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## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat., December 5th 4:00PM- (St. J.)

- For Colleen Bedore by Bill & Lori Bourgeois

Sun., December 6th

8AM - (St. P.)

- For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions

9:30AM - (St. J.)

- For Anna Grace Leffingwell Kirk (Ann.) by The Family

# Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mon., December 7th (Vigil Mass)

6:00PM - (St. P.)

- For Elmer Hammersmith by Wife Marie

Tues., December 8th (Holy Day Mass)

8:30AM- (St. J.)

- For Kathryn Egnaczyk by The Family

Wed., December 9th

8:30AM - (St. P.)

- For Dcn. Dennis Walker (Seminarian) by The Parish

Thurs., December 10th

8:30AM - (St. J.)

- For Fr. John Roock by Fr. Matthew Lyons

Fri., December 11th

8:30AM - (St. J.)

-For Liz Fey by Lois & Family

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat., December 12th

4:00PM- (St. J.)

- For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions

Sun., December 13th

8AM - (St. P.)

- For Terry, Timmy, Betsy & Mike Lindsey by Wife & Mother Barbara

9:30AM - (St. J.)

- For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions

## CONFESSION TIMES THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH'S

5:00-6:30PM on Wednesday 3:15-3:45PM on Saturday

We remember in our prayers
Charles Mooney, Frances Miller,
Jamie Uhl-Goosman, Jeffrey Batt, Lorraine King,
Walt Belewich, Sr., Ann Lash, Paul Hartness,
Jim White, Roberta Wilson, John Bailey,
Cretia Carpenter, Candace Schaffer, David Hoffman,
Steven Stooks, Michael Stinebrickner, Paul Boliver,
Joan Farmer & Scott MacFarland,

PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE OFFICE. IF YOU NEED ENVELOPES FOR THE FIRST TIME, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE. YOU MAY ALSO DONATE ONLINE AT CHRISTOURHOPERC.ORG

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# Christmas Masses This Year!

Michelle Smith 315-542-2701

Please Sign up for the Christmas Mass you will be attending. Sign-up sheets are at the Church Entrance or call the Parish Office at 315-942-4618. Please state the date and time you are calling, leave the names and phone numbers of each individual & the Mass time you wish to attend. Signing up is important in the event we have an exposure, so individuals can take further precautions. It is our prayer that everyone can safely attending a Christmas Mass.

IN PERSON FAMILY FORMATION HAS BEEN CANCELED FOR DECEMBER. PLEASE PICK UP YOUR LESSONS ON THE OFFICE PORCH AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

# **Hope Appeal 2020**

We are making progress!
Thank you to everyone who has donated or pledged to the 2020 Hope Appeal. We have met \$10,620.00 in donations and \$2,535.00 in pledges towards our Hope Appeal Goal goal of \$19,295.13. We Have \$6,140.13 to go! The Hope Appeal will close on Jan. 31, 2021.

What we don't realize in donations will come out of our savings. Hope Appeal pledge envelopes are at the Church Entrances.

READINGS GOD'S WORD BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE ONE. THE DONATION IS \$15.00 THIS YEAR.

+JMJ

Dear Friends in Christ,

At the Second Sunday of Advent, as we prepare ourselves spiritually to receive the Lord Jesus at Christmas, the Church gives us St. John the Baptist in the gospel reading.

St. John the Baptist, the cousin of the Lord, was His precursor, the one who went before the Lord Jesus to proclaim His coming.

In the tradition of the Church and of the saints, it is believed that St. John the Baptist was washed clean of his original sin before his birth. This happened when the Blessed Mother, bearing in her own womb the Lord Jesus, visited St. Elizabeth, while she was pregnant with St. John the Baptist. Coming into contact, even before his birth, with the Blessed Mother and Jesus was enough to wash him clean of original sin.

St. John the Baptist left behind the material possessions of the world and went to live in the desert, surviving on little. He knew the Lord was coming and he knew nothing in this world was as important than the coming of God Himself. St. John's message was straightforward: repent of your sins, amend your life, and prepare yourselves for the coming of the Lord.

St. John the Baptist went to a martyr's death because he openly spoke against the king who was blatantly and openly living in contradiction to God's laws regarding marriage.

He is a reminder to us of what is ultimately our one focus and desire—God alone.

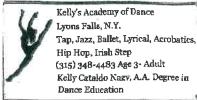
Advent also reminds us of what many great saints called the "three comings of Christ." He came once in humility as an infant in Bethlehem, He comes to us each now by grace and through the Eucharist, He will come again in majesty, power and justice at the end of time. We are reminded of the third coming in our second reading from St. Peter today. Many old prayers of blessing the priest used to use, such as blessing of holy water, would end with the words "We ask this through the power of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who is coming to judge both the living and the dead and the world by fire. Amen."

For the rest of Advent we can devote ourselves more to God in prayer and listen to St. John the Baptist's words to us this Sunday as a reminder that the Lord wants to increase His presence and His love within us, especially during Advent.

Fr. Matthew Lyons

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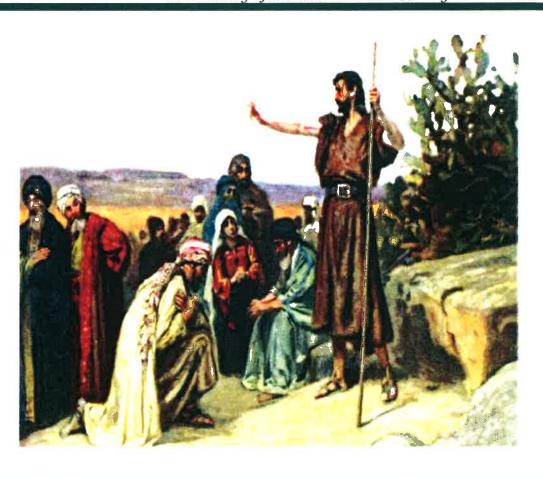
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# **Second Sunday of Advent**

This weekend's readings begin on pg. 862-- Year B Dec. 6, 2020

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Psalm85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

2 Peter 3:8-14

We await new heavens and a new earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Mark 11:1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.