

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent (C)

Bar 5:1-9

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6

## The Time Is Right

Saint Luke loves to be precise in his Gospel, so he documents the exact time and place of the appearance of John the Baptist, the precursor to Jesus. Tiberius was the second emperor of Rome, and the fifteenth year of his reign corresponds to AD 27. Pontius Pilate was prefect from the years 26 to 36. Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, ruled in Galilee until his death in the year 39 and is the Herod who had John the Baptist beheaded. On the Jewish side, Caiaphas was high priest, and his influential father-in-law Annas was considered a leader of Jewish religious life.

These historical dates align with Luke's explanation, as well as other events described in his Gospel. Ours is a faith based on real people and events. No doubt there is a great appreciation for the supernatural in our faith, but it is never *against* nature, just *beyond* it.

Jesus praised John the Baptist (see Matthew 11:2-9) for his strong will and dedication. Humility, austerity, courage, and a spirit of prayer are also a large part of the testimony John left us. Palmezzano dresses him in the martyr's red and camel skin to accent his supreme virtue. So dedicated and heroic was he in his fulfillment of the mission entrusted to him, Jesus acclaimed "among those born of women there has been none greater" (Matthew 11:11). "He was a burning and shining lamp" (John 5:35) to illuminate the path toward the true light who was coming into the world. Once that divine light arrived, John receded into the shadows.

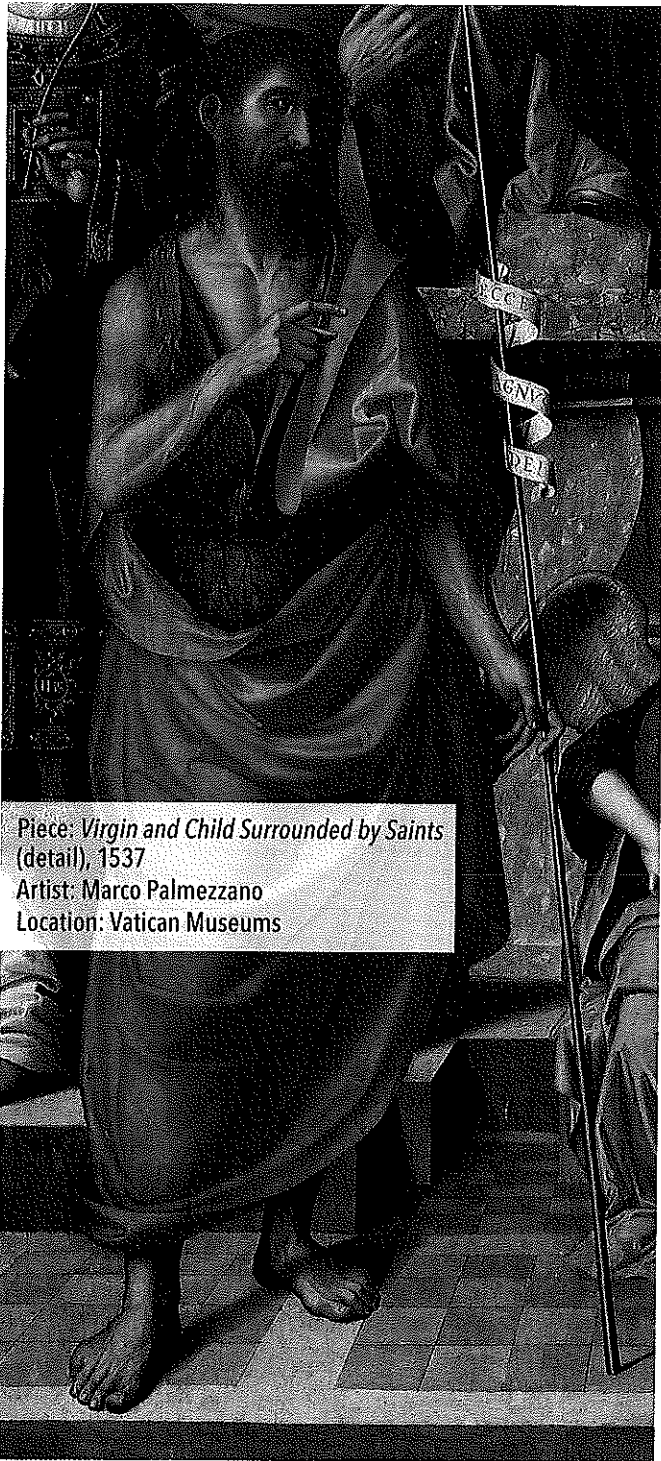
—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*Do I lead people to Jesus through my dedicated testimony?  
Do I speak easily and naturally of Jesus with colleagues,  
family, or friends?*

