

Calendar

Monday

December 11
Advent Weekday

Is 35:1–10
Lk 5:17–26

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

December 13
St. Lucy,
Virgin and Martyr

Is 40:25–31
Mt 11:28–30

Thursday

December 14
St. John of the Cross,
Priest and
Doctor of the Church

Is 41:13–20
Mt 11:11–15

Friday

December 15
Advent Weekday

Is 48:17–19
Mt 11:16–19

Saturday

December 16
Advent Weekday
Sir 48:1–4, 9–11
Mt 17:9a, 10–13

Sunday

December 17
Third Sunday
of Advent
Is 61:1–2a, 10–11
1 Thes 5:16–24
Jn 1:6–8, 19–28

Dear Padre,

Especially before Christmas, I appreciate times of silence at Mass but seldom find them. Priests ask the congregation to open their missalettes after Communion to recite the daily antiphon, which seems more trouble to locate and say than to simply remain silent. Please advise.



SHUTTERSTOCK: ZONECREATIVE

Before Mass, it's commendable that silence be observed in the church, sacristy, vesting room, and adjacent areas so that all may "carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 45).

During Mass, "Let us pray" is an invitation to observe a moment of silence for the congregation to "place themselves in God's presence and make their personal petitions" (*Introduction to the Order of Mass*, 35). Communal silence is also observed within the penitential act for people to recollect themselves, at the end of a reading or the homily for all to meditate briefly on what they've heard, then after Communion to praise and pray to God in their hearts (*GIRM* 45). In other words, there's a silence that reflects shame before God for our sins, a silence that reflects our need to ponder his word, and a deep silence before God that reflects awe and incapacity for words after receiving the Body of Christ!

If there's no singing after Communion, the antiphon "may be recited either by the faithful, or by some of them, or by a reader; otherwise, it is recited by the priest himself after he has received Communion and before he distributes Communion to the faithful" (*GIRM* 87).

Without liturgical silence, "the celebration can become perfunctory in its haste or burdensome in its unrelieved sound and song" (*Introduction* 48).

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A Word From Pope Francis

Isaiah's invitation must resound in our hearts: "Comfort, comfort my people" (40:1) and this must lead to mission. We must find the Lord who consoles us, and go to console the people of God.... People today need words, but most of all they need us to bear

witness to the mercy and tenderness of the Lord, which...attracts people toward the good.

—Mass with seminarians, novices, and those discerning their vocation, July 7, 2013



2nd Sunday Of Advent

December 10, 2017



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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 Our Parish Family
Sun 9:00am Our Parish Family
Sun 6pm Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00am Our Parish Family
Tues 8:00 am Our Parish Family
Wed 6:00 pm Our Parish Family
Thu 8:00 am Our Parish Family
Fri 8:00 am Our Parish Family

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends, Jesus likes you. Jesus loves you. Jesus longs for you!

"People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him." John the Baptist commanded quite a crowd. What was the attraction? Was it his unusual appearance clothed in camel's hair? Perhaps it was his bizarre eating habits feeding on locusts and wild honey. Or maybe people were captivated by the Baptist's remarkable humility in the face of such huge popularity "I am not worthy."

Unlike our modern fascination with standing in the presence of superstars, the crowds who looked to John weren't looking for a thrill. They weren't lining up for autographs. They were lining up for baptism. And they were acknowledging their sins at the same time. John was proclaiming "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." And people came because they were longing to experience the freedom of that forgiveness. John called them to conversion. To convert means to turn, in this case to turn away from sin. And the crowds were anxious to do so in order to "prepare the way of the Lord." For these first century Jews, the imminent approach of the Messiah came with a call for conversion and they took this call very seriously.

Now, for us, as twenty first century Christians, the Church, like John the Baptist, calls us to prepare and repent during this season of Advent. Will we take the call seriously? Will we examine the areas of our lives that need to change? Will we pray for God's help to overcome our habitual sin and to make choices based on generosity instead of selfishness? Now is the time to heed the

message. Now is the time to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

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

...Fr. Khoa

Altar Society: meets this Sunday.

St. Ann and OLC Penance Service
is on Wednesday December 20 after 6 pm mass.

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:**

79Identifiable: **\$1,160.00**; Loose: **\$1,278.00**;
Total: **\$2,438.00**; Children: **\$14.10**; St
Vincent De Paul Pharmacy: **\$617.00**

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Identifiable: **\$90.00**; Loose: **\$218.00**; Total:
\$308.00.

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

Thank you for your generosity.

The Word Among Us Reflections for Advent
is available at the Church entrance.

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

Bible Study: We will study **St James**
beginning on January 8. Please join us.
Classes are on **Mondays 6:30pm.** For more
information, please contact **Ruth.**

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. Pick up date
is next Sunday at 10 am. Thank you.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Dec 09 4pm	Richard Dunlap	Kermit Northrop, Dianne Northrop, Kay Van Pelts.	Austin Scarengoas	August Dale	Julia Lizana
Sun 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Dec 10 9am	John Davis	Will Burke, Lester Palmer, Robin Peterson	Will Keegan	Garland Robert	Gary Thomas Family
Sun 6pm	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sat Dec 16 4pm	Henrietta	Kermit Northrop, Dianne Northrop, Kay Van Pelts.	Samantha	Mike Kermit	Mary Taylor
Sun 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Dec 17 9am	Lisa Cuevas	James Quintini, Susan Peleaz, Kim Wood	Nick Jaseigh	Will Burke Gary Thomas	Al Eiselen Family
Sun 6pm	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

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.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

Church Cleaning 2018: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At this time, there will be no one calling to schedule the church cleaning, so if you want to help and can take two weeks at a time, please sign up on the schedule at the back of the church. January is quickly approaching and needs to be filled. A very big "thank you" to those who donated their time this year!!

Church Cleaning: Thank you Susan Mayberry for cleaning the church. Please call Ellen at 341-0279 to sign up.

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.

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, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Breanna Ladner, Gerald Barrilleaux, Margaret Northrop, Andrew, James Moran, Sharon Somora, and Marie Nance, Patricia Lizana, August Schonewitz, William Shaw, Robert Necaie, Nancy Ladner, Loretta Ladner, Matt Bryant, Anthony Moran, Paul Ladner, and Dianne Dearman .