

## Second Sunday of Advent



### A reading from the second Letter of St. Peter

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

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### Sunday, December 6, Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **DE** Michael Clauder from Patricia & Jim Stahl

12:00 **DE** Alex & Bertha Garcia from Bertie Helmick

### Monday, December 7, St. Ambrose, Bishop

12:10 Eldon Kimmet from Patty & Paul

### Tuesday, December 8, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:10 Sophie Cimino from Tom & Francie Hiltz

### Wednesday, December 9

12:10 Blanche Gerstner from Carol & Larry

### Thursday, December 10

12:10 Evelyn Meier from Annie Meier

### Friday, December 11, St. Demasus, Pope

12:10 Earl & Ruth Wirth

### Saturday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

12:10 Ruth Ahaus from Elaine Ahaus

7:00 **BW** Sharon Kemble (Special Int)) from Kathleen Rafferty

### Sunday, December 13, Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 **EW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **BW** Michael Ryan from The Family

12:00 **BW** James Kimmet from Patty & Paul

### From the Pastor's Desk

PUBLIC MASSES WITH RESTRICTIONS WILL BE HELD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

PLEASE REGISTER FOR SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY  
MASSES at [strosecincinnati.org](http://strosecincinnati.org)

**ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST WEAR A MASK WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH.** Thank you for your understanding, patience and cooperation.

**THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL WHO RESIDE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI CONTINUE TO BE DISPENSED FROM THE OBLIGATION OF ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS.**

To join us for mass on your computer, iPad, smart phone, or smart tv go to our website [STROSECINNATI.ORG](http://STROSECINNATI.ORG) and click on [WATCH LIVE](#). I want to thank everyone who continues to support us with their generous contributions. God Bless, Fr. Barry

**Please remember to register for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Mass**  
**Tickets will be required**  
**Christmas Eve 3:00, 5:00 & 7:00 are FULL 10:00pm still open**  
**Christmas Day masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm**

### PRAYER AGAINST CORONAVIRUS

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness.

For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen. -Pedro de la Cruz

### HERE AT ST. ROSE

**Sebastian Micah Prenger** and **Andrew Ryan Caldwell** were welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

### HELP OUR ELDERLY RELIGIOUS, RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS

In good times and bad, Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, as seniors, they pray for an aching world. Years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care and other necessities. Please be generous. You may donate in the parish on December 12-13 or by mail at Office for Consecrated Life, Attn. Maria Reinagel, 100 E. 8th Street, Cincinnati, 45202. Please make your check payable to Archdiocese of Cincinnati/ RFR. You can also donate online here: [www.Catholicaoc.org/rfr](http://www.Catholicaoc.org/rfr).

**We have our Advent Penance Service on December 22 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**It is a good way to prepare us for Christmas**

**THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO ADVENT - The 2020 edition of The Ultimate Guide to Advent from The Catholic Telegraph is now available! The guide is free, downloadable and filled with everything from faith traditions to favorite recipes, events for families, movie and music recommendations and more. It's interactive, with links to click, gifts to buy, coloring pages to print and prayers to pray. Please visit [thecatholictelegraph.com/advent-guide](http://thecatholictelegraph.com/advent-guide) to get the guide delivered to you free via email.**

### SUNDAY'S WORDS OF WISDOM

- ~ Be kind to unkind people. They need it most.
- ~ Doing what you like is Freedom. Liking what you do is Happiness.
- ~ Live your life and forget your age.
- ~ We don't meet people by accident. They are meant to cross our paths for a reason.
- ~ As we grow up, we realize it is less important to have lots of friends, and more important to have real ones.
- ~ One of the most profoundly human things you can do is talk to someone instead of about them.



**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**

The Liturgy of the Word puts the adult John before us today and next Sunday. We are called to make our way down to the Jordan with the hopeful and curious crowds to see this wilderness man.

In the Puerto Rican city of San Juan, named for John, there stands a huge stone sculpture of the precursor. It is located between the ocean and a main highway of this busy modern city. With the relentlessness of the stone from which he is carved, the Baptist stands with head bent and eyes looking down the highway. But one arm is raised high with a determined finger pointing to heaven. The statue expresses the gospel paradox of John the Baptist, the earthy man of both the wilderness and the Jordan crowds, and the heaven-directed prophet; the paradox of disengagement and engagement—and so the embodiment of the paradox of the Advent season. Day after day, as surely as the waves break on the shore, our lives must be directed to heaven, and yet we must also be involved in the rush and business of daily life. The former is almost certainly the more difficult during these weeks. But it can be done if we opt to deliberately turn off the TV, unplug our ears from iPods or mobile phones, and turn to a few moments of silent reflection about the hopes and promises of Advent; if we plug our listening into some quiet reading of Scripture (*lectio divina*)—perhaps a reread of some of the Sunday texts; if we seize a few moments of prayerful repentance or awareness of the presence of God in our traveling companions along our highways or on public transport or shopping. These are ways in which we can respond to Psalm 85 and “hear what God proclaims.”

**Closing Prayer**

Imminent Divine Presence, you are always ready to hear the repentance of a sinner. Help us to know and to live like John the Baptist, who still today urges us to “*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths,*” you who lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

**For Reflection:**

• John the Baptist tells the gathering crowds that the one who is coming “will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” Where in your life are you in need of the Holy Spirit’s animating fire?

**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 Prayer.”

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**Gospel**

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:  
*Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”*

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey.



And this is what he proclaimed:  
“One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

**Readings for the week:**

<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> Isa 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 2 Pet 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8	<b>Monday</b> Isa 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Luke 5:17-26	<b>Tuesday Immaculate Conception</b> Gen 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38	<b>Wednesday</b> Isa 40:25-31 Ps 102:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 Matt 11:28-30	<b>Thursday</b> Isa 41:13-20 Ps 146:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab Matt 11:11-15	<b>Friday</b> Isa 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Matt 11:16-19	<b>Saturday Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> Zech 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Jdt 13:18b-c, 19 Luke 1:26-38 or 1:39-47	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> Isa 61:1-2a, 10-11 Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 1 Thess 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28
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