



MASS TIMES

SATURDAY (ANTICIPATORY)

4:00 PM

SUNDAY

7:00 AM

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

6:00 PM

WEEKDAY

MON-FRI 12:10 PM

SATURDAY 9:00 AM

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY

8:00 AM-4:00 PM

FRIDAY 8:00 AM-12 NOON

CONFESSION

SATURDAY 2:00 PM

WEDNESDAY 11:30 AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

MONDAY 1PM

THROUGH

THURSDAY 5PM

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SUNDAY

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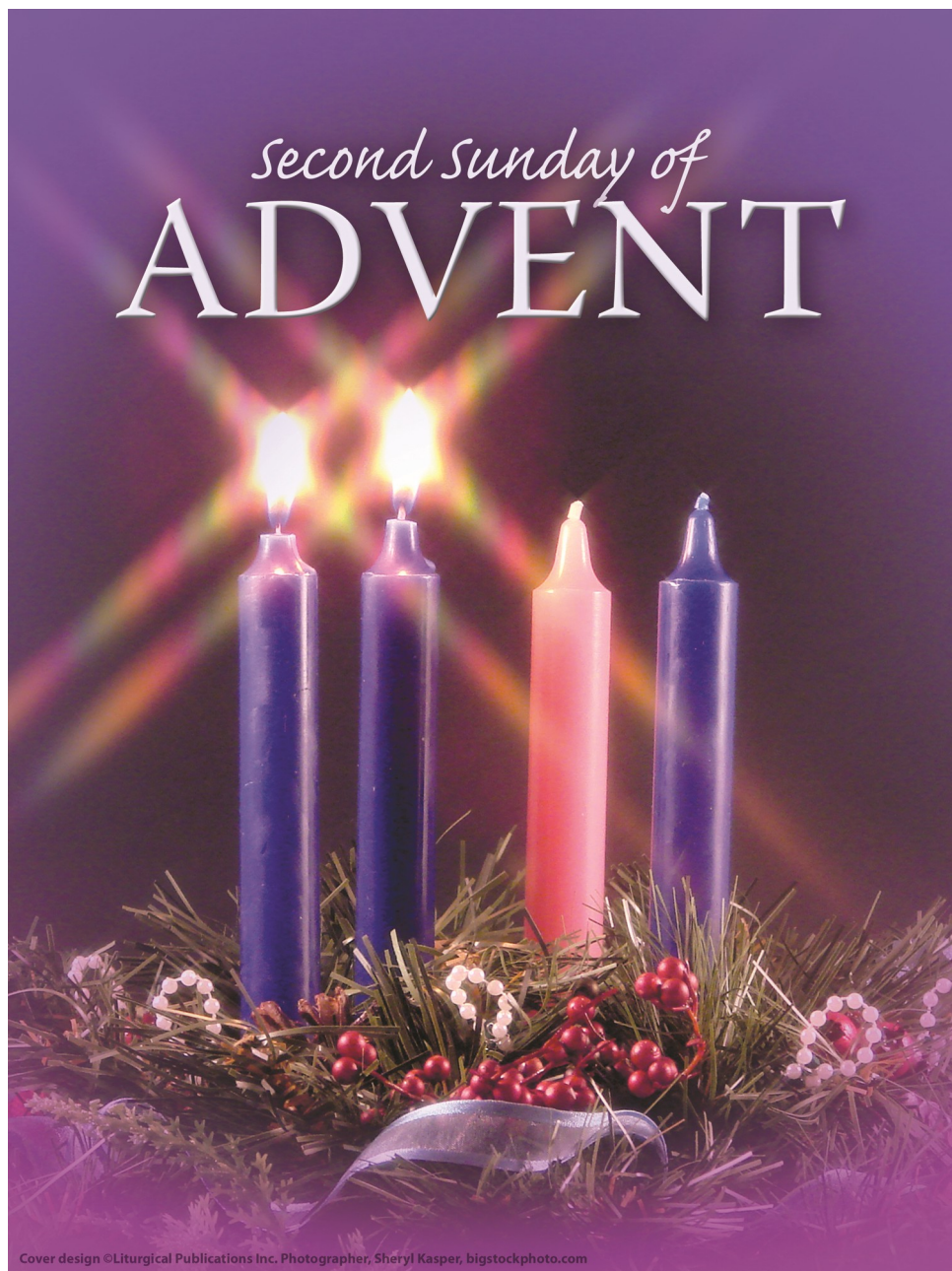


