

Second Sunday of Advent



On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him; a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength.... *Isaiah*

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This Weekend's Hymns

All hymns can be found in the Seasonal Missalette.

Opening Hymn: #318

Closing Hymn: #197

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT 2019

Sunday, December 8 Second Sunday in Advent

8:30 DE Don Turner from Fr. Barry

10:30 BW Special Intentions of the Parishioners & Friends of St. Rose

12:00 BW Barry Savage from Pat and Ellen

Monday, Dec. 9 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:10 Tom Gall from Helen Weartz

Tuesday, December 10

12:10 Enrico Vagnone from Mel, Trish and Mike

Wednesday, December 11

Saint Damasus I, Pope

12:10 Joanne Lambers from Bill and Kay Russ

Thursday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

12:10 Ruth Ahaus (Birthday Remembrance) from Elaine

Friday, December 13

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

12:10 Mass of Thanksgiving from Mary

Saturday, December 14

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

12:10 Thanksgiving to St. Philomena from Mary Lynn Creighton

BW 7:00 Ruth Wirth

Sunday, December 15 Third Sunday in Advent

8:30 BW Special Intentions of the Parishioners & Friends of St. Rose

10:30 BW Barry Savage from Joan Ford

12:00 BW Patricia Stanton Charles from Mrs. Arlene G. Potter and Ron

From the Pastor's Desk

*In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of **Carl L. Obermeyer** whose funeral was December 2nd here at St. Rose Church.*

***David Johnson and Nicole Wehmann** were united in the holy sacrament of Matrimony November 30th here at St. Rose Church.*

Today is the collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. One collection only.

Monday, December 9th at 7:00 PM is our Penance Service. It is a good way to prepare for Christmas.

In the back of church are your envelopes and gift for 2020. If you have any corrections on the name or address or cannot find your envelopes, please call Rose Ann @513- 871-1162.

St. Vincent de Paul boxes are in the vestibule of the Church to feed a family of four for Christmas. Please return by December 15th.

The annual St. Rose Christmas Party is on Tuesday, Dec.17th. Doors will be open at 6:00 p.m. In addition to a potluck dinner, Paul Welch will lead us again this year in a carol sing-a-long. St. Rose will provide the meat, dessert, and drinks. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite covered dish.

Tickets will be available after the Masses in the back of church.

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS 2019

Monday, December 9th Advent Penance Service—7PM

Tuesday, Dec. 24th Christmas Eve 3PM, 5PM, 7PM, 10:00 PM

Wednesday, Christmas Day 8:30AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM

Mary, Mother of God—Holy Day of Obligation

Dec. 31st 7PM Jan. 1st 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 12PM

Lectors/Lay Distributors for December 14th and December 15th

7:00 Joe Christmann, M. Luehrmann, F. McCune, W. Russ, L. Solimine

8:30 Jon Hemmer, Matt Howland, Tom Perrino, Tim Smullen, Lenny Diaspro

10:30 Roland Becker, Rich Creighton, Bob Sheil, Joseph Sonnefeld, Jerry McCabe

12:00 Patrick Homan, Matt Scheitering, Shawn Gillete



Opening Prayer

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Though today is December 8 when we might expect the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, it happens to fall on a Sunday. So we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent today. We will commemorate the Immaculate Conception tomorrow. Today we hear the fiery preaching of John the Baptist, introduced for the first time in the Gospel of Matthew.

It almost goes without saying that John the Baptist is Jewish, and he is preaching to fellow Jews. But because he is considered a Christian saint, it's possible to overlook that he is a Jewish prophet calling the Jewish people to repentance, as prophets had done for centuries before. He directly confronts the Pharisees and Sadducees, name-calling them a "brood of vipers." They are not to rest assured in their being part of the chosen people of God. This message is so stark it nearly needs to be recast to our own day for those of us who might feel secure in our Christian or Catholic identity. We can hear John telling us that there is no inherent value or guarantee of salvation simply by being Christian. Such a statement is shocking. But John would say something more is demanded. We are to repent, for the kingdom is at hand.

The people confessed their sin and were baptized for repentance. Even this, however, is only a foreshadowing of the one who is to come, for he will baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire."

We are familiar with the stories of John the Baptist and his preaching. But when we read them with careful attention to detail, new meaning pops from the page. Let us not grow complacent in the face of such a baptism. John's baptism only prefigures that of Jesus, the mightier one. An interior renewal is called for. Resting in our identity as chosen by God, even as a Christian, is not enough.

Closing Prayer

Lord God Almighty, you sent John the Baptist to call your people to repentance. May we heed that same message, speaking to us through the ages. Grant us the courage to turn away from all that keeps us from you, so that we may embrace the kingdom of Heaven. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

• John the Baptist tells us, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Rather than rest secure in our Christian identity, from what do we need to repent?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayers."

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Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea

and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist.

His food was locusts and wild honey.

At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him

and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River

as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees

coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers!

Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance.

And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.'

For I tell you,

God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees.



Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Readings for the week:

2nd Sunday of Advent

Isa 11:1-10
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Rom 15:4-9
Matt 3:1-12

Monday Immaculate Conception

Gen 3:9-15, 20
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday

Isa 40:1-11
Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13
Matt 18:12-14

Wednesday

Isa 40:25-31
Ps 102:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10
Matt 11:28-30

Thursday Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zech 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Jdt 13:18b-cde, 19
Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47

Friday

Isa 48:17-19
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Matt 11:16-19

Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11
Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19
Matt 17:9a, 10-13

3rd Sunday of Advent

Isa 35:1-6a, 10
Ps 146:5-7, 8-9, 9-10
Jas 5:7-10
Matt 11:2-11