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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent**

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Pastor**

**The Reverend Edwin Ezeokeke, Parochial Vicar
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PARISH OFFICE

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

**The Catholic Faith Community
of
Our Lady of Victory
and the
Church of St. Andrew
www.olvsta.org**

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

MASSES

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

Mon. - Fri.: 8:15am, 12:15pm*

*** (All in Upper Church.)

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

Holidays: 8:15am, 12:15

Holy Day Vigil: 5:15pm

Holy Days: 7:15, 8:15, 11:45am

12:15, 1:15, 4:45, & 5:15pm

CONFESSIONS

Mon. - Fri.: 12:45-1:15pm

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

BAPTISMS: Please call the rectory for information.

ST. ANDREW'S

MASSES

No Mass at Saint Andrew Till Further Notice

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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GOD'S DELAY

In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, "Where is God? Why hasn't your Lord come to save you now?"

And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today's second reading: the "delay" of the Lord's second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God's patience. God is giving everyone the chance to seek repentance.

God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a "straight highway" for them across the desert.

We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God's Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

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

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

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

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

Saturday: 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

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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 tieltacks and earrings twinkle with "microlights." 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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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Ambrose;

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Juan Diego

Thursday: International Human Rights Day;

Hanukkah begins at sunset

Friday: St. Damasus I

Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

*Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020
Every valley shall be filled
in, every mountain and hill
shall be made low.*

— Isaiah 40:4



IMPORTANT AND PLEASE NOTE...

**CORONAVIRUS SURVIVAL RATES
AS RELEASED BY...
THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL
(CDC) AS OF SEPTEMBER 24TH**

0-19 YRS OLD 99.997%	20-49 YRS OLD 99.98%
50 - 69 YRS OLD 99.5%	70+ YRS OLD 94.6%



The Christmas Giving Tree this year is to benefit pregnant women and their families served by the Sisters of Life.

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 unwrapped to the Chapel office.

All items are due back to the parish by **Monday, December 14th at the latest.**

Thank you so much for your generosity!

**Friday, December 18th 8:00 to 9:30 PM
MGN Online Support Group**

Join us for the NY Chapter online Maria Goretti Network (MGN) support group for all those in any way affected by abuse (physical, sexual, mental, emotional, financial, etc) to experience healing in God's love and freedom through forgiveness. Abuse is never your fault and you are not alone.

Contact nyc@mgoretti.org for more information or visit www.mgoretti.org

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH IS THE...
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and is a
Holy Day**

Masses will be at 8:15 & 12:15

**Confessions at
12:45 to 1:15**

**If you cannot make one of the Masses at our
parish,
we urge you to attend Mass wherever you are able
to. Due to the Pandemic, Mass attendance is not
obligatory.**



PLEASE NOTE:

Beginning November 29th, the First Sunday of Advent...

Masses will be at 10:15, 12:15 and 5:15

Our Choir will sing on Sunday's at the 12:15 Mass

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday December 20, 4th /Last Sunday of Advent Masses at 10:15, 12:15(Choir) & 5:15

Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve, Mass at 5:15

Friday, December 25, Christmas, Masses at 10:15 & 12:15 Choir will sing at both Masses

Sunday, December 27, Solemnity of the Holy Family, of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Friday, January 1, The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, New Years Day
Masses at 10:15 & 12:15

6-DAY CANDLES AVAILABLE

You can now light a candle in the church and have it stay lit for almost a week for your prayer intentions, in thanksgiving to God or in memorial of a loved one!



These special votive candles have clear covers decorated with a cross design and can be placed inside one of the glass holders provided before the statues of Christ the King, Our Lady of Fatima, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Divine Mercy, Our Lady of Victory or Saint Anne, the Mother of Mary in the Upper Church only. Once lit, the candles will stay burning for your intention for about a week.

They are available for purchase from the parish office downstairs or from Carlos, our Sacristan, if you see him in the Upper Church.

If you wish, you can also purchase the candle and light for your home. The protective glass containers are also available for purchase.

The lighting of candles for your prayer intentions is a time-honored tradition in the Catholic Church that we are happy to provide at Our Lady of Victory and St. Andrew.

GREAT ONE LINERS....

- 1. Give God what's right -- not what's left.**
- 2. Man's way leads to a hopeless end -- God's way leads to an endless hope.**
- 3. A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.**
- 4. He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.**
- 5. In the sentence of life, the devil may be a comma --but never let him be the period.**



MASS INTENTIONS

*** Indications "for the intentions of"

OUR LADY OF VICTORY ST. ANDREW CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:15am: Laura O'Brien

12:15 pm: Anthony & Regina
D'Alessandro ***

5:15 pm: Helen & Jeffrey
Hulings ***

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

*No Weekday Masses at
Saint Andrew Till Fur-
ther Notice*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:15 am: Anthony & Regina
D'Alessandro ***

12:15 pm: Patricia & Dennis
Brannick ***

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:15 am: Giovanna, Anna &
Nicola Lucignano

12:15 pm: Mary Frattini

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:15 am: Leonardo Antonino

12:15 pm: Helen & Jeffrey
Hulings ***

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:15 am: Anthony & Regina
D'Alessandro ***

12:15 pm: Amanda Bell

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:15 am: Anthony & Regina
D'Alessandro ***

12:15 pm: Brook Biondi

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:15am: In Thanksgiving to
God, Virgin Mary, St. Joseph
& All the Saints

12:15 pm: Ezeial David
Campbell

5:15 pm: Anthony & Regina
D'Alessandro ***