*He went throughout [the] whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming  
a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.*

*Luke 3:3*



Piece: *Virgin and Child Surrounded by Saints*  
(detail), 1537

Artist: Marco Palmezzano

Location: Vatican Museums

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

#### *Horas De Oficina*

**Tuesday-Thursday 9:00am-6:00pm**

**Friday 9:00am-2:00pm**

Cyndi in office Tuesday & Friday

10:00am-2:00pm & *by appointments.*

Patty in office Tuesday-Friday

Carol in office Tuesday-Thursday

**Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:40pm**

Tue-Fri before daily Mass 7:30-7:45am

**Confessions: in GS Lometa**

Sunday 7:30-7:55am

**Kitchen Hours/ Horas de Cocina:**

Tue- Fri 6:00-11:00am

**Food Pantry/Despensa de Comida:**

Wed & Fri 9:30-11:30am

**Shared Blessing:**

Wed & Fri 9:30am-2:00pm

**Baptismal Class**

Call the office for date.

**Clase de Bautismo**

Llamar la oficina para la fecha.

**Adoration:** Every Wednesday after 8:00am

Mass to 5:00pm and Thursday for one hour after the 6pm Spanish Mass.

**Adoración:** Todos los miércoles después de la Misa de 8:00am hasta las 5:00pm. Y los jueves después de la misa de las 6:30pm

#### For Those Who Have Died

Joe Wittenburg, Bobby Dyer, Helen Kiley, José Torrez, Adela Garrison, Leslie Salazar, Silvano Sanchez, Mary Castro, Julia Ryan, Jacob Madrid, Mary Wilson, Roberta Gonzales, Ricardo Rendon,

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday/Lunes, December 10**

8:00am Communion Service

**Tuesday/Martes, December 11**

8:00am †Kinzie Lee Swift

**Wednesday/Miércoles, December 12**

8:00am Joe Buenker Jr. Birthday

6:30PM Our Lady of Guadalupe

Bilingual Mass

**Thursday/Jueves, December 13**

8:00am **GS** †Clinton & Ernestine Buckley

6:00pm †Benita Morua

**Friday/Viernes, December 14**

8:00am Johnnie Lewis Birthday

**Saturday/Sábado, December 15**

5:30pm †Kinzie Lee Smith

†John Aldrich

**Sunday/Domingo December 16**

8:00am **GS** †Frank & Marcella Viktorin

10:00am †Ed Dimas

Caleb Aldrich Birthday

12:15pm †Adella Garrison

#### *Sacrificial Giving 11/25*

Weekly Offering \$ 2,241.00

(Budget Amount: \$ 2,699.00

Children's \$ 72.00

Building Fund \$ 204.00

Counters: 12/11

Alex Gill

George Gondorchin

### LECTORS December 8/9

Sat 5:30pm: TEEN MASS

Sun 10:00am: Karen DeZarn

Clay Harrington

Dom 12:15pm: Romelia Rivera

December 15/16

Sat 5:30pm: Andrea Cardon

Sun 10:00am: Ed Riegel

Andy Gamez

Dom 12:15pm: Martha Muñoz

Elia Mondragon

### EMHC December 8/9

Sun 5:30pm: Mary Cisneros

Carmen Coonrod

Sun 10:00am: Al &

Carol Boberg

Dom 12:15pm: Edwin Rivas

Nancy Miranda

December 15/16

Sat 5:30pm: Mary Cisneros

Carmen Coonrod

Sun 10:00am: Lily Olivarez

Donna Coughron

Dom 12:15pm: Gabriela Ventura

Bernarda Abreu

### Those Who Serve Our Country:

Jose Argo, Colton Currier, Luke Argo, Lawrence Olivarez, Jesus Garcia, Trenton Cavness, Dyran Self, Brandon Crawford, Zachary Robles, Graham Hibbert, Edwin Rivas-Miranda

