

**Monday**

DECEMBER 14

*St. John of the Cross,
Priest and
Doctor of the Church*
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday

DECEMBER 15

Advent Weekday
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday

DECEMBER 16

Advent Weekday
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13
Mt 21:28-32

Thursday

DECEMBER 17

Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2, 8-10
Mt 1:1-17

Friday

DECEMBER 18

Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25

Saturday

DECEMBER 19

Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
Lk 1:5-25

Sunday

DECEMBER 20

*Fourth Sunday
of Advent*
Mi 5:1-4a
Heb 10:5-10
Lk 1:39-45

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Advent

December 13, 2015 ♦ Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a ♦ Phil 4:4-7 ♦ Lk 3:10-18

I love waterfalls. When I am out hiking, I will take any side path that leads to a waterfall. The first time I swam in a waterfall pool was memorable. I am not sure where this love came from, but there is something about the motion and sound of the water as it is falling that soothes my mind and enlivens my soul. I also know that waterfalls can be dangerous: The force of the water can sweep everything over the edge. Still, when Jesus refers to his living water in the encounter with the woman at the well (John 4), I immediately think of water falling into a pool and the abundant life that grows around the area.

For Christians, water signifies both life and death. At creation, God said, “Let the water teem with an abundance of living creatures” (Genesis 1:20). God then used the waters of a flood to destroy wickedness on earth (while saving Noah and others). Water washes us clean and keeps us alive. On a recent trip to Israel, I had an opportunity to stand in the Jordan River and renew my own baptismal vows. I was struck by the power of the words and the coolness of the water. It also occurred to me that simply renewing my vows was not enough. Our promise, inherent in the Creed, is that we will live a life transformed by grace with the help of the Holy Spirit. That is both comforting and challenging. But Jesus, who is living water, whose Spirit brings us life and whose fire is ready to purify and make us ready, is with us now and forever.

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**A Word From Pope Francis**

“In the wonders that the Lord has fulfilled in Mary, she recognizes her Son’s manner and mode of conduct in salvation history.”

—2014 homily on the feast of Guadalupe



3rd Sunday Of Advent



December 13, 2015



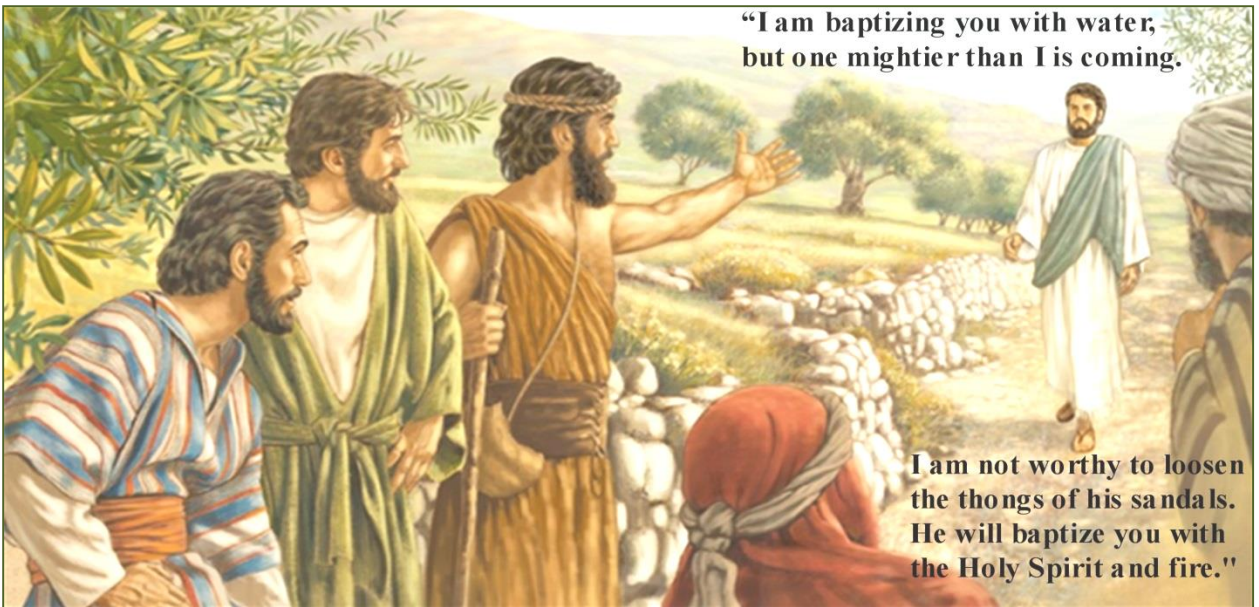
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**"I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.**

**I am not worthy to loosen
the thongs of his sandals.
He will baptize you with
the Holy Spirit and fire."**

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 +DeWayne Fazzio

Sun 9:00am Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00am +Joseph Pham

Tues 8:00 am +George Brignac

Wed 6:00 pm +Audrey M.

