



Corpus Christi Catholic Community

Building the Body of Christ

December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday Reflection



What does it mean to be worthy? There are a few different ways to approach this question. Today's Gospel highlights two: the way of the Pharisees and the way of John the Baptist. Our faith values good works and discipleship. Perhaps, then, we "earn" our worth by adhering to the right doctrines and following the right pious practice. The Pharisees thought they were worthy. Due to their religious pedigree and proper procedures, they were self-satisfied. John the Baptist's words to them are strong. "Do not resume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.'" Of course, Jesus (and John) don't omit the responsibility for moral behavior. John gives the Pharisees quite a strong warning in that regard. "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance ... every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

It's a question of attitude. Of disposition. It's a matter of the heart. If anyone would be worthy in this scenario, it's John the Baptist. Jesus himself will name him the greatest of *(continued on page 3)*

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary Monday, December 9, 2019



During Advent, as we prepare for the birth of Christ at Christmas, we celebrate one of the great feasts of the Catholic Church — the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. **Masses will be celebrated at 8:30 am and 7 pm on December 9.**

From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began the work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. All are welcome to join us as we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady!

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Corpus Christi Directory

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Mon - Thu, 9:30 am – 8:00 pm, Fri, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm
Sat, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Sun 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

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Sat 4 pm, Sun 9 am & 11 am

Daily/ Holy Day Masses:

See next column.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Each Saturday at 3:30 pm or by appointment. Communal services are held during Advent and Lent.

Sick Calls and Communion Calls: Please notify the parish office when there is serious illness in your household. We are happy to make home visits and to visit hospital and nursing home patients as well. We appreciate being notified so we may keep the sick in prayer and place them on our prayer list.

Baptisms: Call the Parish Office for more information.

Weddings: Call the Parish Office at least 6 months before wedding.

at Corpus Christi

Monday, December 9

The Immaculate Conception of Mary

7:20 am ADORATION

8:30 am MASS

5:00 pm NW Detroit Youth Coalition Meeting

7:00 pm Bible Study

Tuesday, December 10

7:20 am ADORATION

8:30 am MASS

6:30 pm OPCA Area Business Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 11

Saint Damasus I, Pope

7:20 am ADORATION

8:30 am MASS

3:00 pm MASS @ Regency Heights Nursing Center

5:00 pm Mary's Mantle Christmas Party

6:00 pm Evangelization Committee Meeting

5:15 pm NWDYC Board Meeting

Thursday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:20 am ADORATION

9:00 am MASS

3:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting

Friday, December 13

Saint Lucy, Martyr

10:30 am Corpus Christi Seniors

5:30 pm Christmas Party Set-Up (thru 7 pm)

Saturday, December 14

Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

10:00 am 1st Reconciliation Preparation

10:00 am SVDP-Corpus Christi Food Pantry

2:00 pm SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

2:00 pm Recovery Group

3:30 pm Christmas Party Set-up

4:00 pm MASS

5:30 pm PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

ADVENT GIVING TREE

9:00 am MASS

9:00 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Levels 2/3

9:00 am RCIA Class

10:30 am Choir Rehearsal

10:45 am Noah's Ark Nursery

11:00 am MASS / Liturgy of the Word with Children

11:00 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1

1:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

2:30 pm Faith & Sharing

4:00 pm Better Men Outreach



It Is All About You Lord (IIAAYL)

by Deacon Paul Mueller, Pastoral Associate

WHAT IS VON?

The quick answer is: VON is an abbreviation for "Visiting Our Neighbors". The VON Team has just finished the sixth year of the ministry here at CC.

The purpose of the ministry is quite simple: to invite people in our neighborhood to visit our welcoming community so they can come to know Jesus better. We provide our neighbors with information about Corpus Christi, its involvement in the community, the diversity of our membership, and the richness of our weekend liturgies.

Our way of doing the ministry is to start with 15 minutes of prayer in our church chapel, decide on teams of two people, determine which team will take which homes on a given street, and make our visits while it is still light in the evening. We do this ministry from May thru late October. At each door we tell the neighbors who we are, where we are from and ask if there is any way we can help their family. After we get to know each other at the door we ask if they would like us to pray for anything and, if they have a need for prayer, we invite them to join us on the front porch for prayers.

We follow-up with further visits where appropriate and with greeting cards at Christmas and Easter to let them know we care and that they are welcome! Please consider joining us!!!!

Questions? Call me (248.891.9387), e-mail me (dcnpaulmueller@gmail.com) or drop me a note at the rectory.

— Deacon Paul

Sunday Reflection (continued from page 1)

prophets and a great man. John, however, recognizes his own lowly place in the grand scheme of things. "The one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals." The Pharisees take pride in being "better" than others. John embraces humility in Christ being "better" than him. We don't self-generate our own worthiness. We receive it as a gift from God.

