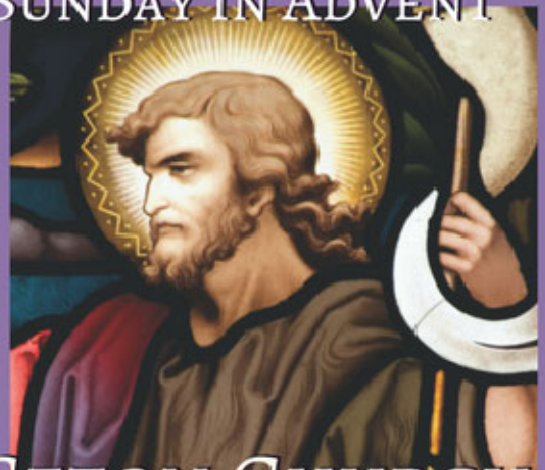


# DECEMBER 10, 2017 | SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

*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."**



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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: IS 35:1-10; PS 85:9AB AND 10-14; LK 5:17-26  
Tuesday: ZEC 2:14-17; PS 13:18BCDE, 19; LK1:26-38  
Wednesday: IS 40:25-31; PS 103:1-4, 8 AND 10; MT 11:28-30  
Thursday: IS 41:13-20; PS 145:1 AND 9-12, 13AB; MT 11:11-15  
Friday: IS 48:17-19; PS 1:1-4 AND 6; MT 11:16-19  
Saturday: SIR 48:1-4, 9-11; PS 80:2AC AND 3B 15-16, 18-19;  
MT 17:9A, 10-13  
Sunday: IS 61:1-2A, 10-11; PS LK 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 THES  
5:16-24; JN 1:6-8, 19-28

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 4 p.m.

**WEDDING:** Must be registered in parish and make an initial appointment with the Pastor at least six (6) months in advance of the wedding date.

**BAPTISM:** Call the office to make an appointment (210) 698-1941. Our Baptism classes will be held on Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2, at 6:30 p.m. in Seton Hall.

**RCIA:** Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  
Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or considering becoming a Catholic? Are you an adult Catholic wanting to prepare for Eucharist and Confirmation? Classes will be held every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Please call Sr. Frances Briseño for more information at 210-698-1941.

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We ask God to bless all those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them. To have the Ministers of Care pray for your loved one email [anna@seaschurch.com](mailto:anna@seaschurch.com) or call the parish office at 210-698-1941.



**Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (210) 698-1941 Pastoral Center Fax: (210) 698-1983  
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December 10, 2017

### Mass Intentions & Schedule

#### Monday December 11, 2017

8:00 A.M. John Hagan (d)  
Presider: Fr. George

#### Tuesday December 12, 2017

8:00 A.M. Ernesto Tijerina (d)  
Presider: Fr. George

#### Wednesday December 13, 2017

8:00 A.M. Carlos Balido (d)  
Presider: Fr. Conor

#### Thursday December 14, 2017

8:00A.M. Esperanza Talamantes (d)  
Presider: Fr. George

#### Friday December 15, 2017

8:00 A.M. Baleriano Rivera (d)  
Presider: Fr. Conor

#### Saturday December 16, 2017

5:00 pm Father Robert Dolan (d)  
Presider: Fr. Conor

#### Sunday December 17, 2017 *The Third Sunday of Advent*

8:00 A.M. Virginia G. Garza (d)  
Presider: Fr. Conor  
9:30 A.M. Cervone - Lamb Families  
Presider: Fr. Conor  
11:00 A.M. Erik Ross Salinas (d)  
Presider: Fr. Kinney  
12:30 P.M. Manuel & Concepcion Pina (d)  
Presider: Fr. George  
7:00 P.M. Douglas Kruppa (d)  
Presider : Fr. George

### Weekly Schedule

#### Monday December 11, 2017

9:00 am & Catholicism (*Seton Hall*)  
7:00 pm

#### Tuesday December 12, 2017

9:00 am CDA Rosary Making (*Seton Hall*)  
6:00 pm Good Shepherd (*Marron Center*)  
6:30 pm FF Elem (*Marron Center*)  
7:00 pm Young Adults Ministry (*Seton Hall*)

