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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019

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PARISH OFFICE

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm

**The Catholic Faith Community
of
Our Lady of Victory
and the
Church of St. Andrew
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OUR LADY OF VICTORY

MASSES

Saturday (Fulfills Sunday Obligation): 5:15pm

Sunday: 10:15am, 12:15pm, 5:15pm

Mon. - Fri.: 7:15am, 8:15am, 12:15pm*, 1:15pm
& 5:15pm*** (All in Upper Church.)**

* Following the 12:15, the Novena of the day follows.

** Following the 1:15, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the Novena of the day.

*** Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:05 pm, followed by Mass.

Saturday: 12:15pm, 5:15pm (Vigil Mass)

Holidays: 8:15am & 12:15pm

Holy Day Vigil: 5:15pm

**Holy Days: 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 11:45am
12:15, 12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 4:45, & 5:15pm**

CONFESSIONS

Mon. - Fri.: 7:45-8:15am, 12:45-1:30pm, 5:00-5:30pm

Sat.: 4:50-5:15pm

NOVENAS & DEVOTIONS

Mon.: Miraculous Medal

Sat.: The Rosary

Tues.: St. Anthony

1st Fri.: Sacred Heart

Wed.: St. Jude

Novena

Thurs.: The Holy Spirit

Fridays of Lent:

Fri.: The Rosary

Stations of the Cross

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

After the 1:15pm Weekday Mass.

Benediction will be at 5:05pm, before the 5:15 Mass.

BAPTISMS: Please call the rectory for information.

ST. ANDREW'S

MASSES

Monday - Friday: 12:15pm, 1:15pm

CONFESSIONS

15 minutes after each Mass

DEVOTIONS

Novena after the 12:15 weekday Mass

Novena and Rosary after 1:15pm weekday Mass

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday: 5:45pm – Legion of Mary (OLV)

**4th Friday: 5:45pm – Patrician Catholic
Discussion Group (OLV))**

As Announced: FiDi Catholic Young Adults

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THE LONG-AWAITED ONE

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent,

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"You . . . must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

— Matthew 24:44



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

From outer space, the United States must seem peculiarly aglow these nights: we have strung lights on every tree within reach. Sometimes, even tintacks and earrings twinkle with "micro lights." Clearly, something is afoot: there is a deep-down yearning for the world to change. Yet, John the Baptist would probably be unplugging most of these lights if he had the chance. In today's Gospel he turns people away from his baptism of repentance. "Give some evidence that you mean to reform!" he cries.

What meaning do our holiday lights convey for you? In the deep and dark countryside, a single candle glowing in a window can be seen for miles. It signals welcome and readiness; it is a beacon guiding strangers to the door, a token of a warm hearth, a loving embrace, a sign that those who have placed the candle are awake and waiting. This year, set the timers aside, and each night as you light the candles in your windows, pray: "May Christ find an eager welcome here. May this household be filled with the light of his word." One candle at a time, our faith community can reclaim the meaning of the lights of Advent hope.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;

Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,

or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;

JUSTICE AND OBEDIENCE

Justice is the insurance we have on our lives, and obedience is the premium we pay for it.

—William Penn, English Quaker —Anonymous

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
Monday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
St. Juan Diego
Tuesday: International Human Rights Day
Wednesday: St. Damasus I
Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday: St. Lucy

Parish Buffet Breakfast At Bailey's

Every Last Sunday of the Month
Following the 10:15 A.M. Mass
Children under 12 eat free
Save the Date...
December 29th!



Save the Date

Christmas At Our Parish, 2019
Proudly presents the following...

Christmas Concert at Our Lady of Victory & Saint Andrew
Tuesday, December 17th at 5:30 PM

Our Lady of Victory & Saint Andrew presents our Canoni
Chorale singing
the Best of Traditional Advent & Christmas Hymns

**JOIN US FOR THIS WONDER-
FUL WAY TO WELCOME IN
THE SEASON OF JOY!!!**



Second Week Advent Prayer



Say this prayer with your family as you
light the candle for the second week of
Advent.

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome.
Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ
with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become
one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever
and ever.

~AMEN.