In a few short weeks, we'll celebrate the birth of Christ. Bishop Ven. Fulton Sheen wrote about the Nativity in his "Life of Christ": "Because [Jesus] was born in a cave, all who wish to see Him must stoop. To stoop is the mark of humility. The proud refuse to stoop and, therefore, they miss divinity." God invites us to prepare our hearts this Advent. When you consider your own life, where are you looking for your worth? This Christmas, are you prepared to stoop?

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Young Adult News

Grief Support for Young Adults

Are you 18 to 23 years old? Has someone in your life died? Are you interested in a group to help you cope with your grief? Contact the SandCastles Grief Support Program of Henry Ford Health System to learn more about a place where others understand, a safe place for young adults to share their grief following a death. YA grief support groups meet twice a month in St. Clair Shores. Call 313-874-6881 for more information and to register.

Busted Halo What is Advent all about? How is Advent different than Christmas? In a BRAND NEW version of their classic video, Busted Halo explains this special season in the Church and why the experience of waiting, hope, and preparation is still so important in our lives today. Please visit www.bustedhalo.com to view "Advent In Two Minutes," their 2019 Advent Calendar, podcasts, and more.



Church of the Home

anticipation and longing.

■ Family Advent Activity

Each Christmas ornament tells a story and carries a blessing. To counter the frantic rush of the season, let the Christmas tree stand bare for a week. Then bless the ornaments (see below) while placing them on the tree. This is a good way to observe how Advent is a time of

Blessing of the Christmas Ornaments

Have each family member choose a favorite ornament and hold it. Select someone or ask someone to volunteer in leading the following blessing:



Leader: God, we ask you to bless these ornaments. Each one of them represents a thread in the tapestry of our family's life together.

We gather today to be mindful of how you have been present with us through all our days. We know that you are present with us now as our family story continues to unfold.

Help us to see one another as precious and dear, to treat one another with tenderness and care, and to enjoy and celebrate the joy that each one of us brings to the family.

We ask you this in a spirit of memory and celebration.

All: Amen.

(After the blessing, your family might take time to share stories connected to some favorite ornaments.)

■ A Christmas Tradition

All children of the parish in preschool thru Grade 5 are invited to participate in the 4 pm Christmas Vigil Mass in a special way by leading the music and singing, telling the story of Jesus' birth, and inviting family and friends to come to church with them on Christmas eve. There will be a Children's Chorale practice after the 11:00 am Penance Service in the church. The Vigil Mass practice will be held



“... many young people, wanting to be different, really end up being like everyone else, running after whatever the powerful set before them with the mechanisms of consumerism and distraction. In this way they do not bring forth the gifts the Lord has given them; they do not offer the world those unique personal talents that God has given to each of them.”

“Dare to be more, because who you are is more important than any possession. What good are possessions or appearances? You can become what God your Creator knows you are, if only you realize that you are called to something greater. Ask the help of the Holy Spirit and confidently aim for the great goal of holiness. In this way, you will not be a photocopy. You will be fully yourself.”

— excerpts from #106, #107 of CHRISTUS VIVIT (Christ is alive!), Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis

Monday, December 23 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm in the church. Sign your children up after Mass or call the parish office to let us know that they are interested in helping with the Mass.

■ Advent Evening of Peace & Prayer

St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center, 23333 Schoolcraft, Detroit is offering an Advent Evening of Peace & Prayer on Tuesday, December 17 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. The evening includes family-friendly activities. Cost is \$15/person (\$10 before December 3); children age 5 and up are free. Register online at stpaulretreat.org or call 313-286-2800. Questions? Contact Lynnette Marshall at lmarrshall@stpaulretreat.org.

Everyday Stewardship by Tracy Earl Welliver

One day, we heard the news that a possible tornado was heading our way. We live off of a highway, and it was traveling along that very road. My wife and kids huddled in the downstairs bathroom. Not many tornadoes surface in North Carolina, so our children were particularly worried because it was something they had never contemplated happening before. The tornado never did come into our neighborhood, but it did cause one our sons to express that he needed to go to Confession as soon as possible. He hadn't done anything too over the (continued on page 7)



BULLETIN BOARD

NEW HOURS FOR TOILETRY PANTRY:

Broadstreet Presbyterian Church, 12065 Broadstreet Avenue, Detroit provides a FREE \$10 bag of toiletry items (bleach, dish detergent, washcloths, toothpaste, toilet paper, female products, etc.) on the second Saturday of each month from 10:00 - 11:30 am, beginning December 14, 2019. All are welcome.

