

Mass Intentions
5 December - 13 December 2020

5 December 2020 - First Saturday - Weekday

8.30 am:

4.30 pm:

6 December 2020 - Sunday - Second Sunday of Advent

8.30 am: + Kelly Flynn *by Ed Sykes*

11.00 am: + Frank Schick *by the family*

7 November 2020 - Monday - St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8.30 am: All the deceased of Price & Livingston families *by Rose Anne & Vince Livingston*

8 December 2020 - Tuesday - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8.30 am: St. Patrick's Church

11.am : Holy Cross Church

9 December 2020 - Wednesday - Weekday

8.30 am:

10 December 2020 - Thursday - Weekday

8.30 am:

11 December 2020 - Friday - Weekday

8.30 am:

12 December 2020 - Saturday - Our Lady of Guadalupe

4.30 pm:+ Walter & Florence Hubert *by their children*

13 December 2020 - Sunday - Third Sunday of Advent

8.30 am: + Joseph Connoiy *by Frank & Kathleen Geosits*

11.00 am: + Paul Schick *by the family*

PRAY FOR THE SICK

J. Gottesmann, W. Rieger, K. Eschenberg, J. Feeley, R. Knack, Ron Rhodes JR, Dan Buddenhagen, Brenda Long, Mary Ann, Eileem Ohman, Madeleine Wootan, Olga Viruet, Anita Robertson, Linda Roche, Gloria Grunn, Marcia Bauer, Frank M Geosits Jr, Baby Alexian, Shirley Rangaves, Jerome Bauer, Josephine, Danny Andrews, Dr.Kuncar, Christopher Milk and all sick and needy.



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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Prepare
the way
of
the
Lord**



**Make
Straight
the
paths
of
God**

Regular Mass with Social – Distancing

Saturday: 4.30 pm — Holy Cross Church

Sunday: 8.30 am — St. Patrick's Church

11.00 am — Holy Cross Church

"Faith is not water that extinguishes flames, it is fire that burns; it is not a tranquilizer for people under stress, it is a love story for people in love!" - Pope Francis

The Bethlehem Candle or Candle of Love

On the second Sunday of Advent we light the Bethlehem Candle, the Candle of Love. As we light this candle, we are reminded that God gave us the greatest love in the little town of Bethlehem in a humble manger. The lighting of this candle symbolizes the preparations being made to receive and cradle the Christ child. Bethlehem is a story about a humble couple on an unwanted journey, at an inconvenient time, to visit a tiny insignificant town.

Bethlehem was the smallest clan of Judah. It is a very insignificant town just outside of Jerusalem. Yet God did not choose Jerusalem for the birthplace of Messiah. God loved the world so much that He chose, a tiny insignificant town as the location for the birth of the one who literally changed the world. This is the first of many reminders that God loves even the insignificant of the world, and in fact demonstrates this several times in the weeks to come leading up to the Messiah's birth.

Today we light the candle of hope from last week, as well as the Bethlehem Candle or candle of love. These candles remind us of the hope that Jesus brings as well as the love that God shows for us through Jesus. The Bethlehem candle reminds us of the waiting that Mary and Joseph did as they prepared for the arrival of Jesus."

As Mary and Joseph prepared for Jesus, we too prepare for Jesus' birthday. We prepare for the time when we remember how Jesus came into the messiness of this world to show everyone how great God's love is.



GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is placed at **HOLY CROSS** on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21**.



We ask that you bring an unwrapped toy to be put under the tree by Sunday, December 6. The toy can be for a child of any age.

The toys will be taken to **UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** on Friday, December 11 and distributed on Saturday, December 12.

Thank you for your generosity! God Bless!

LITURGY OF WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5,9 -11

Second Reading: 2 Pet 3:8-14

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 1-8

Today's readings remind us that the past, present and future comings of Jesus into the world are the fulfillment of the saving plan of God. Today's Scripture readings



deal with coming home – Babylonian exiles coming home, the *shalom* or perfect peace coming home, our going home with Jesus at his Second Coming, and Jesus, the Savior, "coming home" into our lives during Advent. All three readings focus on the absolute necessity of our readying ourselves by repentance and reparation for Christ's coming. In the first reading, Isaiah assures his people that the Lord will restore their homeland to them and care for them as a shepherd cares for the sheep.

Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 85) also speaks of the return of *shalom* (perfect peace), and pardon to the people. The second reading gives an answer to those who scoff at the expectation of the Second Coming of Christ, explaining that God's way of reckoning time is different from ours and that God has His own reasons for delaying Christ's second coming. Peter gives us the assurance that Jesus is sure to come again although we do not know when. Hence, while we wait, we should be leading lives of holiness and godliness.

Finally, the Gospel tells us that the restoration of the fallen world has already begun, starting with the arrival of John the Baptist, the messenger and forerunner of the Messiah. John speaks of one, more powerful than he – Jesus Christ – who will baptize us with the Holy Spirit. Each of us has received the gift of the Holy Spirit in Baptism, and now we live in the Spirit each day, waiting for the return of our Lord. Thus, we become John the Baptist's successors, preparing for Christ's return which will bring a new and perfect world.

Stewardship November 29, 2020

Sunday Collection	\$ 1181.00
Candle	\$ 21.00
Poor Box	\$ 10.00
Religious Ed	\$ 31.50

With Prayers & Blessings of God the Father

Fr. John Kennady MMI
Dn. John Lyttle
6 December 2020