### For Our Sick/Nuestro Enfermos

Cindy Sawyer, Ed Reigle, Jason Moreno, Shannon Barnett, Anthony Ray Torrez, Fred Bartell, Willie Nuñez, Mary Tobin, Dorthy Jeter, Gilbert & Rudy Lozano, Teresa Gronau, Louis Torres, Bennie & Nancy Hromadka, Luis Lopez, Bill Nors, Robert Vasquez, Terry Clayton, Ernestine Garcia, Adrian & Solomon Torrez, Chris Longoria, Robert Ramirez, Mike Medina, Mary G Cortez, Tom Rogers, Ann Hughes, Arielle Dayrit, Felix Gonzales, Felipe Rodriguez, Madisyn Morua, Adolfo Torrez, Evelyn Ahearn, Ann Wilson, Anita Hyatt, Anna & Daniel Little, Richard & Dallia Salazar, Melanie Bartek, Barbara Folks, Maggie Lopez, Henry Langford, Sylvia Reber, Truman Crawford, Lilly & Raul Olivarez, David Hernandez, Mary S & Jesse Ramirez, Andres Moreno, Diana Harlow, Carlos Jasso, Arturo Aragon, James Fioroni, Annabel Salazar, Marie Berger, Juan Torres, Elizabeth Harrington, Donna Brewer

**Prayer:** All praise and glory are yours, Lord our God. You have called us to serve you and one another in love. Bless our sick today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health. Bless those who have grown old in your service and give them courage and strength in their faith. Lead us all to eternal glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CORNER:**

“O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart”. We are called to hope in the Lord who will indeed make all things new. May we be radiant signs of this hope as we witness our faith and love through helping the least among us.

“Pueblo de Sión, que vives en Jerusalén: ya no llorarás más. El Señor tendrá compassion de ti al oír que gritas pidiendo ayuda, y apenas te oiga, te responderá”. Estamos llamados a esperar en el Señor quien renovará todas las cosas. Seamos signos radiantes de su esperanza mientras damos testimonio de nuestra fe y amor a través del ayudar a los más pequeños entre nosotros.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES:**

- \* December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm  
December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am  
St. John the Evangelist/ Marble Falls
- \*December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm  
Our Mother of Sorrows/ Burnet
- \*December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm  
St. Mary's/ San Saba

**GOOD SHEPERD Announcements**

- Lectors:** Tom Griess
- Flowers:** Dianna Furlan
- Altar Society:** Heather Oliver
- Beloved Mondays:** @ 6:30pm in the Family Life Center
- Divine Mercy Cenacle:** Thursdays at @ 4:15pm in the Family Life Center
- Weekday Mass:** Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm

**YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER:** Thank you parishioners for supporting our youth group in raising funds for DCYC! Your donations will help pay for a place to stay while attending DCYC. The youth group also plan on having a bake sale. The date is to be decided and announced.

**SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Please join us for fellowship and breakfast after mass **TODAY**.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00pm in the Education Bldg.

**CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS:**  
December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm

**Sacrificial Giving: 12/2**

**Weekly Offering:** \$780.00

**Building Fund:** \$230.00

**Benefit Breakfast for DCYC:** \$402.00

**St. Mary Announcements**

\*If your child is over the age of 7 years old and needs to be baptized, there will be an RCIC class beginning **TODAY** after 10:00am mass, if you have any questions or want to register your child call Carmel Leblanc @ 512-734-0977.

\*No CCE beginning 12/19 start back on 1/9/2019

\*We are **STILL** offering **POINSETTIAS** for \$15.00, If you are interested in getting one in memory of someone, you can stick money in envelope located at back of church and drop in collection basket or bring it by the office, deadline date Friday, December 14th.

**\*OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST DAY:**

All are welcome, Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>  
6:00am Mananitas with rosary  
6:30pm Bilingual Mass  
*Refreshments to follow*

**\*FORGOTTEN SOLDIERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB HOLIDAY/FOOD PANTRY DRIVE:** December 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm – 3:00pm, drive thru drop off in front of mailbox on side of offices.

\*The thrift store will be open that same Saturday afternoon. Come in and get some great deals.

**CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS:**

December 25<sup>th</sup> @ Midnight

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASS:** December 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASS:** *(Spanish)* @ 10:30am

**Holy Hour concluding with Benediction Every Friday from 6:30pm-7:30pm during Advent**

**POSADAS @ 7:00pm**

- Sábado Diciembre 15<sup>th</sup>-1109 E Ave G, Lampasas
- Domingo Diciembre 16<sup>th</sup>-506 Old Georgetown Rd, Lampasas
- Lunes Diciembre 17<sup>th</sup> -upstairs of cafeteria at St. Mary, Lampasas
- Martes Diciembre 18<sup>th</sup> -507 N Hackberry, Lampasas
- Miércoles Diciembre 19<sup>th</sup> - 4 Sue Ann Dr, Lampasas
- Jueves Diciembre 20<sup>th</sup> -503 Gamel St, Lampasas
- Viernes Diciembre 21<sup>st</sup> -105 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Lometa
- Sábado Diciembre 22<sup>nd</sup> -505 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Lampasas
- Domingo Diciembre 23<sup>rd</sup> -Guyco Contractors US 190, Lampasas