TRAVEL TO FATIMA, LOURDES & SHRINES OF SPAIN FEBRUARY 3 - 15, 2020.

This 12-night experience includes Mass and Rosary. Land prices begin at \$1549 per person (double occupancy). A deposit of \$400 will reserve your space. For more information, contact Matt or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or email Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

TRAUMA SUPPORT GROUPS: Open Arms provides supportive services, court advocacy, resources, and intervention to crime victims on Wednesdays from 4 pm to 6 pm at Victory Community Church, 14025 Hubbell, Detroit. For more information, call 313-369-5780.

DETROIT AT WORK: More than 7100 jobs and 131 training opportunities are accessible at www.detroitatwork.org.

FOR SALE: 1999 Toyota Camry; well-maintained, runs great, no rust ; \$2000.00 or best offer. Call (313) 533-3085 or (313) 407-1623.

LAUNDRY SERVICE: Parish member will do washing and/or ironing for you. Reasonable rates. Call Marilyn at 586-995-3677 for more information.

RIDE HOME FROM MASS NEEDED: Parishioner living in the 14 Mile Road/Main Street area of Clawson needs ride home after the 11:00 Mass; needs some help with wheelchair; call Beverly at 313-819-8060.

HUSTLE EXERCISE CLASSES: Mondays at 7 pm at Franklin Athletic Club, 29350 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield; cost is \$5/class; no membership required. Contact parishioner Kim Summers at 313-205-2883.

TV MASS FOR HOMEBOUND: WMYD Channel 20 (TV20) at 8:30 am on Sundays.



★ Sunday Bus Driver

A volunteer is needed to drive parishioners to and from 11:00 Mass via the church bus approximately every 5 weeks. A valid driver's license, recent driving experience, a background check, and attendance at a Protecting God's Children workshop is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

★ Greeters and Ushers

Volunteers are needed to create a spirit of warmth and welcome for those attending our weekend masses and special liturgies. To volunteer, or for more information, please contact Verna Kelser, Greeter Coordinator, at 248-559-3901 or vckel1957@comcast.net or Gregory Spight, Usher Coordinator at 313-204-5313 or gregory_spight@yahoo.com.

★ Nursery Caregiver

Adult caregivers are needed to provide a loving, safe environment for infants and toddlers while their parents are at the Sunday 11:00 Mass. The nursery is located in the Activities Center (convent building). Commitment is 1 ½ hrs (10:45 am - 12:15 pm) every 6 weeks. On-call caregivers are needed for other parish events (Infant baptism classes, young married couple events, etc.) Parish registration and background check required. Please call 313-537-5770 to volunteer.

★ Coffee/Donuts Volunteer

Volunteers are needed to help with the Coffee/Donut Fundraiser after our 11:00 Mass by serving on one of our teams or serving as a substitute. Tasks include serving donuts, collecting funds, and clean up. We are also in need of volunteers to pick up our donut order once every 5 weeks. Please call 313-537-5770 to sign up or for more information.

★ Cantors for Children

Cantors are needed to lead the gathering song, psalm response, and Gospel acclamation during Liturgy of the Word with Children, offered on Sundays for children in Grades 1 thru 5. Commitment is once a month; must be a registered member; background check required. Call the parish office at 313-537-5770.

COMING EVENTS:

Nov 25 Christian Yoga

Come to Manresa Retreat House, 1390 Quarton Road (corner of Woodward), Bloomfield Hills on Monday, November 18 from 5:00 to 6:15 pm for this healthy, healing practice in an atmosphere of prayer, sacred music, and scripture. Cost is \$12; payment may be made by cash or check made out to Manresa on the day of the class. Please bring your yoga mat, block, and blanket. Call 248-644-4933 for more information.

Nov 26 - 27 Grief Support

11/26 Tuesday 2 pm & 6 pm Livonia
Angela Hospice *Living With Grief* 734-779-6690

11/26 Tuesday 10:30 am - 12 Novi
Ascension at Home *Healing The Heart* 586-464-4841

11/27 Wednesday 2 pm & 6 pm Livonia
Angela Hospice *Beginning The Journey* 866-464-7810
— 8 week series for anyone experiencing a recent loss

Dec 1 Free Advent Course

Sacred Heart Major Seminary is offering a free short interactive online course called "The Adventure of Discipleship" starting Sunday, December 1. Dr. Daniel Keating invites you to look at your Christian journey as an adventure that far surpasses all other adventure stories. To register, visit www.shms.edu.

Dec 1 Advent Concert

Songs of the season will be presented by the Madrigal Chorale on Sunday, December 1 at 3:00 pm at Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, 1390 Quarton Road. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10/child. Call 248-644-4933.

