!

We thank the **members of the Ladies' Society** for their **outreach to young students in need of weekend lunches** and their **concern for our homebound parishioners**. Many blessings!

We thank the **parishioners** who share their gifts and time as **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (EMs)** during the weekend liturgies, daily liturgies, and those who visit the sick and the homebound of the parish. We are grateful that in giving Christ to the communicant whether at Mass, in their residence, or in the hospital/nursing home you may continue to grow in your witness to Christ's love.

We thank **our parishioners** who provide for the **cleaning, order, and maintenance of the Church**. There are many parishioners and individuals who work behind the scenes. These individuals include those who just changed the Missalettes and Music Books in the pews; those who clean the pews after each of the Masses on the weekends; those who oversee the cleaning of the altar linens; those who clean the Church each Monday morning; those who tend to the flowers and plants; those who clean the Church for the weekend Masses; those who oversee the candle ministry; the parish maintenance staff; etc. We thank you for your ministry and work!

## St. Joseph Parish Mobile App



Some features include:  
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## Still thinking about Work Camp 2020?

Registration is open for Work Camp in June 2020. A few openings for youth are still available.

We are also in need of adult volunteers.

Contact Mary Kay Bailey at

[marykaybailey@verizon.net](mailto:marykaybailey@verizon.net) or Isabel Nickle at [inickle@verizon.net](mailto:inickle@verizon.net).



### CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, December 24**  
8:00 a.m.

#### Masses for Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Mass in Parish Hall  
4:00 p.m. Mass in Church  
6:00 p.m.; 8:00 p.m. (Choir)

#### Masses for Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, 2019

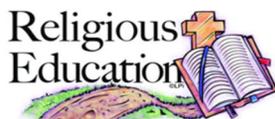
8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.; Noon;  
3:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

#### Tuesday, New Year's Eve December 31, 2019

6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.  
Feast of the Solemnity of Mary  
the Holy Mother of God

#### Wednesday, New Year's Day, January 1, 2020

Feast of the Solemnity of Mary  
The Holy Mother of God  
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m.,  
Spanish 3:30 p.m.



### LAST CLASSES OF THE YEAR BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK

December (Sat.) 14<sup>th</sup>, (Sun.) 15<sup>th</sup>, (Mon.) 16<sup>th</sup>,  
& (Tue.) 17<sup>th</sup>

### CATECHISM CLASSES RESUME

January, (Sat.) 4<sup>th</sup>, (Sun.) 5<sup>th</sup>, (Mon.) 6<sup>th</sup>, & (Tue.) 7<sup>th</sup>

#### St. Joseph School Winter Wonderland Book Fair!

A terrific source for  
Christmas gifts!

Sunday 12/8 from 9:30 am - 1 pm

Visit the school library!



#### Poinsettias for the Altar

Boy Scout Troop 913 will be accepting dedications for the flowers that will adorn the Saint Joseph's Altar during the Christmas Season. Boy Scouts will be in the vestibule of the church after Masses the weekends of December 14-15 and December 21-22. Recommended donation for dedication is \$15.00. This is a lovely way to remember loved ones during this blessed season.



### TUESDAY NIGHTS & FRIDAY MORNINGS

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a better husband? Become a more loving father? Build friendships with other like-minded men? And seek to be the best man you can be? That Man is You! provides the opportunity to go deeper in your faith. All men are invited to attend, watch the video and engage in discussion.

Join us in room 209 on either Tuesday evenings at 7pm or Friday mornings at 6:30am.

The theme for this week is "Love is Eternal" and will cover the following topics: **The Battle to Love is in Our Hearts, A Sacrificial Gift of Ourselves for Our Bride, and The Mystery Found in the Nuptial Mass**

Feel free to show up on either Tuesday or Friday; no fees or prior registration required.

For more information contact Jack Matney (202-352-4881; [jmatneytmy@gmail.com](mailto:jmatneytmy@gmail.com)) and/or check out: [www.paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you/](http://www.paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you/).



**"Make this Advent and Christmas different than previous years. Commit to Just One Yes. It will change you, your family, your community, and, like Mary's powerful "yes" to God, it can change the world." Bishop Burbidge**

#### What is #JOY?

How can you experience more JOY this Advent and Christmas? Our #JustOneYes (JOY) movement encourages all in the diocese to increase their connection to God. How can you join the movement? Commit to a daily Rosary, daily Mass, your favorite prayer, or an extra holy hour a week, something that brings you closer to Christ. Register your JustOneYes at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/JustOneYes](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/JustOneYes).