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	OBSERVANCES	READINGS	MASS INTENTIONS	CHURCH EVENTS
Sunday December 7	2nd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12	7:00 AM Wright Family 9:00 AM ++Aitken Family Members 11:00 AM +Nancy Hammond 6:00 PM People of St. Peter	8:00 AM-12:30 PM Gift Shop Open Faith Formation Classes
Monday December 8	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38	7:00 AM Marge Seery 12:10 PM All Souls Novena 6:00 PM Cathie Sobieski	OFFICE, GIFT SHOP, AND FOOD PANTRY CLOSED
Tuesday December 9	Saint Juan Diego	Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 Matthew 18:12-14	12:10 PM +Jesse Morales	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration begins 1:00 PM Advent Bible Study 5:45 PM Children's Choir Practice 6:00 PM Adult Faith Formation
Wednesday December 10	Our Lady of Loreto	Isaiah 40:25-31 Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 Matthew 11:28-30	12:10 PM Sophia Friedman	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 10:00 AM Moms Group 11:30 AM Confession
Thursday December 11	Pope Saint Damasus I	Isaiah 41:13-20 Psalm 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab Matthew 11:11-15	12:10 PM +Roberta Hirl	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 1:00 PM Food Pantry Open 6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group
Friday December 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Zechariah 2:14-17 Judith 13:18bcde, 19 Luke 1:26-38	12:10 PM +Ethel Martin	
Saturday December 13	Saint Lucy	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Psalm 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Matthew 17:9a, 10-13	9:00 AM ++Patrick, Sophia, Owen Domisch; Michael Guttersen Sr; Michael Guttersen Jr; Jose Gonzales; Charles Garcia; Erik Wunder; Gene Sanchez; Tom Dickens; Francisco Botello; Edward Fernandez Jr. 4:00 PM +Guadalupe Lopez	2:00 PM Confession
Sunday December 14	3rd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10. James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11		

Fr. Tomasz's Weekly Reflection

Advent is a season of expectation, a time when we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord. The Scriptures today invite us to reflect not only on the hope of Christ's coming but also on how we are to live as His disciples in the present moment. The theme that emerges is clear: we are called to welcome others into our lives, but this welcome must be rooted in truth, in love, and in a call to conversion.

Isaiah gives us a vision of the Messiah: *A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.* This Messiah will be filled with wisdom, understanding, counsel, and strength. He will judge not by appearances but with righteousness. His reign will bring peace so profound that even the wolf and the lamb will dwell together. This peace is not the result of ignoring differences or overlooking sin. It is the fruit of justice and truth. The Messiah welcomes all, but He transforms them by His Spirit.

St. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, exhorts us: *"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."* Christ welcomed us in our weakness, in our sin, in our brokenness. But His welcome was not indulgence. He did not say, "Stay as you are." He said, "Follow me." His welcome is always an invitation to conversion, to healing, to holiness. To welcome others as Christ did means meeting them where they are, but also loving them enough to call them higher.

John the Baptist embodies this truth in today's Gospel. He is a striking figure in the wilderness, clothed in camel's hair, eating locusts and wild honey. People flock to him, longing for renewal. He welcomes them all, ordinary people, tax collectors, soldiers, even Pharisees and Sadducees. Yet his welcome is not silent approval. He confronts them: *"Bear fruit worthy of repentance."* He names their flaws, not to condemn them, but to call them to conversion, to prepare them for Christ. John shows us that to welcome someone does not mean to compromise our values. It means to love them enough to speak truth, even when it is uncomfortable.

This is the challenge for us today. We live in a world that often equates welcome with permissiveness, as if love means never correcting, never challenging. But true love does not leave someone in error. To admonish the sinner is not rejection, it is care for their soul. Just as a doctor points out illness to bring healing, so we point out sin to bring conversion. Our faith and values are not negotiable. Welcoming others does not mean diluting the Gospel. It means embodying the Gospel with compassion and clarity.

As we continue our Advent journey, let us pray for the courage to welcome others as Christ welcomed us, meeting them in their brokenness, but loving them enough to call them to holiness. May we be instruments of God's peace, where justice and mercy meet, and where all are invited to bear fruit worthy of repentance.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE *Blessed Virgin Mary*

Monday, December 8th
Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times

7:00 AM, 12:10 PM, 6:00 PM

Office, gift shop, and food pantry closed
Adoration begins on Tuesday, December 9th



Today after all morning Masses

Sponsored by the youth group
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Parish Ministries

Christmas Schedule

Sunday, December 21

No Faith Formation Classes

Monday, December 22nd

No Eucharistic Adoration this week
Office, Gift Shop, and Food Pantry Open

Tuesday, December 23rd

Office and Gift Shop Closed
No Adult Faith Formation

Wednesday, December 24th

Office and Gift Shop Closed

Thursday, December 25th

Office, gift shop, food pantry closed
No Youth Group

Friday, December 26th

Office and Gift Shop Closed
Daily Mass at 12:10 PM



Wednesday, December 24th

4:00 PM (church) 4:00 PM (parish hall)
8:00 PM in the church

Thursday, December 25th

12:00 AM Midnight Mass
8:00 AM 10:00 AM



ADVENT



PENANCE SERVICE

Friday, December 19th at 6:30 PM

Prepare your heart and soul for the coming of Jesus.