Dec 1 Advent Vespers

The Cathedral Cultural Series invites you for a time of reflection, peace, and grace on Sunday, December 1 at 4:00 pm in the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Free, secure parking.

Dec 4 Advent Series Begins

The Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph invites to their annual Advent series on Wednesdays, December 4, 11, and 18 at 12 noon at the Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mount Elliott Street, Detroit. The noon Mass is followed by soup and a reflection.

Retreat Schedule

Fri - Sun, Nov 29 - Dec 1

Weekend Retreat for Women In Recovery

@ Manresa Jesuit Retreat House
1390 Quarton Road, Bloomfield Hills

— Directed by Deacon Brian Carroll. The weekend begins with dinner at 7 pm and is designed especially for women in recovery. A private room and meals are provided. A \$40 non-refundable deposit is required. For more information, contact Susan D at 586-864-5344. To register online, go to www.manresa-sj.org/052419-wrr or call 248-644-4933.

Fri - Sun, Dec 6 - 8

Retreat for Women

@ St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center
23333 Schoolcraft, Detroit

— Retreat theme is "Who Do You Say I Am?" Suggested donation is \$210; \$30 non-refundable deposit required. For more information or to register, call 313-535-9563 or visit www.stpaulretreat.org.

Fri - Sun, Dec 6 - 8

AA Retreat

@ Capuchin Retreat Center
62460 Mt Vernon, Washington MI

— Come recognize and acknowledge the power, strength, and presence of God in your life. This year's theme is "The God We Love To Fear." Deacon Peter Cornell, an internationally known retreat leader, Catholic evangelist, and active member of Alcoholics Anonymous, will be the retreat director. Arrival time is after 6 pm; social scheduled for 7 pm. Retreat ends on Sunday after the noon meal. Cost is \$150 (includes deposit). Call 248-651-4826.

Tue, Dec 10, 9 am - 2 pm

Advent Day of Reflection: "Life Is Advent"

@ Capuchin Retreat Center
62460 Mt Vernon, Washington MI

— A day of reflection on the various people that greet us along the way to Christmas and how they speak to us in the experiences of our lives. Cost is \$25/person and includes continental breakfast, two conferences, quiet time, lunch, and Mass. To register, call 248-651-4826 or visit www.capretreat.org.



Stewardship UPDATE



Collection Report

Weekly Budget	\$ 8475.00
Sunday Offerings 12-01-2019	\$ 7682.04
Holy Day Offerings	\$ 50.00
Catholic Charities Collection	\$ 160.00
Shortfall for the Budget Year	\$ 10,458.21

Everyday Stewardship *(continued from page 4)*

top sinful, but coming face-to-face with a tornado had cause him to have some second thoughts about his preparedness for meeting God. Hopefully, a tornado doesn't make a path through your city or town this Advent.

Sometimes, reminders of our mortality find their way into life. The passing of a loved one, a car accident, or a health scare can all cause us to reflect on where we are in our relationship with God. Without those moments, we can find ourselves living daily without a mindfulness of where God is in our life and if our actions are pleasing to Him ... or if they drag us further away into the world.

Advent is the time to take inventory of where we are with God. How are we living as good stewards and mature disciples? What do I need to make amends for in the healing power of the sacrament of Penance? A tornado may not be coming, but Jesus will be returning someday. Hopefully, you will run outside of your home to meet him, and he won't find you huddled up afraid in your bathroom.



Scriptures for the Week

Readings for the Week of December 8, 2019

Sunday	Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Friday:	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11



Questions of the Week

First Reading

Isaiah prophesied a new "king David" ("a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse") to rule over all the nations with judgment and justice that would bring about unprecedented peace. How do you think justice helps bring about peace?

Second Reading

Paul spoke to the Roman Christians on the importance of being a welcoming and unified community of believers. How would you assess your own faith community in this regard?

Gospel Reading

John the Baptist preached about the importance of producing "good fruit" as evidence of a sincere repentance. What good works are you doing as we continue through the season of Advent?

**Please Pray
For Our
Deceased
Loved Ones**

Diane Opalinski (10/25), sister in law of Carol Lawrence
Sr. Mary Ann Flanagan (10/29), Archdiocese of Detroit
Constance Caldwell (11/2), member of the parish
Michael Theoret, spouse of Lolita Davis



Please Pray For Those In The Military:

Jared Brooks (Marines), Caija Campbell (Army), Anthony Carson (Army), Anthony Ford (Army), Thomas Dixon (Navy), Anthony Hollins, Jr (Army), Jonah LaTour, Jon LaTour, John Maurer (Air Force), Robbie Mayes (Marines), Christopher Moniere (National Guard), Corey Sullivan (Army), and Lance Walker II (Army).



