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PREPARING THE WAY: RECONCILIATION IN ADVENT

Do not fear.

Is 41:10



"There are people who are afraid to go to confession, forgetting that they will not encounter a severe judge there, but the immensely merciful Father"

POPE FRANCIS

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11TH - 6:00-7:00 PM



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MONDAY, DEC. 9TH
7:00 AM | NOON | 7:00 PM

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 8, 2024

This weekend (December 7th/8th), the Church celebrates the **Second Sunday of Advent**. Given how near **Christmastide** is, the Church now begins to turn her attention from the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time itself to His first coming in time at the Nativity. This shift is seen in our Gospel today through the words of St. John the Baptist, the forerunner and herald of the Christ. His words bore witness to the Redeemer's coming.

With the start of the new liturgical year last weekend, we also began a new year in our three-year lectionary cycle. Having entered into Year C of the cycle, we are now walking through the life of our Lord according to the Gospel of St. Luke. This Gospel is itself divided into four main sections: The Infancy Narratives (Luke 1-2), the Early Ministry (Luke 3-9), the Travel Narrative (Luke 10-19), and Holy Week (Luke 20-24).

Briefly breaking these four sections apart, we see that, in Luke's account of Jesus' life, we will walk through: (1) His birth in Bethlehem and upbringing in Nazareth (Luke 1-2); (2) Nearly one-year of His ministry in Galilee (Luke 3-9); (3) The momentous "death march" to Jerusalem in the final year of His life (Luke 10-19); and (4) The dramatic events of His Passion by which He ushered in the New Covenant (Luke 20-24; see especially 22:20).

This Gospel is the first of a two-volume work, continued in the Acts of the Apostles. St. Luke first shows how God's promises to Israel are fulfilled in Jesus and how the salvation promised to Israel and has been accomplished by Jesus and extended to the Gentiles. Continuing in Acts, there is the assurance that the historical ministry of Jesus is continued in the ministry of the apostles and this ensures the fidelity of the Church's teaching to the teaching of Jesus.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

On Monday, December 9th, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, which is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Though this celebration normally falls on December 8th, it was transferred this year as its original date falls on the **Second Sunday of Advent**. Given that our nation has been entrusted to the Blessed Mother under this title, this is our nation's patronal feast day and, as such, one we desire to celebrate yearly.

To help provide for our obligation to assist at Mass on this day, we will offer **Masses for the Holy Day of Obligation on Monday, December 9th at 7:00 AM, Noon, and 7:00 PM.**

Additional Holy Day Mass Times at surrounding parishes: *St. Aloysius in Yoder: Sunday, Dec. 8th at 6:30 PM and Monday, Dec. 9th at 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM; St. Mary's in Decatur: Sunday, Dec. 8th at 6:00 PM and Monday, Dec. 9th at 8:10 AM, Noon, and 6:00 PM.*

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

This coming **Wednesday, December 11th**, we will have our annual **Advent Penance Service from 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the Church**. We will be joined by four priests to help with hearing confessions. I would encourage you to join us, especially if it may have been some time since you've last had a chance to avail yourself of this wondrous Sacrament. What better way to prepare our hearts for Christmas Day than to give it over to the Lord in Confession.

ADVENT "BABY SHOWER"

As a part of our almsgiving this **Advent**, we are taking up donations to help support **Helping Hands**, one of our local pregnancy and family resource centers. **Helping Hands** is in need of diapers, laundry detergent, dish soap, and non-perishable food items. These donations will go to support the various families that **Helping Hands** supports in our community.