POSSIBILITIES

Nothing is impossible for God and his
Blessed Mother.
—Don Bosco



SAINT JUAN DIEGO

(1474-1548)
December 9

How well Mary's own words describe
Juan Diego: "God has cast down the
mighty from their thrones and lifted up
the lowly" (Luke 1:52). Through him,
for the diverse peoples of the Americas,
indigenous and immigrant, the Mother
of God became known as their Mother,
too. Cuauhtlatzin, his given name,
means "One Who Speaks Like an Ea-
gle," and Juan Diego faithfully delivered



the Virgin's request that a church be
built at Tepeyac where she had appeared to him. To the
skeptical bishop's request for a sign, Our Lady showed Juan
Diego roses blooming through stony ground, despite win-
ter's cold. When he unfolded his tilma to present them to the
bishop, imprinted there was Mary's image! Her blue sash
and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec sym-
bols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those
of a mestiza, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage.
Thus to peoples too easily prone to a "clash of cultures," Our
Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-
diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.
—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co



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The Christmas Giving Tree

This year is to benefit pregnant women and their families
served by the Sisters of Life Visitation Mission. At
Christmas we celebrate the gift of the Christ Child and
every birth of a child is a renewal of this greatest
gift. Thank you for helping us to celebrate! The name of
an item is written on each tag on the tree that would
benefit the woman and/or child in need. Please take a
tag or tags as you are able and return the items un-
wrapped to the office downstairs in the chapel. All items
are due back to the parish by **Thursday, December 12.**
Thank you so much for your generosity!

PARISH PAY IS NOW WESHARE ONLINE GIVING

Have you ever been to Mass and found yourself low on cash or without your checkbook when the basket came around? There is an online option for you!

Visit our website: olvsta.org, and scroll down the homepage until you see the button icon pictured above.

Click on it and set up a login to donate just once or on a regular basis.

If you already have an account, you will need to verify it using your ParishPay username and the last 4 digits of the credit card or bank account you are using.

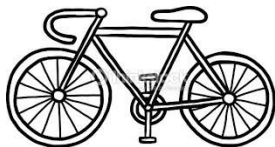
If you have any questions you can call WeShare support at 800-950-9952, Select Option 1, from 7 am

It was coming up to Christmas and Liam asked his mom if he could have a new bike. So, she told him that the best idea would be to write to Santa Claus. But Liam, having just been in the school nativity play, said he would prefer to write to the baby Jesus. His mom said that would be great.

Liam went to his room and wrote 'Dear Jesus, I have been a very good boy and would like to have a bike for Christmas.' But he wasn't very happy when he read it over. So he decided to try again and this time he wrote 'Dear Jesus, I'm a good boy most of the time and would like a bike for Christmas.' He read it back and wasn't happy with that one either. He tried a third version.

'Dear Jesus, I could be a good boy if I tried hard and especially if I had a new bike.' He read that one too, but he still wasn't satisfied.

Liam decided to go for a walk for some ideas. After a short time he passed a house with a small statue of the Virgin Mary in the front garden. He crept in, stuffed the statue under his coat, hurried home and hid it under the bed. Then he wrote this letter. 'Dear Jesus, If you want to see your mother again, you'd better send me a new bike.'



SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

12/2/18: \$2929.00

12/1/19: \$2109.03

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”
— (ACTS 20:35)



MASS INTENTIONS

*** Indications "for the intentions of"

OUR LADY OF VICTORY ST. ANDREW CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

10:15 am: Giovanna, Nicola, &
Anna Lucignano

12:15 pm: Emanuel Rodriguez***
5:15 pm Gennarina & Arnaldo
Carggiano

*No Weekend Mass at
St. Andrew's location*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:15 am: Marie Natowski
8:15 am: Carmine, Tom, Mich-
elina, and Peggy D'Amato
12:15 pm: Bertha Walsh
1:15 pm: Alexander Joseph
Ernest
5:15 pm: Ramona Vazquez Ayala

12:15 pm: John Freyne
1:15 pm: Souls in Purga-
tory

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:15 am: Anthony John &
Marie D'Amato
8:15 am: Nicholas Rudean
12:15 pm: Chance Imperiale***
1:15 pm: Anna Negron
5:15 pm: Teresa
Dzieniszewska

12:15 pm: Carl War-
dally***
1:15 pm: Vocations to
the Priesthood

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:15 am: Maria Grazia &
Rose D'Amato
8:15 am: James McMahon, Jr.
12:15 pm: William Redlich
1:15 pm: Francisca Torres
5:15 pm: Elizabeth Gallo

12:15 pm: Mrs. Cuccia
1:15 pm: Michael Gonzalez

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:15 am: Rodzon Exconde
Mangrobang
8:15 am: Otelio Fajardo
12:15 pm: Dylan Wyskiel
1:15 pm: In Thanksgiving to Our
5:15 pm: Rose D'Amato

12:15 pm: Maureen McDermott
1:15 pm: George Shouldis

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:15 am: Frances Moore
8:15 am: James McMahon, Jr.
12:15 pm: William Ennis
1:15 pm: Victoria Miralla***
5:15 pm: Rosemarie Notaro

12:15 pm: Mary Freyne and
Family***
1:15 pm: Seniors of The
Southbridge Tower***

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

12:15 pm: Sara Alvarellos
5:15 pm: Excelma Cabanayan

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St. Andrew's location*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

10:15 am: Lovista De Suze
12:15 pm: Fred Fossett
5:15 pm Michael Gabriel

COVER SHEET

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