

## Calendar

### Monday

DECEMBER 17

*Advent Weekday*

Gn 49:2, 8–10

Mt 1:1–17

### Tuesday

DECEMBER 18

*Advent Weekday*

Jer 23:5–8

Mt 1:18–25

### Wednesday

DECEMBER 19

*Advent Weekday*

Jgs 13:2–7, 24–25a

Lk 1:5–25

### Thursday

DECEMBER 20

*Advent Weekday*

Is 7:10–14

Lk 1:26–38

### Friday

DECEMBER 21

*Advent Weekday*

Sg 2:8–14 or

Zep 3:14–18a

Lk 1:39–45

### Saturday

DECEMBER 22

*Advent Weekday*

1 Sm 1:24–28

Lk 1:46–56

### Sunday

DECEMBER 23

*Fourth Sunday*

*of Advent*

Mi 5:1–4a

Heb 10:5–10

Lk 1:39–45

# Dear Padre,

## What do we really know about John the Baptist and how do we know it?

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, 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. During his early

twenties, he was a member of the Qumran community, and later was a desert hermit. In his late twenties John began his public ministry in the Jordan River Valley. He followed a long line of Jewish prophets who preached against evils of the day, demanding inner repentance and outer baptism as a sign of that repentance.

John continued to preach 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, daughter of Herodias. 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. He is the patron of monastic life, people with epilepsy and other compulsive disorders, lambs, printers, blacksmiths, and tailors.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PREACHING, C. 1645, BY MAITIA PRETI/WIKIPEDIA

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR

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## A Word From Pope Francis

*Let us implore from on high the gift of commitment to the cause of peace. Peace in our homes, our families, our schools and our communities. Peace in all those places where war never seems to end. Peace for those faces which have known nothing but pain. Peace throughout this world...Simply PEACE.*

—Address at Ground Zero Memorial, New York City, September 25, 2015



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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
Of Advent**  
*December 16, 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 Spe Int  
Sun 9:00am Benefactors  
Sun 6pm Our Parish Family  
Mon 8:00 am Spe Int

Tues 8:00 am Benefactors  
Wed 6:00 pm Spe Int  
**6:30pm Penance Service**  
Thu 8:00 am Fr Pete  
Fri 8:00 am Spe Int

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

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

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ.

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel. When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

### **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:

**This 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 this Wednesday December 19 after 6 pm mass.

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

**68**Identifiable: **\$1,019.00**; Loose: **\$1,637.00**;  
ACH: **\$55.00**; Total: **\$2,711.00**; Children:  
**\$16.70**; Christmas Basket: **\$20.00**;  
**Immaculate Conception: \$340**

### **OL OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:**

Identifiable: **\$145.00**; Loose: **\$225.00**; Total:  
**\$370.00**. Immaculate Conception: **\$10.00**.

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

**Thank you for your generosity.**

### **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!!

| <b>MASS</b>       | <b>LECTOR</b>      | <b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN.</b>                        | <b>SERVERS</b>  | <b>USHERS</b>        | <b>GIFT B.</b>          |
|-------------------|--------------------|---|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Sat Dec 15<br>4pm | Henrietta          | Doris Snowden, Mike and<br>Ellen West           | Austin S.       | August<br>Kermit     | Julia Lizana            |
| Sun Dec 16        | Sandra Ammons      | Daniel Squillante                               | (OLC)           | Tery Mitchell        | (OLC)                   |
| Sun Dec 16<br>9am | Beverly Saucier    | James Quintini, Carolyn<br>Brewer, Susan Peleaz | Nick<br>Jaseigh | Will Burke<br>Robert | Will Dreher<br>Family   |
| Sun 6pm           | Gunnar             | Jan Estrada, Derek & Jodi Tros.                 | TBA             | TBA                  | TBA                     |
| Sat Dec 22<br>4pm | Kathleen<br>Cuevas | Kay VanPelts, WC &<br>Lennell King              | Austin S.       | Mike<br>Shorty       | Doris Snowden<br>Family |
| Sun Dec 23        | Sandra Ammons      | Daniel Squillante                               | (OLC)           | Tery Mitchell        | (OLC)                   |
| Sun Dec 23<br>9am | Richard Dunlap     | Will Burke, Lester Palmer,<br>Robin Peterson    | Will<br>Ken     | Garland<br>Pat       | Robert Lizana<br>Family |
| Sun 6pm           | Gunnar             | Jan Estrada, Derek & Jodi Tros.                 | TBA             | TBA                  | TBA                     |

## **ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.**

### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

St Ann Christmas Eve: Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm  
Midnight: 12:00 am  
Christmas Day Mass: 9:00 am  
Our Lady of Chartres Christmas Day Mass:  
7:30am

### **A Holy Day of Obligation January 1, 2019** **Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God**

Mass Times St Ann  
Dec. 31st - Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm  
Jan. 1st – And 9:00 am at St Ann.

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

**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.

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

**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.