Mass Intentions December 9 - 15

Monday	8:30 am	For Our Homebound Members
Tuesday	8:30 am	For An Increase In Vocations
Wednesday	8:30 am	For Jane DeHart (req by Jane DeHart)
Thursday	9:00 am	For Those Who Are Caregivers
Friday		No Mass or Communion Service
Saturday	4:00 pm	+ Jacques Pierre-Louis (req by Rolande Pierre-Louis)
Sunday	9:00 am 11:00 pm	For the People of Corpus Christi + Deceased Relatives and Friends (req by Parishioners)

Please call the parish office (313-537-5770) to add or remove a name from our prayer lists.

Please Pray For Our Sick Members:

Tony Baines	Roy Ford	Bob Lindsay	Elyse Ryder	Homebound:	Ruth Hill
Ken Banka	Rosemary Givens	Nancy Loper	Pauline Simpson	Synia Benjamin	Ronald Hills
Doris Billion	Gary Greening	Kathy Montgomery	Bernice Slaughter	Jackie Bodenhorn	Marie Leonard
Paul Billion	Virginia Harkey	Shirley Myles	Donna Storie	Evelyn Brantley	Sharon Lewis
Marcelle Blackmon	Clint Harris	Yve Nemeth	Colletta Sykes	Beverley B-Johnson	Beverly Miller
Wanda Bradley	Sr Stephanie Holub	Shirley Oldenburg	Brendia Thomas	Angeline Butler	Beatrice Neail
Alelia Busby	Irma Horton	Sharon Ortman	Charlotte Turner	Michelle Cagle	Margaret Nielsen
Jefferie Cook Sr	Mary C. Hustoles	Helen Parkman	Adele Waddell	Joseph Cagle Sr	John Onwudinjio
Karen Cook	Edward Hustoles	Vernard Plain	Kathy Wilson	Clairmina Danjou	Sue Padalino
Terrie C-Henderson	Gloria James	Thelma Polley		Felisa Deluna	Evangeline Pruett
Sheri Dargin	John Johnson	Phyllis Raines		Judories Fort	Hulda Reed
Cid Davis	Roswitha Jordan	Sally Rimbart		Margaret Gassoway	Isiah Searls
Kevin DeMatas	Fannie Larkins	Joy Robinson		Ella Goldsmith Sr	Joseph Shelton
David Derouselle Sr	Myrna Leonard	Juanita Robinson		Rachelle Harper	Mary Pat Shelton
Renita Fletcher	Marilyn Lewandowski	Leatrice Robinson		Martha Harris	



Please Pray For Our Relatives and Friends:

Susan Absher	Elizabeth Downing	Tom Hustoles	Robert Miller Jr	Marquon Perry	Nicholas Stephens
Kelley Adams	Lloyd Earl	Robert Jarey	Darwin Mills	Matt Phillips	Gus Sternberg
Duncan Alfes	Virginia Etherly	Aliyaa John	Florence Mills	Reginald Phillips	Rochelle Stewart
Cynthia Archer-Gift	Phillip Faucher	Arnim Johnson	Willard Mitchell	Anthony Plain	Trevor Sullivan
Jim Agnello	Ronald Fletcher	Fred Johnson	James Molloy	Erin Plain	Kevin Sweeney
Sue Bates	Barbara Ford	El Caleb Jones	Karen Momper	David Remo	Frances Sykes
Marie Beard	Kyle Foster	Dorie Kaiser	Elizabeth Moore	Sandra Reynolds	Patt Taylor-Braxton
Edward Bejesky	Jerry & Patricia Franks	Bill Kelley	Shirley V Moore	Michael Rice	Rick Thompson
Katy Bessey	Mavis Frazer	Shirley Kenney	Glinda Mooror	Matthew Rich	Carolyn Thrash
Kenneth Black	Barbara Gay	Mary Alice Kenny	Louis Morzynske	Viola Richborge	Tameka Thurman-Lewis
J C Boston	Kristen Kingzett	Marta Lagos	Mike Mueller	Dorothy Roberson	Gerry Tremonti
James Bryant	Marvis Givens	Katie Lutzo Kissell	Joyce Mulhall	Eugene Rohde	Amy Turner
Bria Brown	Elwood Gneckow	Ed Kmett	Mignon Murray	Alfredo Rojas	Robert Vanden Berg
Linda Brown	Shawn Gore	Erin Knight	Sara Nell-Wallace	Patrick Ryder	Al Victors
Ron Brown	Marlene Grant	Fred Kolp	Margaret Nelson	Anthony Salem	Andrew Vitali IV
Auby Bryson	Morty Green	Emilia Kullman	Ernestine Nimmons	Frank Salem	Alicia Walker
F. Chennault-Johnson	Tanya Hamlin-Simmons	Marta Lagos	Charles Nutt	Sherry Samuel	Kelley Walker
Jenny Churchill	Cora Harper	Dianne Leitertman	Charlotte, Donna,	Ethel Mae Sanders	Lance Walker
Scott Clinton	Alfonzo Harris	Antoinette Litzinger	John & Tyler O'Neill	Larry Schneider	Brady Wesley
Leah Closson	Millie Harris	Cheryl Lofton	Jeff Padalino	Helen Schroeder	Sr Luanne Wilhelm
Perry Conway	Sharon Harris	Anthony Lorenger	Patty Page	Mildred Scott	Jamal Williams
Ronald Crane	Lisa Harston-LeDoux	Harold Lowe	Celena Parker	Larry Shelton	Ruth Wilson
Betty Cross	Bob & Jane Hazen	William Mapp	Willie Parker Jr	Lenny Simmons	Barbara Woods
Chuck Davis	Donna Hebel	Michael Mathis	Paula Parham	Curtis Simpson Sr	Doris Woody
Natacha Desir	Summer Henry	Scott McDonald	Cyndi Pask	Donald Sims Sr	Kyle Yanke
Shannon Dodd	Carol Holm	Anthony McNeal	James Pefley	Emily Smale	
Jerry Douglas	Sullivan Horton	Michael McNeece	Alicia Penman	Kathy Smith	
Chris Downing	Jean Houck	Jerry Mercier Jr	Ethel Person	Beverly Sneed	