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CHILDREN'S CHOIR

**We will sing at the 4:00 PM Mass on
Christmas Eve**

Christmas Eve Rehearsals

Tuesday, December 2nd 5:45 PM-6:45 PM

Tuesday, December 9th 5:45 PM-6:45 PM

Monday, December 22nd 5:45 PM-8:15 PM

For more information contact Neil Chen
neil.chen@me.com



GIVING TREE

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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

In today's Gospel reading John the Baptist warns his listeners: "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" The Church's yearly Advent herald is a call to repentance. The season of Advent urges us to be open to a conversion of heart. Christian stewards heed this call daily, and take the need for conversion in their lives seriously. As a family of faith, do we hear this call to conversion amidst the massive holiday spending? The increase in credit card debt? The urge to buy things that are not necessary? The incivility on the roadways during the holidays? Are there patterns in our own lives that need to be converted?

PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER LIST

Joan Battleson, Lenora Bocock, Brian and Matthew Berning, Marsh D., John Davis, Rita Erland, Evelyn Fletcher, Juanita Flores, Marcella and Jeanene Gallegos, Catherine Gigliotti, NJ King, Daniel Mast, Rob Minner, +Joe Nally, Jim Patrick, +Glenn Pitre, +Gene Sanchez, +Michael Sauvageau, Jim Shovlin, Kathy V.

Young Adult Group

Co-Ed Bible Study

Monday, December 15th at 7:30 PM at Zoe's Café

Contact Katelyn Mendoza | 970-691-1449
katelyn.mendozaweiss@outlook.com

Text STPETERYA to 84576 to join our contact list on Flocknote.

Moms Group

December Meetings:

Wednesday, December 10 at 10:00 AM

In the church basement

Confession at 11:00 AM (Baby-sitting available)

Bring a brunch item to share.

We will have a Christmas craft for the kids.

Thursday, December 18th at 6:30 PM

In the parish hall

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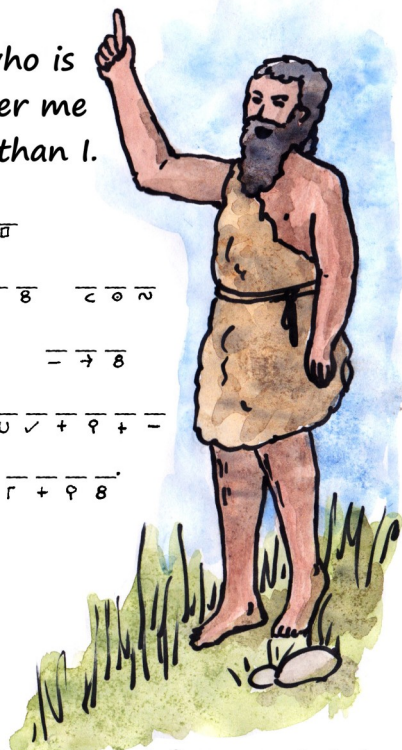


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Faith Formation

Young Saints-in-Training

The one who is coming after me is mightier than I.



What did Saint John the Baptist say about the one who was coming after him? Use the code to find out!

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Peace Among the Animals

*In today's first reading, the prophet describes peace between animals and people in God's kingdom.
Can you figure out which animals (or people) go with which?*

Clue: the pictures might help!



Then the wolf shall be a guest
of the _____,
and the



shall lie down with the kid;
the _____ and the young lion
shall browse together,
with a little child to guide them.
The cow and the _____
shall be neighbors,
together their young shall rest;
the _____ shall eat hay like the ox.
The _____ shall play
by the cobra's den,



baby leopard
 calf bear
 lamb lion



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St. Peter Artwork (Last Week)

Advent: Jesse Tree

Advent: Advent Wreath (Next Week)

Devotions, Explained! Jesse Tree

The Jesse Tree is an Advent practice which recounts the history of salvation by tracing the lineage of Christ — the foretold “shoot from the stump of Jesse” who will bring peace and unity to the people of God (Isaiah 11:1).

In a way, creating a Jesse tree is the telling of one big story — the redemption of man — through the telling of many smaller stories — the fall of Adam, God’s promise to Abraham, the wandering of the Israelites, the greatness of David and the humble submission of Mary. A Jesse tree is adorned with symbols of these various people and stories, with the earliest ones hung from the topmost branches, progressing downward.

There are different versions of the Jesse Tree featuring different Old Testament figures and stories, but all begin with Adam and end with the birth of Jesus. It is an easy tradition to practice at home — all you need is a tree, paper, markers, scissors, string and a Bible.

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