



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Dec 9 – Dec 10, 2017

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2nd SUNDAY ADVENT - ARE YOU COMMITTED TO REPENTANCE?

"John the Baptizer appeared in the desert, proclaiming a baptism of repentance which led to the forgiveness of sins." —Mark 1:4

During Advent, we "prepare the way of the Lord" (Is 40:3) as we await His Christmas coming. Today, the Church proclaims that a major way to prepare is to repent. John the Baptizer could never be accused of dabbling in repentance. Anyone watching John live day after day in a hot, arid desert, wearing camel-hair shirts and eating grasshoppers (Mk 1:6), would conclude that John was committed to repentance. Anyone watching Jesus stretch out His hands to be nailed to the cross and then hang in crucified, excruciating agony would have to conclude that Jesus was committed to the forgiveness of sins. Look at a crucifix for a minute, and you can't come to any other conclusion but that Jesus was serious when He called us to repent and reform our lives (Mk 1:15).

Do we merely dabble in repentance, or will we make a commitment to repent? Will our Advent Confession reflect our commitment to "make every effort to be found without stain or defilement" in utter holiness? (2 Pt 3:14) Jesus wants "all to come to repentance" (2 Pt 3:9). "Commit to the Lord your way" (Ps 37:5).

"In the same manner in which we clean and prepare our homes in the anticipation of welcomed guests and family members this Christmas season, let us also prepare our hearts in anticipation of the Lord's coming. Christ, our most honored and eagerly anticipated guest, desires to meet with us in a heart prepared for his arrival. So eager is he to meet with us that he offers to help us with our spiritual housecleaning, working with us; creating a resting place for Himself within our hearts." Katherine Walden

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
 Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
 Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
 Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
 Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
 Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
 First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
 MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.
 COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Sunday, Dec 10--8.30 a.m. Sambo Kotara By Doris Britten

Monday, Dec 11--7:30 a.m. Barber Family By Msgr. Raymond

Wednesday, Dec 13--6:00p.m. **Advent Penance Service**

Thursday, Dec 14--7:30 a.m Barber Family By Msgr. Raymond

Friday, Dec 15--7:30a.m. Crosier Family

Saturday, Dec 16--5:30 p.m Sambo Kotara By Robert Bichsel

Stewardship Reports

12/03/17 Stewardship Report

Individual	\$2360.00
Loose	\$ 214.00
Children	\$ 21.25
Total	\$2595.25

12/03/17 Building Fund

Individual	\$2500.00
Loose	\$ 244.00
Total	\$2744.00

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Conner Homer, Daniel Hinson, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Jim Eakin, Charlene Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, Juanita Stacy and Willie Mae Barnett

Family Chalice Program

December 9/10 Joanie Kling Family
 December 16/17 Alice Kuehler
 December 23/24 Krista Johnson Family
 December 30/31 Krista Johnson Family
 January 6/7 Mike and Rita Lister
 January 13/14 Nick and Cara Ashford
 January 20/21 Johnny and Doris Homer

Birthdays

Dec 11th Chad Barkley and Owen Weinheimer
 Dec 12th Blakely Ashford
 Dec 14th Bill Hinson
 Dec 15th Scott Weinheimer

Anniversaries

Church Cleaning for December

Sandie Hickey, Marcia Conrad, Donna Barnett, Melanie Britten, Janice Koetting, Michele Bohr, Rita Lister, Connie Britten, Susan Britten, Rita Poor, Vanessa Eugea, Krista Johnson, Marissa Clement, Melanie King Britten, Lucita Hinson, and Dayna Britten

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Dec 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Stephen and Damon
Lectors: Gary Britten
Extraor. Com. Minister: Sharon Britten

Sunday, Dec 10, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Lauren and Alex
Lectors: Ron Kuehler
Extraor. Com. Minister: Susan Britten, Sandie Hickey, Cari Weinjeimer

Saturday, Dec 16, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Derek and Ryan
Lectors: Cari Weineimer
Extraor. Com. Minister: Nick Weinheimer