From Fr. Patrick Gonyeau

A word from the heart

"The Gift of the Sacrament Of Confession"

Advent blessings to you brothers and sisters in Christ! Our theme for Advent is "Prepare to Shine Brighter" and as we are preparing to celebrate Christmas, we are readying our hearts for Jesus to shine through them brighter than ever. One way we can prepare our hearts is by taking the time this Advent to receive the gift of the sacrament of confession. This beautiful sacrament was given to us by Jesus on the morning of the resurrection. (John 20:21-23)

Specifically, the sacrament of confession is a sacrament of healing where we are healed of sin, and its effect on our relationship with God, ourselves and others. All the thoughts, words and actions that we freely choose that go against the love of God, along with the things we've neglected to do that we should have done in our covenant relationship with God. This is generally the content of confession and the healing grace poured out is powerful. But why confess to a priest?

Certainly, we can go right to God, and believe me I do, but I also go to confession several times a month because of the tremendous blessing that it is. In every sacrament there is a visible sign and an invisible reality. The visible sign makes present the invisible reality, and the reality communicates grace. Every sacrament flows from God's merciful heart to fill us with divine love – sweet merciful love flows in the sacrament of confession.

In the sacrament of confession, the visible sign is two people, the priest and the person making a confession. The invisible reality is that Jesus is present in a special way in the priest to speak and release powerful words of healing over you. When the priest says "and I absolve you from your sins..." Jesus Christ is truly speaking through the priest, using his voice and the power of the spoken word (i.e.

"let there be light!") to pour grace upon the person who has confessed their sins. It's marvelous!



Advent 2019

"Prepare To Shine Brighter"

Personally, I love hearing confessions. I went 20 years between my first and second confession (at the age of 27) and I had no idea really what to do when I went back. The priest was loving and kind and explained that Jesus died for my sins because of his love for me. It was a great experience, it changed me.

There's nothing to be afraid of friends. Don't worry if you forgot the act of contrition, it's no big deal, we'll help you through it. No one will yell at you or judge you. Don't worry if you don't know what to do, just say "can you help me with this?" Also, I personally find that I **forget everything** after confession. It doesn't change how I see people. And hey...I'm a former alcoholic who lived a life of serious sin for years so there's **really, really** no judgment from me. Well... there is one judgement that I'm blessed to participate in — the judgment Jesus is always ready to give in the confessional in a special way: "**I absolve you from your sins.**" Love you and bless you — Fr. Patrick



Holy Homework

In this weekend's gospel we hear John the Baptist say of Jesus, "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Mt 3:11) Advent is a season of "ardent desire" the Catholic Church teaches us. We desire not only to live forever in the kingdom, but even now to live more fully alive in Christ day by day. This week, let's embrace a prayer of desire praying daily: "**Holy Spirit, I give you full permission to help me live life full of you!**"

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Sunday, December 1
1st Sunday of Advent
ADVENT GIVING TREE
9:00 am MASS/ CGS II & III-rm 4 / RCIA-rd
10:00 am Knights of Peter Claver Meeting-rr
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal-rm 3
10:45 am Noah's Ark Nursery-ac
11:00 am MASS / LOWC-rb / CGS I-rm 4
1:00 pm Choir Rehearsal-c
4:00 pm Better Men Outreach-g,rr

