



V. Behold
the handmaid
of the Lord.

R. Be it done
unto me according
to Thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace.
The Lord is with thee.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

	Fr. Kevin
Saturday	SI Jandy Montes
Sunday 8:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	+Regina Harmon +People of the Parish +Peggy DeRouen
Tuesday 7:30 am 6:30 pm	+Alline Henry Wheeler
Wednesday	+Randle Palmer
Thursday	+Lynn Patnaude
Friday	+Sally Ann McMahon

Readings for the Week

Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
Monday	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Is 40:25-31; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish

Envelopes: \$4,526.00
Loose: 565.00
Mail In: 755.00
Online Giving: 337.74
Total: \$ 6,183.74

Number of Contributing Families: 106
out of 328

Weekly Budgeted Goal for the Parish: \$8,000.00

We were under Goal this week: \$ 1,816.26

Our Lady's Blessing: \$582.00

Please remember to use your envelopes.
Thank you for your support and continued generosity.

AMOUNT COLLECTED PER MASS/ ATTENDANCE

12/02: \$ 1,402.00 54(4:30 pm)
12/03: \$ 883.00 60(8:00 am)
12/03: \$2,198.00 137(10:30 am)
12/03: \$ 608.00 176(12:00 pm)
427 Total

Appeal for Catholic Ministries (ACM)

Thank you to all those who responded generously by making a pledge to the Appeal for Catholic Ministries, helping our parish work toward it's goal and joining with all other parishes in our diocese to provide resources for vital ministries.

91 out of 328 Families have pledged \$49,214 as of November 28 to the ACM.

\$44,196.34 has been paid to date.

We have reached our mandatory financial goal, but let's not stop now. Our other goal is 100 %

Calendar for the Week of December 10-16

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12/10	12/11	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15	12/16
8:00 am Holy Mass CCD 9-10:15 10:30 am Holy Mass (live streamed) 12:00 pm Holy Mass (live streamed)	7:00 Joy Prayer Group	7:30 am Holy Mass 6:30-Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and Potluck Dinner	7:30 am Holy Mass Spanish Rosary 3pm KC Meeting 6:30 pm	7:30 am Holy Mass CYO Star Memorial Mass 6:30 pm	Holy Day of Obligation 6:30 Adoration 7:30 am Holy Mass 8:00am Bible Study	 3-4 pm Confessions 4:30 pm Vigil Holy Mass CYO Christmas Party 5:30 pm

God's Messengers

Today's Gospel demonstrates what it means to be apostolic people and witnesses to Christ in our lives. To be apostolic is to be "sent out." To bear witness to Christ means to live out the faith through our actions, even unto death.

The Book of Isaiah, quoted in Mark's Gospel today, gives a prelude of the apostolic nature of our faith, "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way" (Mk 1:2). John the Baptist was sent to announce prophetically the coming of the Messiah, the Son of God. As John baptized, Mark shares that "the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him" (Mk 1:5). People were curious because they knew the prophecies about the Messiah and they anticipated Him. Like the Church during Advent, they waited for the Messiah with expectation.

Today's Gospel makes it seem like introducing people to Jesus and calling people to a life of holiness was easy for John. And initially, it might have been. People flocked to John, confessing their sins and being baptized. We read nothing of resistance or distrust in today's Gospel. However, we know that John the Baptist was ultimately beheaded because he called people away from sin (*cf* Mt 14:6-12).

As Christians, we are sent out to announce Jesus to the world through word and witness. At times, we will work in communities that are growing in holiness and living out the faith and we may feel joyful and welcomed. However, in today's culture, people are increasingly disaffiliating with churches and there is a distrust of religion, resentment, and outright hostility, even ridicule, toward Catholics. Yet we must persevere joyfully and lovingly.

Though Christians today may not be as physically conspicuous as John the Baptist and his Essene community, since we do not wear camel's hair and eat locusts and honey, we should still be conspicuous. We should be readily identifiable as people who live with hope in Jesus, who love our neighbors radically, who stand in solidarity especially with the most vulnerable, and who are courageous when challenged. By giving witness in this way, we announce Christ as His messengers.

By Elizabeth Tomlin

Please Remember the following parishioners in your prayers and others who are ill or recovering from surgery: Larry Berotte, Charles & Hilda Duplechain, Keitha G. Duplechain, Jeanette & Regina Hebert, Betty Thomas, Ronald Walker, Marie Durisseau, Latisia Domingue Phillips, Buster Slovak, Frederick Montes, Jr., Denise Plummer, Sabina Gomez, Frank Harrison, Mitchell White, Catherine Rivenbark, Betty St. Martin, Elizabeth Chambers, Charles Randy Pollingue II, Emma Leigh Montes, Eric Crosby, Chris Bonura, Deloris Guidry, Cole Poulard, Peggy Sonnier, and Lamar Roach, Jr.

Upcoming Events

Jan 7—CYO Meeting 11:30
Jan 10—KC Meeting 6:30 pm
Jan 20-21—Olivewood Sale
Jan 21—Parent Meeting 9:15 am
Jan 21—CYO Meeting 11:30 pm
Jan 24—KC Meeting 6:30 pm
Jan 27—Catholic Daughter's Mardi Gras Fundraiser
Feb 4—Parent Meeting 9:15 am
Feb 4—CYO Meeting 11:30 am

Christmas Flower donations can now be made in honor or in memory of a loved one until December 18. Please use envelopes provided in church.