Sunday, Dec 17, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Kate and Wesley
Lectors: Kay Britten
Extraor. Com. Minister: Joanie Kling, Michelle Bohr, Nicole Kuehler

Saturday, Dec 23, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers:
Lectors:
Extraor. Com. Minister:

Sunday, Dec 24, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers:
Lectors:
Extraor. Com. Minister:

Saturday, Dec 30, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Ali and Madison
Lectors:
Extraor. Com. Minister:

Sunday, Dec 31, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: K'Leigh and Carrigan
Lectors:
Extraor. Com. Minister:

Announcements:

We need servers for Christmas Eve and Christmas day Masses.

Christ Child shower will be donations to Snak-Pak 4 Kids collections will during the Christian Mothers party and all through December.

Mark your calendars for the holiday edition of the Parish Council Pot Luck December 9th immediately following mass. Thanksgiving and Christmas are a special time to spend with family. Please come celebrate this season with your church family.

Christmas decorating will be immediately following Mass Dec 10th.

Faith Formation Calendar:

Dec. 6th choir and Christmas Program practice @ 5:15pm followed by mass and classes until 7:50pm

Dec 13th Parish Advent Penance service begins @ 6pm followed by Grades K-6th choir and Christmas program practice until 8pm. TYM for grades 7-12

Dec 20th Mass @ 6pm Grades K-6 choir and Christmas program practice after mass until 8pm. TYM for grades 7-12!

Christmas Program Jan 7th following 11am Mass

Contact: Cara Ashford at 806-584-6250 or ashfordcar@gmail.com (preferred), if you have information for the bulletin.

*Advent Penance Service: Wednesday, December 13 at 6PM

*Christmas Masses: Sunday, Dec 24th at 5:30pm and Monday, Dec 25th at 9am

*New Year Masses: Sunday, Dec 31st at 5:30pm and Monday, January 01st at 9am

*How is the Lectionary arranged? The Lectionary is arranged in two cycles, one for Sundays and one for weekdays. The Sunday cycle is divided into three years, labeled A, B, and C. 2017 is Year A. 2018 is Year B, 2019 is Year C, etc. In Year A, we read mostly from the Gospel of Matthew. In Year B, we read the Gospel of Mark and chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. In Year C, we read the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel of John is read during Lent and the Easter season in all three years. The first reading, usually from the Old Testament, reflects important themes from the Gospel reading. The second reading is usually from one of the epistles, a letter written to an early church community. These letters are read semi-continuously. Each Sunday, we pick up close to where we left off the Sunday before, though some passages are never read.

The weekday cycle is divided into two years, Year I and Year II. Year I is read in odd-numbered years (2017, 2019, etc.) and Year II is used in even-numbered years (2018, 2020, etc.) The Gospels for both years are the same. During the year, the Gospels are read semi-continuously, beginning with Mark, then moving on to Matthew and Luke. The Gospel of John is read during Christmas, Lent, and the Easter season. For Advent, Christmas, and Lent, readings are chosen that are appropriate to the season. The first reading on weekdays may be taken from the Old or the New Testament. Typically, a single book is read semi-continuously (though some passages are not read) until it is finished and then a new book is started.

The year of the cycle does not change on January 1st, but on the 1st Sunday of Advent (usually late November/early December) which is the beginning of the liturgical year. The liturgical year 2018 will begin on December 3, 2017 and end on December 1, 2018.

In addition to the Sunday and weekday cycles, the Lectionary provides readings for feasts of the saints, for common celebrations such as Marian feasts, for ritual Masses (weddings, baptisms, etc.), for votive Masses, and for various needs. These readings have been selected to reflect the themes of these celebrations.

Is the New American Bible the only translation of Scriptures we can read from at Mass?

Since May 19, 2002, the revised Lectionary, based on the New American Bible is the only English-language Lectionary that may be used at Mass in the dioceses of the United States.

The 1970 edition of the New American Bible is used in the Scripture readings and canticles of the Liturgy of the Hours (except the Benedictus, Magnificat, and Nunc dimittis.)