Monday, December 2
7:20 am ADORATION
8:30 am MASS
11:00 am OPCA Development Committee Meeting-rb
7:00 pm Bible Study-rr

Tuesday, December 3
7:20 am ADORATION
8:30 am MASS
6:00 pm OPCA Focus Group-rm 3
6:30 pm Hospitality Committee Meeting-rd
6:30 pm New Member Dinner-rr

Wednesday, December 4
7:20 am ADORATION
8:30 am MASS
5:00 pm New Hope Board Meeting-rm 3
5:15 pm NWDYC Board Meeting-rd

Thursday, December 5
7:20 am ADORATION
8:30 am MASS
3:30 pm Parish Leadership Team Meeting-rl
6:00 pm OPCA General Meeting-rr

Friday, December 6

Saturday, December 7
9:30 am Worship Commission Meeting-rb
10:00 am 1st Reconciliation Class-rm 4
10:00 am SVDP Food Pantry-oc
11:30 am Church Environment Committee Meeting-c
12:00 n SVDP-CC Conference Meeting-oc
2:00 pm CONFESSIONS / Recovery Group-rb
4:00 pm MASS

Sunday, December 8
2nd Sunday of Advent
ADVENT GIVING TREE
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION
WOMEN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
YOUTH MISSION TRIP SANTA BREAKFAST
9:00 am MASS/ CGS II & III-rm 4 / RCIA-rd
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal-rm 3
10:45 am Noah's Ark Nursery-ac
11:00 am MASS / LOWC-rb / CGS I-rm 4
1:00 pm Choir Rehearsal-c
4:00 pm Better Men Outreach-g,rr

Monday, December 9
Immaculate Conception of Mary
7:20 am ADORATION
8:30 am MASS
5:00 pm NW Detroit Youth Coalition-rb
7:00 pm MASS
7:00 pm Bible Study-rr

Tuesday, December 10
7:20 am ADORATION
8:30 am MASS
6:00 pm OPCA Area Business Committee Mtg-rm 3

Wednesday, December 11
7:20 am ADORATION
8:30 am MASS
3:00 pm MASS @ Regency Heights Nursing Ctr
5:00 pm Mary's Mantle Christmas Party-rr (thru 7:30)
6:00 pm Evangelization Committee Meeting-rb

Thursday, December 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe
7:20 am ADORATION
8:30 am MASS
3:00 pm Parish Leadership Team Meeting-rl

Friday, December 13
10:30 am Corpus Christi Seniors-rr
6:30 pm Christmas Party Set Up-g (thru 7 pm)

Saturday, December 14
10:00 am 1st Reconciliation Class-rms 3,4
10:00 am SVDP Food Pantry-oc
2:00 pm CONFESSIONS
2:00 pm Recovery Group-rb
3:30 pm Christmas Party Set-up-g
4:00 pm MASS
5:30 pm PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY-g

Sunday, December 15
3rd Sunday of Advent
ADVENT GIVING TREE
9:00 am MASS/ CGS II & III-rm 4 / RCIA-rd
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal-rm 3
10:45 am Noah's Ark Nursery-cb
11:00 am MASS / LOWC-rb / CGS I-rm 4
12:30 pm Confirmation Preparation Orientation-ac
12:45 pm Social Justice Committee Meeting-ra
1:00 pm Choir Rehearsal-c
2:30 pm Faith and Sharing-rr/c
4:00 pm Better Men Outreach-g,rr

Monday, December 16
7:20 am ADORATION
8:30 am MASS

Tuesday, December 17
7:20 am ADORATION
8:30 am MASS
7:00 pm PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, December 18
7:20 am ADORATION
8:30 am MASS

Thursday, December 19
7:20 am ADORATION
8:30 am MASS

Friday, December 20
tbd Christmas Plant Delivery-c

Saturday, December 21
10:00 am SVDP Food Pantry-oc
10:30 am 1st Reconciliation Preparation-rm 4
11:00 am PENANCE SERVICE
2:00 pm CONFESSIONS
2:00 pm Recovery Group-rb
4:00 pm MASS

Sunday, December 22
4th Sunday of Advent
9:00 am MASS/ CGS II & III-rm 4 / RCIA-rd
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal Practice-rm 3
10:45 am Noah's Ark Nursery-ac
11:00 am MASS / LOWC-rb / CGS I-rm 4
12:30 pm BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS-rm 3
12:45 pm CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING
1:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Practice-c
4:00 pm Better Men Outreach-g,rr

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Monday, December 23
7:20 am ADORATION
8:30 am MASS
5:00 pm Vigil w/ Children Practice-c

