



## REFLECTION

### Announcing the Coming Savior

In a very real sense, the gathering at the Jordan presided over by John the Baptist in today's gospel was liturgical in character. Many from the surrounding area had come to hear the Word of God as spoken by John, and to listen to its interpretation and its application to their lives. Some were baptized in preparation for hearing an even more challenging Word, soon to be among them in the person of Jesus Christ.

Within our own liturgical assembly, we hear anew the challenge of this Word of God about the necessity of conversion. It is our decision whether or not to welcome the transformative Word, but upon that choice will hang our effectiveness as witnesses to the coming Kingdom of God.

John was a witness to that Kingdom par excellence. He reminded his hearers that repentance would lead to membership in the coming Kingdom, while a failure to repent would reap judgment.

The repentance that will best welcome the One who comes to save us consists in a radical surrender to Jesus Christ in all our living.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



December 9 – Jason Jackson  
December 13 – Alan Decker  
– Frances Kubenka  
– Rudy Patek  
December 14 – Elaine Hoffman

## PRAHA COOKBOOKS



Praha Altar Society is selling their Praha Cookbooks for \$15. These cookbooks make lovely Christmas or Bridal Shower gifts. Please contact Georgie Cerny or Kathleen Svatek if you wish to purchase cookbooks before the holidays.

Pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Edith E. Kalina**  
and for the comfort of her loved ones.  
*May she rest in peace.*



## SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

### Retired Fund for Religious

The annual appeal for Retired Religious raises funds for aged nuns who served ministering to the needs of others for many years. *Be generous.*

## Bulletin Insert: Advent/Christmas Schedule

## ADVENT/CHRISTMAS BULLETIN BOARD



### Advent Schedule

**Dec. 11 – Community Advent/Christmas Concert, Moulton**

**Dec. 16 – Parish Penance Service, Moulton**

**Dec. 17 – Penance Service, Hallettsville**

**Dec. 18 – Parish Penance Service, Praha**

**Dec. 19 – Penance Service, Shiner**

**Dec. 20 – Penance Service, Yoakum**

**Christmas Altar Flowers Needed:** You are encouraged to make a donation. Extra Christmas Flower envelopes are available in Church.

**Christmas Cookies for The Homebound:** Contact Pat Masek if you can help make some homemade Christmas Cookies to be delivered to the homebound.

**Communion to the Homebound:** All homebound parishioners who want to receive Holy Communion on Christmas Day are asked to call Pat Masek.

**Annual Christmas Collection for the Poor:** A Special Collection for the Poor will be taken up at all the Christmas Masses.

**Need a stocking stuffer or Christmas Gift?** Praha Cookbooks make wonderful Christmas gifts. If you are in need of a cookbook or 2, please contact Kathleen Svatek after church or call at 214-280-7828.

## VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.



### Remember to pray for the following intentions:

*Pray For Freddy*  
*Pray For Our Family*  
*For Health & Happiness*  
*For Morales & Zachary*  
*For Gretchen & Tony Loro*  
*For Conversion of Loulle M...*  
*For Thorsten, Riche in Frieden*  
*For Pregnancy Wished For (Infertility)*  
*In Memory of Mom & Dad, Mimi & Papa*  
*Hope Everyone Has A Good Life (I Am A Kid)*  
*For Health & Hearts For God For My Children ...*  
*For Financial & Physical Healing For My Family ...*  
*For My Continued Good Health & A Good Job Decision*  
*For Healing From Cancer, Healing for Robert & Family*  
*For Poor Souls in Purgatory, Conversion of Fermin A. & For The Sick*

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued