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## Second SUNDAY of Advent

December 6, 2020



John the Baptist  
appeared in the  
desert proclaiming  
a baptism of  
repentance for the  
forgiveness of sins.

Mark 1:4

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## Second Sunday of Advent

### **Mass Intentions**

<b>Sat., Dec. 5</b>	<b>Advent Weekday</b>
4:30 pm	James Pritchett
<b>Sun, Dec. 6</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
8:30 am	For the Parishioners
10:30 am	Edward & Marguerite Clark
<b>Mon., Dec. 7</b>	<b>St. Ambrose</b>
8:30 am	Mary Elizabeth Kallal
<b>Tues., Dec. 8</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>
8:30 am	Virginia Forehand
6:30 pm	Freda Maher
<b>Wed., Dec. 9</b>	<b>Advent Weekday</b>
6:30 pm	Bob Stutz
<b>Thur., Dec. 10</b>	<b>Advent Weekday</b>
8:30 am	Dale Johnson
<b>Fri., Dec. 11</b>	<b>Advent Weekday</b>
8:30 am	Ray Matthews
<b>Sat., Dec. 12</b>	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>
4:30 pm	James Friedrich
<b>Sun., Dec. 13</b>	<b>Third Sunday in Advent</b>
8:30 am	Ray Matthews
10:30 am	For the Parishioners

### **Prayer Requests**

**The sick:** Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Nelson Gregory, Dan McRae, Mary Overton, Don Laird, Maxine Calhoon, Gloria Matthews, Dianne Morin, Tim Friedel, Vi Perkhiser, Derek Trent, Jane Rood, Bev Randolph, Gloria Hall, John Richter, Tim Zacha, Bob Maronie, Jennifer Price. **For prayer requests in the bulletin, call the parish office, 377-6519. For prayer requests to be added to the email prayer chain, send requests to Marie at [rejoy128@gmail.com](mailto:rejoy128@gmail.com)**



### **Can You Help?**

The Knights of Columbus still accepting donations to raise \$90,000 for a Mobile Ultrasound Van for Thrive MetroEast. Donations can be made out to Bethalto Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Fund and sent to the church office.

### **Community Hope Center Toy Drive—Final Call**

Donation barrels can be found in the back of church, and will be picked up **Monday, Dec. 7**. Toys requested for age 0-12 years of age. Suggested items are: dolls, sports equipment, books, puzzles, craft and activity kits, legos and room decorations for older children. Also, you can go to online registry at Wal Mart and Target, search Community Hope Center. Monetary donations also accepted. Mail to: P.O. Box 124, 1201 Hope Center Lane, Cottage Hills.

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### **Dear Parishioners,**

This Tuesday is the feast day of the Patron Saint of the United States... the Immaculate Conception. In most years this would be a Holy Day of Obligation, but this is 2020 and nothing is normal in this year. Even though it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, we still should take some time to honor our Blessed Mother. Mary is the Protector of our country and also for our parish family, and we should honor her on this special day. **We will have mass on Tuesday at 8:30 am and 6:30 pm.** However, I know many of us do not want to come out during this time of covid cases on the rise. If that is the case I would suggest a family rosary in honor of Mother Mary.

*Father Tom*



### **Chicken Dinner Today**

Our Knights are hosting a 'drive-by' Chicken Dinner Today, **December 6th**, in the school parking lot from 11:15-2:00. Chicken strips with 2 sides, \$10; 4 piece chicken with 3 sides, \$15. Sides are mac and cheese, green beans, and mashed potatoes with gravy. All will be individually packed. All profit going to OLQP Church.



### **Rest In Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mike Inman**. May God grant him eternal rest.

*Many Thanks to all who continue to support our parish and school! We could not keep going without you!*

### **Last Weekend's Offerings (2 weeks)**

Week 21-22	Nov. 21-29, 2020	Total to Date
Loose	\$170.00	\$5,126.23
Envelopes	\$15,050.00	\$186,652.50
On Line Giving	\$5,586.00	\$57,651.00
Young People	\$0.00	\$40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,806.00</b>	<b>\$249,469.73</b>
Operating Budget	\$27,426.92	\$301,696.12
ACSA Budget	\$2,842.24	\$31,264.64
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$9,463.16)</b>	<b>(\$83,491.03)</b>

**Envelopes received: 203 of 801**  
**Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$170.00**  
**Other Charitable Donations: \$962.58**



### **Flower Memorials**

Memorial donations to purchase poinsettias for the altar may be made to the parish office. Jot down the name for which the memorial is being made and by whom and drop it in the Sunday collection basket. Offering, \$10.

