

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 10
Advent Weekday
Is 35:1–10
Lk 5:17–26

Tuesday

DECEMBER 11
Advent Weekday
Is 40:1–11
Mt 18:12–14

Wednesday

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

Thursday

DECEMBER 13
*St. Lucy,
Virgin and Martyr*
Is 41:13–20
Mt 11:11–15

Friday

DECEMBER 14
*St. John of the Cross,
Priest and Doctor
of the Church*
Is 48:17–19
Mt 11:16–19

Saturday

DECEMBER 15
Advent Weekday
Sir 48:1–4, 9–11
Mt 17:9a, 10–13

Sunday

DECEMBER 16
*Third Sunday
of Advent*
Zep 3:14–18a
Phil 4:4–7
Lk 3:10–18

Dear Padre,

Why doesn't the word *immaculate* also refer to Jesus' birth?

According to Webster's Dictionary, *immaculate* comes from the Latin *immaculatus*, which breaks down further into *in* (meaning “not”) and *maculatus* (meaning “spotted”). It means “without stain or blemish” and is commonly associated with the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, which was solemnly defined as a dogma of the Catholic faith in 1854 by Pope Pius IX. The dogma states that Mary was conceived in the womb of her mother without the stain of original sin.

Catholics sometimes mistakenly think that this doctrine refers to Jesus' birth and not to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother. In a way, it refers to both. Everything about Mary ultimately leads to her Son—including the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. How so? The Church argues both from Scripture and tradition that God deemed it proper and

fitting that humanity's Redeemer should enter the world through a womb totally unblemished by sin. Mary, in other words, was free of the effects of original sin so she could be a proper dwelling place for the birth of the Son of God.

That is not to say, however, that Mary herself was not in need of redemption. On the contrary, the dogma clearly states that she was conceived without the stain of original sin *in anticipation* of the fruits of Christ's redemptive action manifested in his passion, death, and resurrection.

—Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSSr
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THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BARTOLOME ESTEBAN MURILLO / WIKI COMMONS



A Word From Pope Francis

The Immaculate Conception leads us to contemplate Our Lady who, by unique privilege, was preserved from original sin from the very moment of her conception. Even living in a world marked by sin, she was not touched by it: Mary is our sister in suffering, but not in evil or in sin.

—Angelus, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2015



**2nd Sunday
Of Advent**
December 09, 2018



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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 4pm Our Parish Family
Sun 9:00am Our Parish Family
Sun 6pm Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00 am 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!

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

Today's Gospel reading references an ancient text from the Old Testament Book of Isaiah. There, a prophecy was made that John the Baptist would fulfill many years later; John is the "voice of one crying out in the desert." And the message that John's voice proclaimed, in preparation for the coming of the Messiah, was a message of repentance.

The passage from Isaiah gives us some clues into what this repentance is supposed to do. It is meant to change us into people who can properly welcome the Lord when he comes. Using the poetic image of a path, the text describes the kind of path that is suitable for the Lord. He shouldn't have to navigate valleys, scale mountains, wind around twists and turns on the road, or traverse rough, difficult terrain. Instead, he should be able to move easily on smooth ground. Residents preparing to welcome an honored guest ought to do what they can to make the journey pleasant.

The analogy relates to our souls. As we prepare to welcome the Lord this Advent season, we should make the "path" of our souls level, straight, and smooth. We should "fill" the valleys of laziness or despair with diligence and joy. The mountains of pride and greed should be made low with humility and generosity. The winding roads of dishonesty and manipulation "shall be made straight" with commitment to the truth. And the rough ways of our selfishness and stubbornness should be made smooth through charity and docility to

the Holy Spirit. When we live our faith with sincerity and devotion, our souls are transformed. This Advent, may our souls become a pleasant path for Christ.

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 sins. 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 as follows:

Wednesday December 19 at 6:30 p.m

May God bless all of us and enjoy your praying!

...Fr. Khoa

***St. Ann and OLC Penance Service* is on
Wednesday December 19 after 6 pm Mass.**

Altar Society: meets this Sunday.

Church Cleaning 2019: 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!!

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Dec 08 4pm	Lisa Cuevas	Kay Van Pelts, WC & Lennell King	Austin S.	Mike Shorty	Janet Thompson
Sun Dec 09	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Dec 09 9am	Kim Wood	Will Burke, Lester Palmer, Richard Dunlap	Will Keegan	Pat Garland	Rose, George, and Bo
Sun 6pm	Gunnar	Jan Estrada, Derek & Jodi Tros.	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sat Dec 15 4pm	Henrietta	Doris Snowden, Mike and Ellen West	Austin S.	August Kermit	Julia Lizana
Sun Dec 16	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Dec 16 9am	Beverly Saucier	James Quintini, Carolyn Brewer, Susan Peleaz	Nick Jaseigh	Will Burke Robert	Will Dreher Family
Sun 6pm	Gunnar	Jan Estrada, Derek & Jodi Tros.	TBA	TBA	TBA

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:**

68Identifiable: **\$1,355.00**; Loose: **\$1,566.00**;
ACH: **\$325.00**; Total: **\$3,246.00**; Children:
\$18.00; St Vincent De Paul Pharmacy:
\$485.00

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Identifiable: **\$500.00**; Loose: **\$173.00**; Total:
\$673.00.

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

Thank you for your generosity.

Knights of Columbus: meet first Sunday. For
more info, contact Garland M. 697-1266.

The new well was done by Favre's Pump and
Well, and the cost was \$11,665.11.

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.

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.

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

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley,
Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Ezekiel
Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle,
Debbie Bowen, Andrew Fillengame, Melissa
Peterson, Breanna Ladner, Margaret Northrop,
Andrew, Sharon Somora, Robert Necaie,
Nancy Ladner, Matt Bryant, Paul Ladner,
Dianne Dearman, Jenny Hinton, Marie
Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Hayden Helton, Kathy,
Phyllis Raymond, Marleen Moran, Teresa
McAllister, Kendra Necaie, John Hitchcock,
Hubert Lizana, and Margaret Northrop.

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.