Please see this weekend's insert for more information regarding donations and various volunteer opportunities available through **Helping Hands**. Any donations to our annual **Advent "Baby Shower"** can be placed in the playpen in the narthex through the **Advent season**.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

Saturday, December 7

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
5:00 p.m. Ron & Sally Smith Family

Sunday, December 8

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Missy Pax +

Monday, December 9

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 a.m. Parish Family
Noon Mike Bickley
7:00 p.m. Gordan Shafer +

Tuesday, December 10

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Dale Morrissey +
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, December 11

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Tom Cincotta +

Thursday, December 12

8:00 a.m. Mabel O'Keefe +

Friday, December 13

8:30 a.m. Marty Lohmuller +

Saturday, December 14

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
5:00 p.m. Parish Family

Sunday, December 15

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Geoff Frank +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Marj Sanders +

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Dec. 9 - Second Week of Advent - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) - Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Ps 98:1-4 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38

Tues., Dec. 10 - Our Lady of Loreto - Is 40:1-11 / Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13 / Mt 18:12-14

Wed., Dec. 11 - St. Damascus I, Pope - Is 40:25-31 / Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 / Mt 11:28-30

Thurs., Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe - Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab / (Ps) Jdt 13:18b-19 / Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 or 707-712

Fri., Dec. 13 - St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr - Is 48:17-19 / Ps 1:1-4, 6 / Mt 11:16-19

Sat., Dec. 14 - St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church - Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sun., Dec. 15 - Third Sunday of Advent - Zep 3:14-18a / (Ps) Is 12:2-6 / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, and Richard Payne.



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times for Monday, December 9th

7:00 AM / Noon / 7:00 PM

G.I.R.L.'s Night Out

St. Joseph's G.I.R.L.'s Night Out will have their Christmas Party/monthly meeting on **Tuesday, December 10th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.

All women of the Parish are Welcome!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Recite the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church, and meet in the Parish Conference Room at 7:00 PM.

All men in the Parish are welcome!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, December 11th - 6:00-7:00 PM

Followed by Mass at 7:00 PM

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Dec. 7** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Dec. 8** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Dec. 8** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Dec. 9** - **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - A Holy Day of Obligation - Masses at 7:00 a.m. / Noon and 7:00 p.m.**
- **Tues., Dec. 10** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Dec. 11** - Advent Penance Service 6-7:00 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Dec. 11** - Adult Choir Practice following 7:00 Mass., approx. 7:35 p.m.
- **Thurs., Dec. 12** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Dec. 12** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Fri., Dec. 13** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Dec. 14** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30
- **Sat., Dec. 14** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Dec. 15** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Dec. 15** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Dec. 16** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m.
- **Mon., Dec. 16** - *Book Study* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Tues., Dec. 17** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Dec. 18** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.

Weekend of December 14th & 15th



5:00 Dan Lautzenheiser
7:30 David Smith
10:00 David Smith/Adult Choir



5:00 Ginny Fenstermaker
7:30 Ben Wagner
10:00 Monica Harris



5:00 Laurisa Roper
7:30 Twilla Herr
10:00 Rick Singer, Tammi Helm, Kevin Seago



5:00 Angel/Zoe Soto, Volunteer
7:30 Abby or Adrienne Wagner, Ainsley Wagner, Annie Herr
10:00 Gabby/Olivia/Jacob Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of November 30th & December 1st

Adult Envelopes- \$3,136.50
 Loose- \$185.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$3,262.93

Religious Ed. Fund- \$125.00
 Immaculate Conception- \$5.00

Christmas Flowers Donation- \$5.00

Christmas Offering- \$10.00
 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God- \$5.00

General Bequest- \$160.00

Total- \$6,894.43

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$1,778.03 ahead of our budget for the month of December.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$10.00

Online Giving for November - \$5,455.00. We ended the month \$12,896.88 ahead of our budget.

Online Giving St. Vincent de Paul Fund for October - \$295.00

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

To set up Online Giving through Our Sunday Visitor, please visit: <https://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds>

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - November 2024

Housing- \$523.75

Utilities- \$578.19

Total Charitable Donations for November - \$1,101.94

Thank you for helping us help others!

WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD

Through water and the word, Oliver Blaise Boratenski, son of Nick and Hannah Boratenski became a child of God and was sealed as Christ's own forever through Baptism on Saturday, November 30, 2024 by Fr. David Violi.



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THINK!
 T - is it true?
 h - is it helpful?
 i - is it inspiring?
 n - is it necessary?
 k - is it kind?
 "Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families."
 - St. John Paul II



Before you speak...
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