SECOND SUNDAY OF Advent

A voice cries out:  
In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!  
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!  
Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill shall be made low.

Isaiah 40:3-4

Mass Times:
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday: 10:40 a.m.
11:30 a.m. Misa en Español
Spanish Mass in Parish Hall
5:00 p.m. Youth Mass
Weekday Masses: 8:10 a.m. on
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., and
6:30 pm Mass on Mon., Tues.,
and Thurs. evenings.
Wednesday: 12:10 p.m.
Divine Mercy Chaplet:
After weekday Masses
**Contact the**  
St. Charles Borromeo Church Office  
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**Would You Like To Volunteer Some Of Your Free Time?**  
**Or Join A Ministry?**  
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**This Is Your Parish!**

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**Mass Intentions**  
**December 5th – December 11th**

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**The Sanctuary Light Burns**  
**In Memory of Donna Smith +**

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The Church office will be closed on December 8th for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

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**Baptisms**  
Baptism classes are held quarterly (January, April, July, & October) on the 3rd Monday of the month. All paperwork must be received at the office no later than two weeks prior to the scheduled baptism.

**Confessions**  
Confessions are 30 minutes before Mass on weekends and by appointment.

**Funerals**  
Arrangements may be made by calling the office. Pre-funeral arrangements may also be made.

**Weddings**  
Weddings are to be scheduled 6 months prior to the ceremony. Any information you need regarding any of the sacraments or events listed above, may be obtained by calling the office.

**Communion Calls**  
Please notify the church office of the names of those who desire to receive Holy Communion at home or in the hospital.

**Anointing Of The Sick**  
Communal Anointing periodically or anytime upon request.
For anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church or anyone who would like to complete their Sacraments of Initiation through RCIA, please contact the parish office. RCIA will be held on Mondays at 6:00PM in the parish hall. For anyone interested in helping with RCIA or would just like to come for continuous religious instruction, please also contact the church office. Due to COVID-19, attendance MAY be limited, so for those wishing to participate in RCIA for any reason, you must first contact the church office and speak with the RCIA coordinator before attending.

Week of November 28th - November 29th

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New School Collection $631.00

_Thank You For Your Generosity!_

**Did You Know…**

_that you can send your contribution through our website?_

Tired of forgetting to bring your envelopes to Mass? Prefer to send your tithe fund by bank draft? Just click on the “Online Giving” button on the bottom right side of the website homepage.


In an effort to keep our Parish Census current and to keep in touch, you can go online to our website [http://www.scborromeo.org/](http://www.scborromeo.org/)

And go to the [Connect Now](http://www.scborromeo.org/) to make any changes in address, phone number, email address that will allow you to receive important information from the Church. We thank you for your help.

If you are new to the parish, we welcome you to the Parish. Please come by the office, or go online to the [Connect Now](http://www.scborromeo.org/) to register in our Parish. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

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**Second Sunday of Advent**

December 6, 2020

Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low.

— Isaiah 40:4

**Today’s Readings**

**First Reading** — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).  

**Psalm** — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).  

**Second Reading** — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).  

**Gospel** — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).


**Readings for the Week**

- **Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
- **Tuesday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- **Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
- **Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- **Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19
- **Saturday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcdc, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
- **Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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**Poinsettias and Christmas Mass**

Cards will be on sale before and after ALL Masses on December 5th—6th; and December 12th—13th.

Cards are 1 for $3.00, or 2 for $5.00.

Poinsettias are $10.00 each
FIRST READING
A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah
Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11
Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 85
R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.
I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.
R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.
Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.
R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.
The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.
R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.
Amen.

SECOND READING
A reading from the Second Letter of St. Peter
2 Peter 3: 8-14
Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL OF THE MASS
A reading from the holy Gospel According to Mark
Mark 1: 1-8
The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:
Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert:
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”
John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”
The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus, I Love You, and I Trust In You!
**High Mass in Extraordinary Form**
(Latin Mass)
Every Sunday At 12:30 PM
With Fr. Marcin Wiktor
Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church
228 South Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis, MS
228-467-6509

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**Knights of Columbus Council 6872**
Will be collecting canned goods and donations for the Christmas holiday.
Place your canned goods in the box in the Vestibule.
You can place your donation into the offering basket or bring to the office. Please make sure your donation is clearly marked for the Knights of Columbus.

**Life Is Fragile Handle With Prayer**

**Profession Of Faith**
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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**GOD’S DELAY**
In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, “Where is God? Why hasn’t your Lord come to save you now?”
And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today’s second reading: the “delay” of the Lord’s second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God’s patience. God is giving everyone the chance to seek repentance.

God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a “straight highway” for them across the desert.

We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God’s Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side.

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**500 Club Tickets are now on sale!**

Monthly drawings will be held the last school day of each month.

