

**Monday**

DECEMBER 7

*St. Ambrose, Bishop  
and Doctor of the Church*

Is 35:1-10

Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday**

DECEMBER 8

*The Immaculate  
Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary*

Gn 3:9-15, 20

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12

Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday**

DECEMBER 9

*Advent Weekday*

Is 40:25-31

Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday**

DECEMBER 10

*Advent Weekday*

Is 41:13-20

Mt 11:11-15

**Friday**

DECEMBER 11

*Advent Weekday*

Is 48:17-19

Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday**

DECEMBER 12

*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Zec 2:14-17 or

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Sunday**

DECEMBER 13

*Third Sunday of Advent*

Zep 3:14-18a

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18

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# Advent

**December 6, 2015 ♦ Second Sunday of Advent****Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 ♦ 1 Jn 3:1-3 ♦ Mt 5:1-12a**

One of the most memorable questions I have ever been asked came out of a conversation with a spiritual director. During my marriage-preparation retreat, he asked about the upcoming wedding. I told him about all the preparations and how I felt like I was on top of things. He gently said, "I know you are prepared, but are you ready?" It was the first time I really thought about the difference. We were certainly prepared. The flowers had been ordered, the ceremony set, and the caterer knew exactly what we wanted. We were in control. But being ready for the great unknown of marriage, a lifelong vocation, was another thing altogether. Being ready suggested that we won't always be in control and that, no matter what happens, we were in it for life and would face whatever comes together.

The prophet Isaiah describes John the Baptist as the one who prepares the way of the Lord. He will do this by preaching to and baptizing those who come to him. The preparation for the coming Messiah is in his hands. He poses the question, "Are you ready for the one who is to come?" Thinking beyond our religious practices and Christmas preparations, what does that really mean for us? Maybe this year it means looking into our own hearts for the longing for Christ. Perhaps we will make a room for him in our busy lives and our busier thoughts. We might even stop our preparations long enough to remember just who is coming and invite him in. Are you ready?

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*Let every heart  
prepare him room...*

**A Word From Pope Francis**

*"I have decided to announce an Extraordinary Jubilee which...will be a Holy Year of Mercy."*

—Homily during penitential celebration, March 13, 2015



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Of Advent



*December 06, 2015*

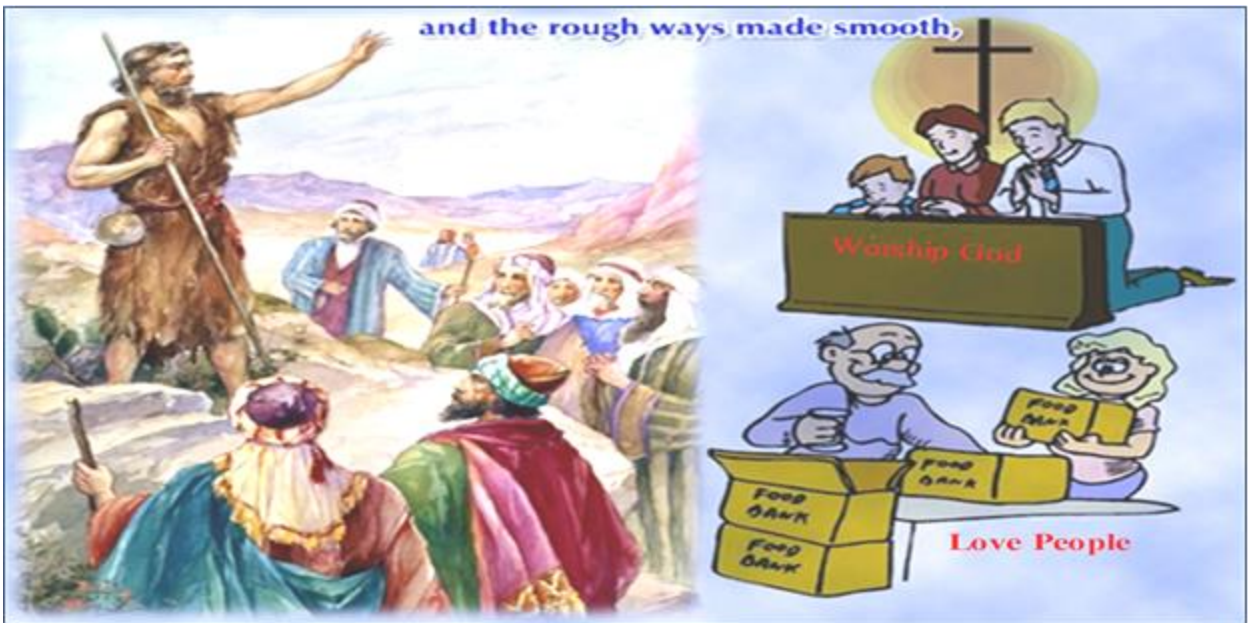
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## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m.  
to 9:30 a.m

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

## *Mass Schedule for this Week*

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule  
Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family

## St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat 4:00 pm +Herbert Holder  
Sun 9:00am Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00am +Herbert Holder

**Tues Immaculate Conception**  
8:00 am spec int (Bootz)  
7:00 pm +Herbert Holder

Wed 6:00 pm spec int (Bootz)

Thu 8:00 am spec int (Bootz)

Fri 8:00 am +Herbert Holder

## **From Father Khoa's Desk...**

### ***Dear Parishioners and Friends,***

*"...and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." Luke 3:6*

What a profound statement today in this gospel of Luke. The readings of today are full of hope and joy. An invitation by John the Baptist for those seeking salvation to turn away from sin and remove everything that prevents us from crossing the Jordan into the promise land. The fuller sense of today's readings combined is the infinite redemptive love of God for his people. God will remove every obstacle that keeps us from Him. Our God is a jealous God. In a sense we could say the intensity of his love demands our love but at the same time leaves us free to accept or reject him.