Tuesday, December 24
7:20 am ADORATION
4:00 pm CHRISTMAS VIGIL W/ CHILDREN
9:00 pm CAROLS
10:00 pm CHRISTMAS MASS
(AT NIGHT)

Wednesday, December 25
Nativity of the Lord
10:00 am CHRISTMAS MASS
(DURING DAY)

Thursday, December 26
7:20 am ADORATION
8:30 am MASS

Friday, December 27

Saturday, December 28
1:00 pm Infant Baptism Preparation 1-ac
2:00 pm CONFESSIONS
2:00 pm Recovery Group-rb
4:00 pm MASS

Sunday, December 29
The Holy Family
FAMILY SUNDAY
9:00 am MASS / CGS II & III-rm 4
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal-rm 3
10:45 am Noah's Ark Nursery-ac
11:00 am MASS / LOWC-rb / CGS I-rm 4
1:00 pm Choir Rehearsal-c
4:00 pm Better Men Outreach-g,rr

Monday, December 30
7:20 am ADORATION
8:30 am MASS

Tuesday, December 31
7:20 am ADORATION
11:00 pm NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS



AC	Activities Center (convent bldg)	OC	Outreach Center	RD	Rectory Dining Room	RM 4	Classroom 4 - School Building
C	Church	RA	Rainbow Room Annex	RL	Rectory Living Room	RR	Rainbow Room
G	Gym	RB	Rectory Basement	RM 3	Classroom 3 (school bldg)		

Weekend Ministries Schedule ■ December 14/15 ■ 3rd Sunday of Advent

	LECTORS	EMES	SERVERS	GREETERS	LITURGY OF WORD W/ CHILDREN	LITURGICAL ASSISTANT
Sat 4:00	Carol Lawrence Lola Liggons	Jinette Chapman Sr Sharon Hagen	Anthony Peter-Koyi Nyla Peter-Koyi	Gloria James	-----	Jeff Kendall
Sun 9:00	Carmen Lewis-Harris James Hines	Hayden Archer Destiny Webb	Donald Harris James Hines	Canelita B-Thurman Ernie Buckner	-----	Paul Moore
Sun 11:00	Miriam Hudson Diane Chapman	Team 2 (Tanya Robinson) + Valerie Berry + Shirley Myles	Chelsea Abulu Stanley Abulu Valerie Abulu Ijeoma Osuoha	Cherry Smith Darice Spight	Miriam Hudson Cynthia Heath Charlotte Turner	Renee Walker
	SUNDAY BUS DRIVER	NOAH'S ARK NURSERY	COFFEE/DONUTS 9:00	COFFEE/DONUTS 11:00	COFFEE/DONUTS 11:00	COFFEE/DONUTS 11:00
	Anthony Bronaugh	TBD	Ladies of St PC - Gina Nunnally	Chisom Ezeanya Patricia Lanton	Chinyere Mbamah Monica Obia	Lois Shepherd Jim Young
CATECHESIS OF GOOD SHEPHERD 1		CATECHESIS OF GOOD SHEPHERD 2/3		RCIA CLASS		RCIA DISMISSAL
Renee Walker Tanisha Bronaugh Joe Mueller, Ijeoma Osuoha		Jinette Chapman Sr Frances Gerhard Carol Sharer		TBD		Jeff Smale



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Q What do we know about St. John the Baptist?

A We know quite a lot about John the Baptist from the Gospels and other historical sources. John was the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth through a graced post-menopausal conception (Luke 1). John would have been raised with an intimate knowledge of Jewish doctrine and religious practice, due to his father being a Levite priest. Elizabeth is a “kinswoman” of Mary. While not in the same nuclear family, the two were close enough that Mary would journey to spend several months with Elizabeth during her pregnancy. We don’t know how close John and Jesus were as children, but they certainly knew of one another as cousins.

Luke 3 tells us he began his ministry in “the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberias Caesar,” roughly 29 A.D. He lived as a hermit with clear ascetic practices, such as rough clothing and a simple vegetarian diet. Despite his remoteness, John’s ministry was prophetic. People came from across the region to be baptized in water as a sign of repentance. John, however, continually pointed beyond himself to the one who was to come: Jesus Christ. John the Baptist’s call to repentance extended to the rules of his day. John critiqued the local rulers, Herod Antipas and his wife Herodias. Previously, Herodias had been married to Antipas’ brother, Herod Philip, but had betrayed him, left him, and married his more powerful brother. John was arrested for the slight and was eventually executed (Mark 6). This martyrdom prophetically anticipates the trials that awaited Christ and his followers. In life and death, John the Baptist served as the herald of the Messiah.

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