**3 monthly drawings include:**
- $50 cash prize
- $100 cash prize
- $500 cash prize

If drawn, your ticket will be put back in the lottery for all other drawings for that month in addition to all future monthly drawings. This is a total of 27 chances to win!

Tickets may be purchased from StCB students, faculty or by stopping in at the school office during school hours.

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**“To Know, Love and Serve God”**

**DECEMBER MASS SCHEDULE**

*Feast of the Immaculate Conception*
Monday December 7th - Vigil Mass 6:30pm
Tuesday December 8th — 12:10pm and 6:30pm

*Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*
Saturday December 12th—6:30pm in Spanish:
(no 11:30am Hispanic Mass on Sunday December 13th)
* this is in addition to our regular weekend masses

*Christmas Masses*
Thursday December 24th
2:00pm
4:00pm (live-streamed)
6:00pm
Midnight

Friday December 25th 9:00am and 11:00am (Hispanic Mass)

*Solemnity of Mary-New Year’s Eve*
Thursday December 31st—4:00pm and 6:00pm

Friday January 1st — 9:00am

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Saint Nicholas’ Story
December 6
Saint Nicholas is the Patron Saint of:
- Bakers, Brides, Grooms, Children, Greece, Pawnbrokers, Travelers

The absence of the “hard facts” of history is not necessarily an obstacle to the popularity of saints, as the devotion to Saint Nicholas shows. Both the Eastern and Western Churches honor him, and it is claimed that after the Blessed Virgin, he is the saint most pictured by Christian artists. And yet historically, we can pinpoint only the fact that Nicholas was the fourth-century bishop of Myra, a city in Lycia, a province of Asia Minor.

As with many of the saints, however, we are able to capture the relationship which Nicholas had with God through the admiration which Christians have had for him—an admiration expressed in the colorful stories which have been told and retold through the centuries.

Perhaps the best-known story about Nicholas concerns his charity toward a poor man who was unable to provide dowries for his three daughters of marriageable age. Rather than see them forced into prostitution, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the poor man’s window on three separate occasions, thus enabling the daughters to be married. Over the centuries, this particular legend evolved into the custom of gift-giving on the saint’s feast. In the English-speaking countries, Saint Nicholas became, by a twist of the tongue, Santa Claus—further expanding the example of generosity portrayed by this holy bishop.

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“Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed; I am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you, and uphold you with my right hand of justice.”  
*Isaiah 41:10*
The Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 12
The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story. A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady. Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared. Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan’s uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma. On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop’s presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

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The Story of the Immaculate Conception of Mary
December 8
A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the 11th century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the 18th century it became a feast of the universal Church. It is now recognized as a solemnity. In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: “The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin.” It took a long time for this doctrine to develop. While many Fathers and Doctors of the Church considered Mary the greatest and holiest of the saints, they often had difficulty in seeing Mary as sinless—either at her conception or throughout her life. This is one of the Church teachings that arose more from the piety of the faithful than from the insights of brilliant theologians. Even such champions of Mary as Bernard of Clairvaux and Thomas Aquinas could not see theological justification for this teaching. Two Franciscans, William of Ware and Blessed John Duns Scotus, helped develop the theology. They pointed out that Mary’s Immaculate Conception enhances Jesus’ redemptive work. Other members of the human race are cleansed from original sin after birth. In Mary, Jesus’ work was so powerful as to prevent original sin at the outset.

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Saint Juan Diego’s Story
December 9
Thousands of people gathered in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe July 31, 2002, for the canonization of Juan Diego, to whom the Blessed Mother appeared in the 16th century. Pope John Paul II celebrated the ceremony at which the poor Indian peasant became the Church’s first saint indigenous to the Americas. The Holy Father called the new saint “a simple, humble Indian” who accepted Christianity without giving up his identity as an Indian. “In praising the Indian Juan Diego, I want to express to all of you the closeness of the Church and the pope, embracing you with love and encouraging you to overcome with hope the difficult times you are going through,” John Paul said. Among the thousands present for the event were members of Mexico’s 64 indigenous groups. First called Cuauhtlatohuac (“The eagle who speaks”), Juan Diego’s name is forever linked with Our Lady of Guadalupe because it was to him that she first appeared at Tepeyac hill on December 9, 1531. The most famous part of his story is told in connection with the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. After the roses gathered in his tilma were transformed into the miraculous image of Our Lady, however, little more is said about Juan Diego. In time he lived near the shrine constructed at Tepeyac, revered as a holy, unselﬁsh, and compassionate catechist, who taught by word and especially by example. During his 1990 pastoral visit to Mexico, Pope John Paul II conﬁrmed the long-standing liturgical cult in honor of Juan Diego, beatifying him. Twelve years later the same pope proclaimed him a saint.

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Hail Holy Queen
Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears! Turn, then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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