

Dear Padre,

Who was John the Baptist?

What we know about John the Baptist comes from a combination of Scripture and Church traditions that evolved during and after the writing of the Scriptures of the New Testament.

John's parents were Zechariah, who was a priest in the Jerusalem Temple, and Elizabeth, who was related to Mary. The angel Gabriel told Zechariah that his wife would bear a son, even though she was quite old. It is believed that John was born in the region of Ain Karim, southwest of Jerusalem. When he was in his early twenties, he was a member of the Qumran community, and later was a hermit in the desert. John began his public ministry in his late twenties in the Jordan River Valley. His preaching followed the long line of Jewish prophets who preached against the evils of the day and demanded inner repentance and outer baptism as a sign of that repentance.

John continued his preaching in the Jordan Valley even after encountering Jesus. Eventually John was arrested by Herod Antipas and imprisoned at Machaerus Fortress by the Dead Sea. He was beheaded at the request of Salome, the daughter of Herodias, and buried at Sebaste, in Samaria. After John's death, many of his disciples followed Jesus, including Andrew and John.

John, whose name means "God is gracious," is usually represented in pictures holding a long slender cross with a small lamb partially hidden behind him.

—Fr. Paul J. Cury, CSsR | Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



MOULDS OF HANDBOOK AND MOUNTAIN GOSPEL BY JOHN THE BAPTIST. DETAIL OF THE SHERBURN ARTIST.



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Anxieties, difficulties, and sufferings permeate our lives, and so many times the reality around us seems to be inhospitable and arid, like the desert....But the words of [John] the Baptist reveal that our joy rests on the certainty that this desert is inhabited: "Among you there is one whom you do not know."

—ANGELUS, GAUDETE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 14
Advent Weekday
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
Is 45:6c-8, 18,
21c-25
Lk 7:18b-23

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
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,
14a, 16
Rom 16:25-27
Lk 1:26-38



**3RD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 13, 2020**



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St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions

Dec 12th Sat 4 pm Paul Irby
Dec 13th Sunday 9 am Parish
Dec 13th 6:00 pm Ex S

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Both before Mass and by Appointment.

Mon 8am Ex S
Wed 6pm Ex S
Thu 8am Kathy Squillante
Fri 8am Mary Jo Nunez

EUCARISTIC ADORATION
Friday Adoration from 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Dec 19th Sat 4 pm Ex S
Dec 20th Sunday 9 am +Paul Irby
Dec 20th 6:00 pm +Hollis Moran
Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.
Sun 7:30 am Parish family

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Who Are You?

So far the readings for Sundays in Advent have shown God leading the people into a new way of life—a way of righteousness and loyalty, of honesty and responsibility. Today the readings show the people beginning to see that the accomplishment of this transformation would come through the leadership of one individual. Who might that person be?

The passage from Isaiah describes a prophet, one anointed by God and bringing good news to the poor. When the Baptist appears on the scene in John's Gospel, people wonder if it might be him. He insists he is not the one, nor is he a prophet. Then, "Who are you?" (John 1:19) Recalling the passage from Isaiah read on the First Sunday of Advent, John tells them he is the one repairing the road, getting it ready for the long-awaited one to arrive. He adds that his baptism is a baptism of repentance. He is readying them to be what Paul describes as "perfectly holy...blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

We now see that these readings are preparing us for salvation. We are now told that such divine graciousness will be inaugurated by an individual, one who has not yet been identified. Will it be a powerful king? A mighty warrior? A spectacular prophet? Those in the time before Christ didn't know. We now know that it will be someone powerful enough to initiate a

revolutionary change in the lives of the entire people. Now waiting gets exciting.

For Reflection

How might you envision this long-awaited one? What do you think the nation needs in a leader?

What kind of revolutionary transformation do you think we need today?

With prayers and blessings
Fr. David

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: *37,

Identifiable: 2,011.00; Loose: \$166.00

Total: \$2,177.00; ACH: \$475.00.

OLC STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable

\$480.00 Loose: \$46.00 Total: \$ 526.00.00

RCIA: Thursday at 6pm. Any Question Please contact Sherrie Demello.

Updating Envelops: I plan to update the weekly envelope numbers. Anyone who wants envelopes for 2021, please meet Fr. David to get them. Thanks.

Upcoming second collection:

Dec 12-13 retired religious.

Thanks for your generosity.

Christmas Flowers: Please put your donation in a marked envelope in the collection basket.

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. Thank you for your generosity.

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat Dec 12 th 4pm	Mike West	Austin S.	Shorty S
Sun OLC 7:30am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchel
Sun Dec 13 th 9 am	Kim Wood	Kane, Page and Samantha	Pat Ladner
Sun Dec 13 th 6pm	Kathleen Cuevas	Blake sand Haise Smith	Jodi T
Sat Dec 19 th 4pm	Mike West		
Sun Dec 20 th OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchel
Sun Dec 20 th 9 am	John Davis	Kane, Page and Samantha	Will Burke
Sun Dec 20 th 6pm	Judith Martinez	Blake sand Haise Smith	John Moran

Confessions in Advent: Our Advent penance service will on Wednesday, Dec 16th after the 6.00pm mass. This is the best way to prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Condolences: Father David and the St. Ann community send our condolences to the family and friends of Kathy Squillante, and Marilyn DeDeaux who have passed away. Remember that you are in our prayers and may the Lord give them eternal joy.

2021 The Year of the Eucharist and the Parish: from February on we will have adoration on first Friday from 8:30am to 12pm and 5pm to 9pm. Please sign up the sheet those like to be with Jesus during these hours. At least there should one or more in each hour.

Christmas and New Year mass schedule
vigil: Dec 24th, 4.00pm; midnight: 12am
Christmas day 7:30 OLC and
9.00am.st.Anns
Solemnity of Mary mother of God: Dec 31st, vigil at 7.00pm,
Day: 9.00am

Search Retreat: Jan 9, 2021, St. Mary Gautier. If anyone would like to go, let me know.

Church Cleaning: Veleri and Beau Underwood cleans up the church on Dec 12. . Please call Ellen at 341-0279 to sign up. Thanks for kind heart.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill
Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Jerry Malley, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Andrew Fillengame; Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Chris (Dube) McGill, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaie, John &, Susan Parish, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robison, and, Joseph and Megan Colbi Capuano, Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Stephany Bass, and Brandi Moran, Verda Crabtree, Lynn & Linda Bangs, John O'Neal, Terri, Loretta Ladner and Matt Dubission; Addie Threadgill; Cindy Ladner; Amanda Mayberry; Robin Cuevas Emmie Tubbs, Wally Clifford, T.J Moran , Robin Shampo.