Our reciprocal love of God is full of sin, pride, jealousy, greed, lust, and on and on. We are all flesh. "All flesh will see the salvation of God! (Lk 3:6) Not 'every man', but 'all flesh' says the original text. In the biblical sense, meat are not the muscles, but the whole person considered in his appearance of being weak, fragile, exposed to so many failures. Man is flesh because he gets sick, makes mistakes, suffers loneliness and abandonment, grows old and dies. Here then is the promise: in every man's weakness God's salvation will manifest itself; there will be no abyss of guilt so deep and dark that will not be visited and enlightened by his love...God does not reserve his salvation to some privileged people, but wants it to be offered to all. No one will be excluded.

### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Reconciliation is a sacrament instituted by Christ in which forgiveness of sins committed after baptism. It is granted through the priest's absolution to those who with true sorrow confess their sins and promise to satisfy for the same. It is called a "sacrament" because it is an outward sign instituted by Christ to impart grace to the soul. It comprises

the actions of the penitent in presenting himself or herself to the priest and accusing of his/her sins, and the actions of the priest in pronouncing absolution and imposing satisfaction. With the Season of Advent fast upon us and the Birth of Christ eminent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation has been scheduled to be on Wednesday Dec. 16 at 6:30 pm.

### **Immaculate Conception of Mary Solemnity**

Tuesday December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary which is a holy day of obligation. Under that title, Mary is the patroness of the United States. We will celebrate Mass at 8am and 7pm at St. Ann. I wish you a wonderful Advent.

*Have a great week! May God bless all of us!*

**...Fr. Khoa**

### **† With Sympathy †**

Father Khoa and the community of St. Ann and OL of Chartres Parish extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Dianne May, whose father, Herbert Holder passed away on Sunday November 29, 2015. May he rest in Eternal Glory and may his loved ones receive God's consolation and peace. Please keep Dianne and her family in your prayers.

***The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> - Mass Times 8:00am and 7:00pm.***

### ***Penance Service***

A Penance Service is scheduled as follows:

***St. Ann: Wednesday December 16 at 6:30 pm.***

*Next weekend* is the Special Diocesan Collection for the Saint Vincent DePaul Pharmacy.

**Knights of Columbus: Meet this Sunday December 6, 2015.** If you have any question, please contact Thomas Moran.

<b>MASS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN.</b>	<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>GIFT B.</b>
Sat Dec 05 5pm	Lanny Acosta	Rita Acosta, Sharon Ladner, Henrietta Ladner	Austin Scarengoas	Doug Kermit	Reginald & Verna M. Ladner
Dec 06 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Dec 06 9am	Matthew Peleaz	Valeria Ladner, Marlow Ladner, Robin Peterson	Will Dreher Logan Peleaz	Robert David	Lester Palmer Family
Sat Dec 12 5pm	Richard Dunlap	Mike West, Ellen West, Kay VanPelt	Austin Scarengoas	Doug August	Helen O'Neal & Gloria Armand
Dec 13 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Dec 13 9am	Sharon Leimer	Michelle Lizana Carolyn Brewer Kim Wood	Kaiden McGill Kaison McGill	Robert Pat	Jason & Lisa Necaise Family

**ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:\*\***

**76**Identifiable: **\$1,177.00**; Loose: **\$1,533.00**;  
Total: **\$2,710.00**; Children: **\$20.00**; Lizana  
Light: **\$491.00**; Human Development: **\$2.00**

**OL OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:**

Identifiable: **\$153.00**; Loose: **\$176.00**; Total:  
**\$326.00**. Building Fund: **\$10.00**.

**\*\*Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.**

**Church Cleaning:** Sue Mayberry will clean  
the church on Dec 6 & 13. Please call Ellen at  
341-0279 to sign up.

**Lizana Light: Doris Snowden and Dianne  
Northrop** will serve the Lizana Light. For  
more information, please contact Doris or  
Diane. Thank you.

**Christmas Basket:** With Christmas quickly  
approaching, our Parish is anticipating the  
need for non-perishable items to help make  
the holidays special for those in need.

**Altar Society: meet next Sunday Dec 13.**

**CYO:** meet every other week on Sunday  
6:00pm. You can visit St Ann CYO contact  
**Katelyn Moran** and **Danielle Ladner** or on  
the website  
**www.facebook.com/stannslizanacyo.**

**Bereavement Committee:** Please contact  
**Sharon Leimer** at 539-9928. Lasagna, green  
salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for  
the funeral reception upon request. Thank  
you.

**MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS:** You  
can have Masses offered for the deceased as  
well as for living family and friends. Mass  
cards and envelopes are available at the  
office.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE**  
**Church regulations require at least six  
months of preparation for a wedding.** Our  
advice is to call well in advance of that time if  
you wish to reserve a wedding date and  
receive info: one's own parish clergy are  
expected to supervise your Catholic  
prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the  
wedding.

**PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:**  
Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Dcn Jack  
Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley,  
Victoria Moran, Michael Gilbert, Jerry  
Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford,  
Julia Perronne, John Moran, Jerry Rutland,  
Pat Leimer, Ricky Crabtree, Carolyn Brewer,  
Elizabeth Necaise, Loretta Ladner, Regina  
Franke, Dalwin Cuevas, Cagle, and Bowen.