

Third Sunday of Advent
 December 13, 2020
 Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
 — 1 Thessalonians 5:16

JOHN THE BAPTIST

At a school open house a woman could be overheard introducing her husband to some of the other parents. "Oh, Bill, I'd like you to meet Johnny's father. And over here, this is Marie's mom; you know, the little girl from our Ellen's soccer team."

With satisfied resignation Bill introduced himself not by name: "I'm Ellen's Dad."

It's good to know who you are. Be it someone's father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife, it's important to embrace the full meaning of our various roles.

John the *Baptist* knows who he is. And who he is not. He is not the Christ. Nor Elijah. Nor like any other prophet God's people had ever seen.

John the Baptist knows his mission is divine. He's more than satisfied to be the one to announce the coming of God's reign. The Christ is near. Make straight your paths.

Mass Intentions



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- Sat. Dec. 12, 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Willo Lindsey Crawford, Maude Dietrich, Fr. Michael Dobbins, Mary Jane and Bill Mehaffey and for the living: Special Intention, Karge Family and Louise Hotard and Karen Dantin
- Sun. Dec. 13, 7:30 a.m. Carol Pieri
- Sun., Dec. 13, 9:15 a.m. Yvonne Morel, Ruthi Olson, Noel Labourdette, Normie Miller, Bridget Mizell Miller, Robin Joiner, Mrs. Merlyn A. Olano., Dr. Bert A. Braud, DMA, Special intention, and for the living: Ernestine Perez, Gregory (Beanie) Gaude' and Rosalyn Ditta Gaude'
- Sun., Dec. 13, 11:00 a.m. Parishioners
- Mon., Dec. 14, 8:00 a.m. Pat Delaune
- Tues., Dec. 15, 8:00 a.m. NO MASS
- Wed., Dec. 16, 8:00 a.m. Theresa Mule' (L)
- Thurs., Dec. 17, 8:00 a.m. Judy Vizzini (L)
- Fri., Dec. 18, 8:00 a.m. Elaine Fischbein

PRAYER LIST

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| Rosalind Baham | RJ Bourgeois |
| Fred Kopfler | Louise Cashmere |
| Kenneth Vicari | Yolanda Bourgeois |
| Roy M. Piazza | LeLe Kopfler |
| Pam Strander | Roxanne Troxclair |
| Debra Vandendorre | Walter Boroughs |
| RJ Bourgeois | |



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THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

- Sanctuary: Karen Lambert
- Blessed Mother: Ruthi Olson
- St. Joseph: Alexander Bradford
- St. Ann: Mary Anne Treuil (L)

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle please call 796-3806.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS ARE IN MEMORY OF

Bill and Florine Brown

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24th
 4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Friday, December 25th
 Nativity of the Lord – 10:00 a.m.

All Christmas Masses are in Jonathan Hall

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Holy Day OF Obligation

Friday, January 1st, 9:00 a.m.
 Thursday, December 31st, 6:00 p.m.

In Church

POPE FRANCIS'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS LET US PRAY,

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power, and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in health care and protect them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor hasten to help us. Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us. **AMEN**

OUTREACH

St. John's Outreach Ministry is making Christmas baskets for the homebound, sick and needy in our parish. If you would like to participate by donation time, talent or monetary donations please call Linda Carlin at 985-302-2009 or Phyllis Legnon at 985-796-3552. The deadline is Tuesday, December 15th.

CHRISTMAS MASS SIGN UPS

Due to limited seating, this year, everyone will need to sign up for Christmas Masses. The Vigil mass times will be 4:30, 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. and Christmas Day, 10:00 a.m. All Masses will be in Jonathan Hall. We ask that you call the office to sign up. At this time, we will need to know how many will be attending with you.

MANY THANKS TO YOU

The Knights of Columbus reports that thanks to your great generosity, St. John's Thanksgiving food drive yielded 1,956 pounds of food for the Food Bank. That goes a long way in helping feed the hungry during this holiday season and time of great need.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The Altar Society is asking for donations to help with the cost of the Christmas poinsettias. Any donations will be greatly appreciated and may be placed in the box in the back of Church or in the collection containers on both of Jonathan Halls entrance tables.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

If you would like your loved ones remembered at all Masses during Christmas Season, please write their names in the book in the back of Church or the book on each one of Jonathan Halls entrance tables.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor
The Protestant Reformation sparked a purifying fire in the Catholic Church. Like a prairie fire scorches the thick grasses, thistle, and weeds, so the heat of the Counter-Reformation moved over the land, scorching the thicket of devotions, pious customs, and theological miscellanea that had snagged and obscured the Church's purest growth. Besides the universal reforms of the Council of Trent, men and women such as Saint John of the Cross were integral regional players in the Catholic Counter-Reformation. This movement stripped even mighty dioceses and religious orders of all padding, of all unnecessary raiment, and then built up a lean and muscular Body of Christ that moved with purpose and vigor for the next four centuries. But for many purifiers, including Saint John of the Cross, the price of such reform was steep and it was personal. Needed changes to his beloved Carmelites would mean the disruption of comfortable patterns of life. John's ideas had enemies, and for his efforts he suffered exile, hunger, public lashings, imprisonment, and defamation from the hands of his own fellow Carmelites!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Please join the Knights of Columbus on December 20th for coffee and donuts with Santa after the 7:30 and 9:15 a.m. Masses. This event will be outside by the entrance to Jonathan Hall facing the Church.

ADVENT EVENING ADORATION

Want your Christmas preparation to be more Christ-centered? St. John's Knights of Columbus invites you to participate in an evening of adoration every Wednesday of Advent in our church from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

REMINDERS

PSR Classes, Wednesdays, 6:15 – 7:30 a.m., Jonathan Hall and Office Classrooms

First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

First Friday Adoration Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Men's Study Group in Odilo Hall, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus meeting, Thurs, Jan. 14th 7 p.m.

On Monday, December 14th at 9:00 a.m. in Odilo Hall, our Church history class will conclude the time period on Crusaders and Scholars by studying the 7th and 8th Crusades and exploring the life of St. Louis the Ninth. We will also discuss some of the theological differences between Christianity and Islam.