Penance Service 6:30pm

Thu 8:00 am +Larry Estes M.

Fri 8:00 am +Christ M.

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This weekend is "Gaudete Sunday." It means rejoice in Latin, and the title is taken from the proper prayer for the procession from this Sunday, "Rejoice in the Lord always." In the midst of a slightly penitential season, there is a glimmer of joy, a glimmer of hope, a reason to keep moving on. The church may be adorned with flowers, the vestments may be rose instead of violet, and the music may be a bit more joyful.

In today's gospel John the Baptist said "I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals." He said that in reference to Jesus. Tax collectors, soldiers, and countless other people gathered to hear John preach. There was an excitement in the air as they were all "filled with expectation." For generations upon generations they had been waiting for the coming of the promised Messiah the Christ. And now, John the Baptist had appeared with such a striking message and such a powerful presence that "all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ." But he wasn't. John's mission was to prepare the way for Jesus Christ. In the process, however, people began to think that John was the main attraction. He set the record straight though, when he emphasized that "one mightier than I is coming." And then he made the remark about not being worthy to do even the most humble act of service loosening sandal straps for the Lord.

Imagine what the people must have been thinking. They all found John to be such a remarkable man, and yet he declared that he wasn't worthy? If this great prophet was so humble, how much more should they humble themselves in preparation for the coming of the Messiah? And shouldn't we do the same? As we meditate upon the coming of Christ this Advent season, we would do well to make our approach towards Christmas with humble hearts. What have we done to deserve this

incredible gift of a Savior? Are we worthy of his incarnation and his saving death? The fact is that nothing we could ever do would possibly earn our redemption. May we be humble enough to acknowledge that our salvation is the greatest gift we could ever receive.

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.

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

...Fr. Khoa

Saint Vincent DePaul Pharmacy

This weekend is the Special Diocesan Collection for the St Vincent DePaul Pharmacy. Thank You.

Retired Fund for Religious

Next week is the Special Diocesan Collection for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. Your tax-deductible donation to the Retired Religious helps support the care of the elderly and frail religious who have offered their lives in service to others. The fund helps to provide such basic necessities as prescription drugs and medical services.

Penance Service

A Penance Service is scheduled as follows:
St. Ann: Wednesday December 16 at 6:30 pm.

Altar Society: meet this Sunday Dec 13.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
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)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Dec 13 9am	Sharon Leimer	Michelle Lizana Carolyn Brewer Kim Wood	Kaiden McGill Kaison McGill	Robert Pat	Jason & Lisa Necaise Family
Sat Dec 19 5pm	Judith Martiez	W C King, Lenell King , Doris Snowden	Austin Scarengoas	Doug Ira Necaise	Patricia Lizana
Dec 20 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Dec 20 9am	Kim Wood	Marlow Ladner, Derek Trosclair , Sharon Leimer	Will Dreher Nick Quintini	Robert Jimmy	Marie Nance Family

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:**

79Identifiable: **\$2,040.00**; Loose: **\$1,747.00**;
Total: **\$3,787.00**; Children: **\$20.00**; Building
Fund: **\$166.00**;

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Identifiable: **\$420.00**; Loose: **\$151.00**; Total:
\$571.00. Building Fund: **\$5.00**.

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

Thank you for your generosity.

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

Church Cleaning: Thank you Sue Mayberry
for cleaning the church on Dec 6 & 13. WC
and Lennell King will clean up the church on
Dec 20 and 27. Thank you

Christmas Flowers: There are envelopes for
donations for Christmas flowers at each pew.
Thank you for your generosity.

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. **Lizana Light: Doris Snowden and**

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.

Parish Council: Meet next Sat Dec 19.

Lizana Light: For more information, please
contact Doris or Diane. Thank you.

Christmas Basket: Thank you for your
continual support and help for the poor. The
baskets can be pick up **next Sunday Nov 20**
from 10-10:15am.

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE
Church regulations require at least six
months of preparation for a wedding. Please
contact us 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, Carolyn Brewer, Elizabeth
Necaise, Loretta L., Regina Franke, Dalwin
Cuevas, Colby Cagle, and Debbie Bowen.