Second Sunday of Advent

Reading 1
Bar 5:1–9

Reading 2
Phil 1:4–6, 8–11

Gospel
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

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

Luke 3:3

San Lucas ama ser preciso en su Evangelio, por lo que documenta la hora y el lugar exactos de la aparición de Juan el Bautista, el precursor de Jesús. Tiberio fue el segundo emperador de Roma, y el decimoquinto año de su reinado corresponde al año 27. Poncio Pilato fue prefecto entre los años 26 y 36. Herodes Antipas, hijo de Herodes el Grande, gobernó en Galilea hasta su muerte en el año 39. Y es el Herodes que decapitó a Juan el Bautista. Del lado judío, Caifás era sumo sacerdote, y su influyente suegro Annas era considerado un líder de la vida religiosa judía. Estas fechas históricas se alinean con la explicación de Lucas, así como con otros eventos descritos en su Evangelio. La nuestra es una fe basada en personas reales y eventos. Sin duda, existe un gran aprecio por lo sobrenatural en nuestra fe, pero nunca está en contra de la naturaleza, sino más allá. Jesús elogió a Juan el Bautista (ver Mateo 11: 2–9) por su fuerte voluntad y dedicación. La humildad, la austeridad, el coraje y el espíritu de oración también son una gran parte del testimonio que Juan nos dejó. Palmezzano lo viste con la piel roja y camel del mártir para acentuar su suprema virtud. Tan dedicado y heroico fue en su cumplimiento de la misión que se le encomendó, Jesús aclamó que “entre los nacidos de mujeres no ha habido ninguno más grande” (Mateo 11:11). “Era una lámpara ardiente y brillante” (Juan 5:35) para iluminar el camino hacia la verdadera luz que venía al mundo. Una vez que llegó esa luz divina, Juan retrocedió en las sombras.
**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

**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
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**All Saints Catholic Church**

**Weekly Calendar & Facilities Reservations December (Diciembre) 2018**
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*SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE*

**Remember in Prayer**

December 10 - 16, 2018

Members of our faith community who are ill, including:
- Aurora Abulencia
- Mary Perini
- Candida Frogozo
- Esther Garcia
- Linda Carter
- Robert Enos
- Maria del Refugio Morales

Also members of our faith community who have died, including:
- Christina Moreno
- Julian Arellano
- Malaya Mallanao
- James Silveira
- Francisca De Silva
- Teresa Perez
- Juana Barajas
- Nelly Encina

We place our loved ones into God’s care and cherish the memory of their time with us – May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Seniors “Busy Bees” Activities**

These events are not just for Seniors. Everyone is invited to participate.

Call: FRANCES LEGG:
(510) 846-5300
For more information

We are looking for people to join our Thursday group. We socialize, pray together, enjoy a meal and play bingo. We also have guest speakers. We would love to have you join us.

**Thursday, Dec 13, 2018** - Noon - Potluck followed by bingo. Dessert provided by the Center.


Center closed Dec 27th and Jan 3rd, 2019 for holidays. See you Jan 10th for potluck and Bingo.

**Need Help Hearing the Mass?**

All Saints is fortunate to have assisted listening devices for those who have problems hearing the Mass. Please ask one of the ushers to show you where the easy-to-use devices are located. We want everyone to hear the Word of God.

Todos los Santos esta afortunado de tener dispositivos para los que tienen problemas de audición de escuchar la Misa. Por favor, pregunte a uno de los ujieres que le muestre donde están los dispositivos ubicados. Queremos que todos escuchan la Palabra de Dios.
Church office hours:
8:00am - 4:00pm Monday - Friday
Saturday 9:00am to 2:00pm (limited services)

Horas de oficina de la Iglesia:
8:00 am - 4:00 pm Lunes - Viernes
9:00 am-2:00 pm Sábado - servicios limitados

Consider Faith Direct!
Please prayerfully consider supporting All Saints with
electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can
sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our
church code CA590, or request an enrollment form
from the parish office.

The earth shall be filled with
knowledge of the LORD,
as water covers the sea.
-- Isaiah 11:9

¡Bienvenidos a Todos los Santos!
Nosotros, el pueblo de la Iglesia de Todos los Santos, juntos
decimos que sí a Dios, a quien encontramos en la celebración y
el servicio de las personas de todos los orígenes en Hayward y
más allá.

Para más información sobre:
Bautizos
Comuniones
Confirmación
Bodas, etc.
Favor de llamar a la oficina de
Lunes a Jueves de 8am a 4pm.

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Did You Know?
Funds received through this special
collection on the 2nd Sunday of the month are
used exclusively to repair roofs, painting,
boilers, plumbing and more.
It is our hope that every family donates to this
fund each month.
We have the most beautiful church
in the East Bay
– Together, we can maintain it.

Simbang Gabi
In keeping with the Filipino tradition of Simbang Gabi, early morning mass will be
celebrated daily at **6:00 am** during the 9-day period before Christmas, in addition to the
regularly scheduled daily masses at 7:30 am. Simbang Gabi starts on Sunday, December
16th and ends on Monday, December 24th. Light breakfast or early morning snack
immediately follows in the Senior Center.
Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration –
December 12, 2018

All Saints Church
22824 Second St
Hayward, CA 94541

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12th

5:30 am  Rosary
6:00 am  Mañanitas with Mariachi
7:00 am  Sweet Bread and Hot Chocolate

4:00 pm  Devotions and flowers to Mary
5:30 pm  Dancers
6:15 pm  Banda
7:00 pm  Mass (Spanish)
8:00 pm  Sweet Bread and Hot Chocolate

¿NO ESTOY AQUÍ YO, QUE SOY TU MADRE?
Santa Maria de Guadalupe