Text JustOneYes to (833) 602-8554 to receive weekly encouragement during the Advent Season to complete your "yes"!



### LINK HOLIDAY FOOD COLLECTION - Dec. 7-8, 2019

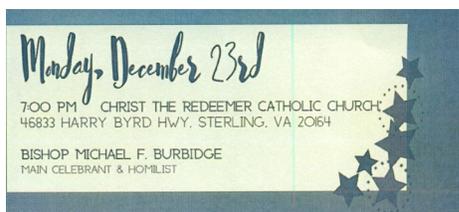
The Men's Society and the Knights of Columbus will be conducting a Holiday Food Collection to support LINK this weekend, December 7-8. They will accept your donations of non-perishable food items and monetary offerings. LINK will use these donations to provide Holiday food baskets for the hundreds of families in our area who might not have enough food this Christmas.

**Simbang Gabi** refers to nine Masses in honor of Mary, traditionally celebrated in the nine days before Christmas by Filipino Catholics around the world.

Join with parishioners in honoring a Filipino cultural tradition. The novena begins December 15 and culminates with the "Misa de Gallo" on Christmas Eve to welcome the birth of Jesus Christ.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
**December 16, 2019 at 7:30 pm**  
**Celebrant – Father Tom Bourque, TOR**  
**Visiting Choir**

For a listing of all the Masses for Simbang Gabi in the Diocese of Arlington, please visit:  
[www.arlingtondiocese.org/Multicultural](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Multicultural).



### ST LUCY PROJECT FOOD COLLECTION

#### THANK YOU!

On the World Day of the Poor, the parishioners of St. Joseph's Church once again demonstrated their generosity and kindness in helping the poor and food challenged around us. Total donations of food collected was 12,373 pounds—over 6 tons—in addition to \$6580 in monetary assistance. We thank you for your continuous support and response to this ministry.

We also wish to thank the volunteers from the Men's Society and Knights of Columbus, who helped load the trucks, the volunteer drivers, and the St. Joseph Youth ministry who travelled down to Manassas on Sunday night to unload the food. Your efforts helped make this generous contribution possible.



walking with purpose

THE MODERN WOMAN'S GUIDE TO THE BIBLE

On Dec. 8th, the Ladies presently participating in Walking With Purpose will be attending the Advent Night of Praise at 7:30 p.m. in the church. We will all sit together. Please join us!

We will reconvene with our study on Dec. 15th, in the parish meeting rooms, with the topic: **What Does the Sacrament of Penance Have to Do with My Friendship With Christ?**

For more information: contact Susie Geurin at 703-338-7077 or [sguerin63@gmail.com](mailto:sguerin63@gmail.com) or visit <https://tinyurl.com/WWP-SJC>.

**Divine Mercy University is pleased to announce that we are now accepting new clients at our IPS center Sterling location.**

The IPS Center is an outpatient mental health facility providing clinical services to adults, adolescents, children, families and couples. Services are provided by advanced doctoral students, closely supervised by licensed clinical psychologists.

We are committed to providing the community with high quality, affordable mental health services that understand the emotional, biological, social, spiritual and psychological aspects of a person. Clients of any faith or background are welcome at the Center.

At the heart of such treatment is a deep respect for the dignity of each person and a commitment to providing appropriate state-of-the-art services within the context of each individual's culture, race, religion and gender. All services are provided on a confidential basis as we adhere to the strict guidelines of HIPAA and state laws.

The IPS Center is part of the Clinical Psychology Psy.D. program operated by the Institute for the Psychological Sciences (IPS) of Divine Mercy University.  
<http://ipscenter.org/>

#### Collections:

##### The Weekend of November 17, 2019

**Offertory** - \$18,142 plus Faith Direct \$ 14,507  
**Second Collection - Retired Fund for Religious**  
\$ 7,041 plus Faith Direct \$ 5,640

##### The Weekend of November 24, 2019

**Offertory** - \$ 17,885 plus Faith Direct \$ 16,087  
**Second Collection - Campaign For Human Development**  
\$ 4,929 plus Faith Direct \$ 2,500

##### The Weekend of December 1, 2019

**Offertory** - \$ 18,487 plus Faith Direct \$ 16,087  
**Second Collection - Parish Facility Fund**  
\$ 8,230 plus Faith Direct \$ 7,297