### **Buy SCRIP For Christmas**

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### **The Knights of Columbus Vocations Raffle**

The deadline to turn in tickets & money for this raffle has been extended to mid-January. Each year, through the Vocations Raffle, the Knights of Columbus in Bethalto Council and throughout the state raise funds for Seminarians in our Diocese and across the state. For each book of 15 tickets sold \$6 goes to the State KofC Vocations fund and \$9 remains here in our council. The State KofC share of the money is used to support seminarians in Illinois. We send them Birthday and Christmas gifts, money for educational expenses, we purchase their Ordo, and host an annual seminarian basketball tournament and dinner.

Return tickets/money to Parish Office As a local parish incentive, we will take all of the completed books (DO NOT separate the individual tickets) and have a local drawing for \$50 in Scrip.

Please consider buying or selling a book or two or more this year if you are able. More books can be obtained from the Church entrances. Thank you for your support of our Seminarians!

### **Attention 8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Marquette Catholic High School— Incoming Freshman Entrance Exam, Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. Register online at [www.marquettecatholic.org](http://www.marquettecatholic.org) under Admissions. For more information, please contact Karen Coles at 618-463-0585 x2 or [kcoles@mymchs.org](mailto:kcoles@mymchs.org)

### **Life Giving Patience**

*The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you...2 Peter 3:9*

When I become aware of my forgetfulness and mistakes, then I become grateful for God's patience with me. It's a patience God gives to everyone because we never outgrow our need for it. Patience is a part of God's forgiveness, and the gospel provides many examples for us to contemplate. The ultimate example was given to us as Jesus hung dying in agony on the cross. He asked his Father to forgive those who put him there because they did not know what they were doing. And then, after his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his apostles. Many of them had not understood him well, but Jesus, instead of admonishing them, filled them with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Through Jesus' kindness and patience, the apostles found the strength to spread the gospel message, even at the cost of their lives. Jesus is the example of life-giving patience. Can we be patient with others as Jesus is patient with us?

**Fr. Kenneth E. Grabner, C.S.C.  
Living Faith  
Oct., Nov., Dec., 2020**

### **A Meditation for the Second Sunday of Advent**

The following reflection is courtesy of Don Schwager © 2020. Don's website is located at [Dailyscripture.net](http://Dailyscripture.net)

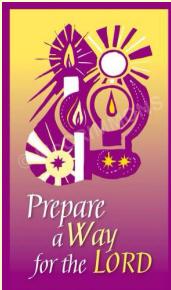
John the Baptist's life was fueled by one burning passion - to point others to Jesus Christ and to the coming of his kingdom. Who is John the Baptist and what is the significance of his message for our lives? Scripture tells us that John was filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb (Luke 1:15, 41) by Christ himself, whom Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit.

When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth John leaped in her womb as they were filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:41). The fire of the Spirit dwelt in John and made him the forerunner of the coming Messiah. John was led by the Spirit into the wilderness prior to his ministry where he grew in the word of God and was tested in preparation for his prophetic mission. John's clothing was reminiscent of the prophet Elijah (see Kings 1:8). Called to hear and obey the Word of God John broke the prophetic silence of the previous centuries when he began to speak the word of God to the people of Israel. His message was similar to the message of the Old Testament prophets who chided the people of God for their unfaithfulness and who tried to awaken true repentance in them. Among a people unconcerned with the things of God, it was his work to awaken their interest, unsettle them from their complacency, and arouse in them enough good will to recognize and receive Christ when he came.

Are you eager to hear God's word and to be changed by it through the power of the Holy Spirit? Jesus tells us that John the Baptist was more than a prophet (Luke 7:26). John was the voice of the Consoler who is coming (John 1:23; Isaiah 40:1-3). He completed the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah (Matthew 11:13-14). What the prophets had carefully searched for and angels longed to see, now came to completion as John made the way ready for the coming of the Messiah, God's Anointed Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. With John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit begins the restoration to the human race of the "divine likeness", prefiguring what would be achieved with and in the Lord Jesus. Let the Holy Spirit purify and transform your mind and heart. John's baptism was for repentance - turning away from sin and taking on a new way of life according to God's word. Our baptism in Jesus Christ by water and the Spirit results in a new birth and entry into God's kingdom as his beloved sons and daughters (John 3:5).

The Lord Jesus comes to baptize each one of us in his Holy Spirit so that we may walk in his truth and holiness and radiate the joy of the Gospel to all we meet. God's word has power to change and transform our lives so that we may be lights that point others to Jesus Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Christ. Do you point others to Jesus Christ in the way you live, speak, and treat others?

*"Lord, let your light burn brightly in my heart that I may know the joy and freedom of your kingdom. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to witness the truth of your Gospel and to point others to Jesus Christ."*





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