

The Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 2020

Father's Column

| Date | Intentions | Requested by |
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| 12/6 11:00 | Jerome Herbort + | Tom Herbort |
| 12/8 9:00 | Open | |
| 12/9 12:00 | Grace Pedersen | Joan Pedersen |
| 12/10 12:00 | Scott Peek, Sr. | Ted & Nancy McGowen |
| 12/11 9:00 | Open | |



Christmas Mass Schedule

Our Lady of the Mountains: Christmas Eve Vigil 3:00 pm
Christmas Day 11:00 am
St. Jude's of Sapphire Valley: Christmas Eve Vigil 1:00 pm
Christmas Day 9:00 am

Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent

Comforting God, You have touched my heart and told me not to fear. Thank you for offering me your gentle love. You speak tender words to the darkness in my heart and offer gentle care in warm arms outstretched to welcome me home. You know me so well, and I feel my heart rise in your familiar presence. There is a flicker of hope. Finally I will let my life be touched by the strength of your courage and I will rejoice in the news that my Saviour is near. Amen.

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Our Lady of the Mountains

Guidelines and Precautions during the Covid-19 Pandemic

We are taking the following precautions to keep everyone safe at Mass.

1. The obligation to attend Mass is still lifted.
2. Social distance of 6ft is observed at all times.
3. Seating is limited to every other pew to facilitate social distancing.
4. Sanitizing hands is encouraged upon entering and leaving. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrances.
5. The wearing of masks is highly encouraged. Masks are available at the entrances.
6. Reusable items in the pews have been removed, such as hymnals and missals.
7. Congregational singing is suspended.
8. All physical contact between congregants is suspended such as hand-holding at the Our Father and the Sign of Peace.
9. The priest sanitizes his hand between households during the distribution of Holy Communion.
10. Distribution of the Precious Blood is suspended.
11. All high-contact surfaces are disinfected after Mass.

Saint of the Week

Prayer is the wing wherewith the soul flies to heaven, and meditation the eye wherewith we see God.

~St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor

Stewardship Thought

Give of your time, talent, and treasure until you feel good about your gift, and your heart knows that you have done something for God.

The Wonder of the Incarnation

The very son of God, older than the ages, the invisible, the incomprehensible, the incorporeal, the beginning of beginning, the light of light the fountain of life and immortality, the image of the archetype, the immovable seal, the perfect likeness, the definition and word of the Father: he it is who comes and his own image and takes our nature for the good of our nature, and unites himself to an intelligent soul for the good of my soul, to purify like by like. He takes to himself all that is human, except for sin. He was conceived by the Virgin Mary, who had been first prepared in soul and body by the Spirit; his coming to birth and to be treated with honour, virginity had to receive new honour. He comes forth as God, in the human nature he has taken, one being, made of two contrary elements, flesh and spirit. Spirit have divinity, flesh received it.

He who makes rich is made poor; he takes on the poverty of my flesh, that I may gain the riches of his divinity. He who is full is made empty; he is emptied for a brief space of his glory, that I may share in his fullness. What is this wealth of goodness? What is this mystery that surrounds me? I received the likeness of God, but failed to keep it. He takes on my flesh, to bring salvation to the image, immortality to the flesh. He enters into a second union with us, a union far more wonderful than the first.

Holiness had to be brought to man by the humanity assumed by one who was God, so that God might overcome the tyrant by force and so deliver us and lead us back to himself through the meditation of his Son. The Son arranged this for the honour of the Father, to whom the Son is clearly obedient in all things.

The Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for the sheep, came in search of the straying sheep to the mountains and hills on which you used to offer sacrifice. When he found it, he took it on the shoulders that bore the wood of the cross, and led it back to the life of heaven.

Christ, the light of all lights, follows John, the lamp that goes before him. The Word of God follows the voice in the wilderness; The bridegroom follows the Bridegroom's friend, who prepares a worthy people for the Lord by cleansing them by water in preparation for the Spirit.

We needed God to take our flesh and die, that we might live. We have died with him, that we may be purified. We have risen again with him, because we have died with him. We have been glorified with him, because we have risen again with him.

From a sermon by Saint Gregory Nazianzen

Please pray for our parishioners and their relatives and friends:

Pat Pittari, Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga, Laura Sanders, Mary Catherine Cann, James Urbanski, Sandy Powers, Griffin Harper, The Klingler Family, Shawn Webster

Also for those in our book of prayer intentions, and those for whom there is no one to pray.

Please pray for all the men and women serving the United States in the military.

Please pray for the souls of our beloved deceased.

Scott Peek, Sr., Stewart Austin, Nick Klingler, John Powers, Earl Goodrow and Ron Simmons, Lee Smith, Harry Vaughn