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December 5, 2021

2nd Sunday of Advent

FAITH SHARING

The Second Sunday of Advent challenges us to prepare a royal highway in our hearts so that we may receive Jesus as our saving God on Christmas. We should also be prepared for Christ's daily coming into our lives in the Holy Eucharist, in the Holy Bible, in everyone we encounter, and in the praying community. Finally, we are asked to be ready to meet Jesus as our Judge on His *Second Coming*, at the end of our lives and at the end of the world.

In the first reading, the prophet Baruch introduces Yahweh, the God of Israel, preparing the way for, and leading the Babylonian exiles to, Jerusalem. Hence, the prophet invites the weeping Jerusalem to rejoice and go to high places to watch the return of the exiles. Baruch's prophecy announces the return of the whole human race to God. During this Advent season, we, too, are asked to return to the Lord from our slavery to sin.

In the second reading, Paul advises the Philippians to prepare themselves for Christ's Second Coming by practicing Christian love and by leading pure and blameless lives.

John the Baptist, in **today's Gospel**, challenges the Jews to prepare their lives for receiving their long-awaited Messiah. They are to prepare a highway in their hearts for their Messiah by levelling the mountains of pride and the valleys of impurity, injustice and neglect and straightening their crooked ways. They are to get ready by repenting of their sins, renewing their lives, and expressing their repentance by receiving the baptism of repentance in River Jordan and changing their lives.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord has done great things

ENTRANCE HYMN (Malachi 3:1-2a)

V. Lo, I am sending My messenger to prepare the way before Me; And suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord Whom you seek,

R. And the messenger of the covenant Whom you desire, yes, He is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gospel

LK 3:1-6

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert.

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,

make straight his paths.

Every valley shall be filled

and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

The winding roads shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth,

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn
Hymn of Faith

Hymn to the Holy Spirit
144 Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn
O Come, Divine Messiah

Communion Hymn
021 On Jordan's Bank

Recessional Hymn
032 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, December 5
2 Sunday of Advent

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, December 12
3 Sunday of Advent

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, December 19
4 Sunday of Advent

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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BULLETIN INFORMATION

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Let us pray for all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, especially: Howard Friedman, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterce, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Tom Goff, Donald Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, Jan Cherneski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Fr. Donald Wunderlich, Izabela Dryfik, Michal Mularczyk

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

ADVENT WREATH

The most significant tradition of the Advent season is the Advent Wreath. The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. So what does the Advent Wreath symbolize? The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

Even the individual evergreens that make up the wreath have their own meanings that can be adapted to our faith. The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering. The pine, holly, and yew signify immortality and the cedar signifies strength and healing. The pine cones that decorate the wreath symbolize life and resurrection. The wreath as a whole is meant to remind us of both the immortality of our souls and God's promise of everlasting life to us through Christ.

OPLATKI - CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Christmas wafers are in sale now at Our Saviour's. Ask Peggy for details.

2021 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE AT ST. VALENTINE'S AND OUR SAVIOUR'S

Friday, December 24, 2021

St. Valentine's 10:00 PM

Christmas Eve

Shepherds' Mass – *Pasterka* – with the candle illumination (available on YouTube and Facebook)

Saturday, December 25, 2021

St. Valentine's 9:30 AM

Our Saviour's 12:00 Noon

Christmas Day – Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Mass (available on YouTube and Facebook)
Christmas Mass

Sunday, December 26, 2021

St. Valentine's 9:30 AM

Our Saviour's 12:00 Noon

Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

Holy Mass (available on YouTube and Facebook)
Holy Mass

Friday, December 31, 2021

St. Valentine's 9:30 AM

New Year's Eve; Solemnity – Holy Family

Holy Mass with the blessing of families (in person only)

Saturday, January 1, 2022

St. Valentine's 9:30 AM

Our Saviour's 12:00 Noon

Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord

Holy Mass (available on YouTube and Facebook)
Holy Mass

Sunday, January 2, 2022

St. Valentine's 9:30 AM

Our Saviour's 12:00 Noon

Solemnity – Holy Name of Jesus

Holy Mass (available on YouTube and Facebook)
Holy Mass

Thursday, January 6, 2022

St. Valentine's 9:30 AM

Solemnity – Epiphany of the Lord

Holy Mass with the blessing of incense, charcoal & chalk (available on YouTube and Facebook)

Our Saviour's 12:00 Noon

Holy Mass with the blessing of incense, charcoal & chalk

Sunday, January 9, 2022

St. Valentine's 9:30 AM

Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord

Holy Mass with the Renewal of the Baptismal Promises (available on YouTube and Facebook)

Our Saviour's 12:00 Noon

Holy Mass with the Renewal of the Baptismal Promises