#### Wednesday December 13, 2017

9:00 am & 1st Letter of Paul (*Seton Hall*)  
7:00 pm  
5:00 pm Spanish Good Shepherd (*Marron Center*)  
6:30 pm EDGE (*Marron Center*)  
6:30 pm Women ACTS Team (*Marron Center*)

#### Thursday December 14, 2017

5:30 am TMIY (*Seton Hall*)  
9:00 am Catholicism (*Seton Hall*)  
2:00 pm Afternoon Tea With Saints (*Seton/Church*)  
4:00 pm Good Shepherd (*Marron Center*)  
7:00 pm K of C General Mtg. (*Seton Hall*)  
7:30 pm Spanish Choir (*Church*)

#### Friday December 15, 2017

#### Saturday December 16, 2017

8:00 am SVDP Distribution

#### Sunday, December 17, 2017

9:00 am RCIA (*Seton Hall*)  
9:00 am Faith Formation Elem (*Marron Center*)  
9:00 am Good Shepherd (*Marron Center*)  
10:30 am Faith Formation Elem (*Marron Center*)  
10:45 am Good Shepherd (*Marron Center*)  
5:30 pm Life Teen/ High School (*Marron Center*)

### Weekly Offertory Collection

December 2/3  
\$43,984.70

Second Collection for Assumption Seminary

### Parish Photo Directory



We still have a few photo sessions available for Monday, December 18 from 2 pm-8pm.

If you'd still like to be in the parish directory, you can submit a digital photo to Michelle at [michelle@seaschurch.com](mailto:michelle@seaschurch.com). Please check our website for more information.

### Remember Our Heroes

Robert Castillo, Peter Greenburg, Roy Vaughn, Matt Pryor, Miguel T. Sotello and Ron Wyble, deployed to Iraq. Bruce Balvin, Luis A. Ramos, Zac Gerner, Jordan Bittner and Anthony Delgado, Jr., Matthew Wilkinson deployed to Afghanistan and Christopher Le Comte in Germany, Zachary Williams in Ethiopia and Mack Peter in Colombia. Austin Reyes in S. Korea.

**For individual support (illness or emotional need), please call the SEAS Pastoral Center at 698-1941.**

## Second Sunday of Advent

Eagerness. Today's readings combine to tell a story of eagerness—enthusiasm, zeal, wholehearted dedication. Eager anticipation is not a surprising topic for the Advent season, but very surprising, perhaps, is what our readings urge us to be eager about: the cleansing of sins. Isaiah tells God's people to cry out loudly, proclaiming that the Lord will come with power to comfort them and forgive all their sins. Saint Peter inspires us to "be eager to be found without spot or blemish." In Mark's Gospel, people from all over stream to the Jordan, acknowledging their sins and repenting. John the Baptist preaches the mighty power of the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Today's readings wake us up, reminding us how great God is. May we eagerly seek the powerful peace that God's forgiveness brings.



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## NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.  
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## Angel Tree

If you forgot to bring your Angel Tree gifts to church, you may drop them off at the parish office during the week between 8:30 am and 5 pm. If you lost your angel, please call the parish office and we will reunite you with your angel or we can reassign your angel to someone else.

## Tea With the Saints



Join us Thursday, December 14, from 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM in Seton Hall as we read about and reflect on the life of Saint Lucy, Patron Saint of people who are blind or have eye problems. We will conclude with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Refreshments will be served.

# Christmas Schedule

## Reconciliation

Thursday • December 21 • 8:30 am and 6:30 pm  
Friday • December 22 • 8:30 am and 6:30 pm  
*Reconciliación en español a las 6:30 pm*  
Saturday • December 23 • 10 am, 4 pm and 6 pm

## Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses

### December 24 Mass Times

8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am and 12:30 pm (Spanish)

## Celebration of the Eucharist Christmas Eve

### December 24 Mass Times

3 pm (*Children's Mass*), 6 pm and 9 pm

## Celebration of the Eucharist Christmas Day

### December 25 Mass Times

8 am, 9:30 am and 11am (Spanish Mass)

## New Years Day Mass

January 1 • Solemnity of Mary Mother of God • 9 am