**ENCOUNTERING CHRIST CAMPAIGN CONTINUATION:**

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mary S Ramirez           | Deacon & Mrs David Cardon  |
| Philipa Pinkard          | Louis & Sylvia Hernandez   |
| Carmen Rogers            | Howard Crissey             |
| Jade Folioi              | Ophelia Marez              |
| Victor & Pat Olivarez    | Pamela Sanguinet           |
| Susie Lafuente           | Robert & Margie Guerra     |
| Robert Sanchez           | Mike & Debbie Simons       |
| Fernando & Heidi Cortez  | Elizabeth Perkins          |
| Tony & Clara Gamez       | James Tracy                |
| Luis Munoz               | Alfred & Matilde Werlinger |
| Judy & Roger Palacios    | Matthew & Teresa Reed      |
| Reynaldo & Patricia Rios | Teresa & Brad Sladek       |
| Alex & Christina Marez   |                            |

## Calendar

### Monday

DECEMBER 10

Advent Weekday

Is 35:1-10

Lk 5:17-26

### Tuesday

DECEMBER 11

Advent Weekday

Is 40:1-11

Mt 18:12-14

### Wednesday

DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;

12:1-6a, 10ab

Lk 1:26-38 or

Lk 1:39-47

### Thursday

DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy,

Virgin and Martyr

Is 41:13-20

Mt 11:11-15

### Friday

DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross,

Priest and Doctor  
of the Church

Is 48:17-19

Mt 11:16-19

### Saturday

DECEMBER 15

Advent Weekday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

### Sunday

DECEMBER 16

Third Sunday

of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18

# Dear Padre,

## Why doesn't the word *immaculate* also refer to Jesus' birth?

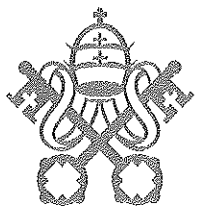
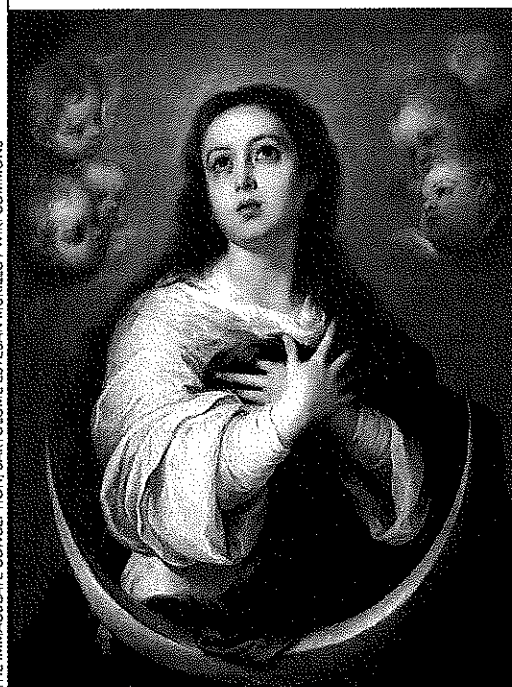
According to Webster's Dictionary, *immaculate* comes from the Latin *immaculatus*, which breaks down further into *in* (meaning "not") and *maculatus* (meaning "spotted"). It means "without stain or blemish" and is commonly associated with the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, which was solemnly defined as a dogma of the Catholic faith in 1854 by Pope Pius IX. The dogma states that Mary was conceived in the womb of her mother without the stain of original sin.

Catholics sometimes mistakenly think that this doctrine refers to Jesus' birth and not to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother. In a way, it refers to both. Everything about Mary ultimately leads to her Son—including the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. How so? The Church argues both from Scripture and tradition that God deemed it proper and

fitting that humanity's Redeemer should enter the world through a womb totally unblemished by sin. Mary, in other words, was free of the effects of original sin so she could be a proper dwelling place for the birth of the Son of God.

That is not to say, however, that Mary herself was not in need of redemption. On the contrary, the dogma clearly states that she was conceived without the stain of original sin *in anticipation* of the fruits of Christ's redemptive action manifested in his passion, death, and resurrection.

—Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSsR  
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



### A Word From Pope Francis

The Immaculate Conception leads us to contemplate Our Lady who, by unique privilege, was preserved from original sin from the very moment of her conception. Even living in a world marked by sin, she was not touched by it: Mary is our sister in suffering, but not in evil or in sin.

—Angelus, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2015