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| Monday DECEMBER 9 <i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Gn 3:9–15, 20 Eph 1:3–6, 11–12 Lk 1:26–38 | Tuesday DECEMBER 10 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 40:1–11 Mt 18:12–14 | Wednesday DECEMBER 11 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 40:25–31 Mt 11:28–30 | Thursday DECEMBER 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> Zec 2:14–17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab Lk 1:26–38 or Lk 1:39–47 | Friday DECEMBER 13 <i>St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i> Is 48:17–19 Mt 11:16–19 | Saturday DECEMBER 14 <i>St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> Sir 48:1–4, 9–11 Mt 17:9a, 10–13 | Sunday DECEMBER 15 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Is 35:1–6a, 10 Jas 5:7–10 Mt 11:2–11 |
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Dear Padre,

An intellectual friend told me that she loves the great dogmas of Advent. I smiled and agreed, but I don't have the faintest idea what she meant!

Dogma refers to Church teachings defined by an ecumenical council, including the pope, or by the pope alone acting as head of the Church. The magisterium, the Church's teaching authority, tells us these must-be-believed truths have been divinely revealed to us. During Advent, we celebrate two dogmas: the immaculate conception of Mary, which we honor tomorrow, and the Incarnation, which includes the birth of Christ that we prepare for now.

Both dogmas speak of God's extraordinary connection with humanity. God specially gifted Mary because of her role in becoming the Mother of God. Mary, from the instant of her conception, was free from original sin. Her closeness to Jesus was established from the earliest moments of her existence.

The dogma of the Incarnation is defined simply by St. John. "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14). During the year, we first celebrate the Incarnation on March 25, at the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Scripture and Tradition hold that Jesus was conceived in

Mary's womb when she accepted God's will by answering yes to the angel's announcement that she would bear the "Son of the Most High" (Luke 1:32). During Advent, we eagerly anticipate the result of that Incarnation, Jesus' birth.

Dogmas can sometimes seem disconnected from our lives. The customs of Advent put an everyday face on the book definitions and remind us that God lives in our midst.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

It is the mystery of Christ's flesh: one doesn't understand love for thy neighbor, one doesn't understand love for thy brother if one doesn't understand this mystery of Incarnation. I love my brother because he too is Christ, is Christlike, is the flesh of Christ.

VISIT TO PENTECOSTAL
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2nd Sunday Of Advent

December 08, 2019



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Alarm and Alert

‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!’ Mt 3:1



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 6:00pm Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00 Our Parish Family

Tues 8 am Our Parish Family

Wed 6pm 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!

What does it mean to be worthy? There are a few different ways to approach this question. Today's Gospel highlights two: the way of the Pharisees and the way of John the Baptist. Our faith values good works and discipleship. Perhaps, then, we "earn" our worth by adhering to the right doctrines and following the right pious practice. The Pharisees thought they were worthy. Due to their religious pedigree and proper procedures, they were self satisfied. John the Baptist's words to them are strong. "Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.'" Of course, Jesus (and John) don't omit the responsibility for moral behavior. John gives the Pharisees quite a strong warning in that regard. "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance ... every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

It's a question of attitude. Of disposition. It's a matter of the heart. If anyone would be worthy in this scenario, it's John the Baptist. Jesus himself will name him the greatest of prophets and a great man. John, however, recognizes his own lowly place in the grand scheme of things. "The one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals." The Pharisees take pride in being "better" than others. John embraces humility in Christ being "better" than him. We don't self generate our own worthiness. We receive it as a gift from God.

In a few short weeks, we'll celebrate the birth of Christ. Bishop Ven. Fulton Sheen wrote about the Nativity in his "Life of Christ":

"Because [Jesus] was born in a cave, all who wish to see Him must stoop. To stoop is the mark of humility. The proud refuse to stoop and, therefore, they miss divinity." God invites us to prepare our hearts this Advent. When you consider your own life, where are you looking for your worth? This Christmas, are you prepared to stoop?

May God bless all of us! Enjoy your praying!

...Fr. Khoa

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:**

65Identifiable: **\$951.00**; Loose: **\$1,228.00**;
ACH: **\$325.00**. Total: **\$2,504.00**; Children:
\$15.11; Immaculate Conception: **\$10.00**.

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Identifiable: **\$60.00**; Loose: **\$292.00**; Total:
\$352.00.

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

Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Tagore, Gitanjali #38

"That I want You, only You—let my heart repeat without end. All desires that distract me, day and night, are false and empty to the core.

As the night keeps hidden in its gloom the petition for light, even thus in the depth of my unconsciousness rings the cry—"I want You, only You."

As the storm still seeks its end in peace when it strikes against peace with all its might, even thus my rebellion strikes against thy love and still its cry is—"I want You, only You."

| MASS | LECTOR | EUCCHARISTIC MIN. | SERVERS | USHERS | GIFT B. |
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| Sat Dec 07 4pm | Lanny Acosta | Mike & Ellen West, Rita Acosta | Austin S. | Dale Shorty | Shorty & Ann Shaw |
| Sun 7:30am | Sandra Ammons | Douglas Ladner | (OLC) | Terry Mitchell | (OLC) |
| Sun Dec 08 9am | John Davis | Will Burke, Susan Peleaz, James Quintini | TBA | Garland Robert | Colton & Devan Harmon |
| Sun 6pm | TBA | Jan E., Derek & Jodi T. | Blake Smith | TBA | TBA |
| Sat Dec 14 4pm | Jubith Martinez | Kermit & Dianne Northrop, Doris Snowden | Austin S. | August Kermit | Jack & Enla |
| Sun 7:30am | Sandra Ammons | Douglas Ladner | (OLC) | Terry Mitchell | (OLC) |
| Sun Dec 15 9am | Kim Wood | Lester Palmer, Robin Peterson, James Quintini | TBA | Will Pat | Rose Show, Beau, & George |
| Sun 6pm | TBA | Jan E., Derek & Jodi T. | Blake Smith | TBA | TBA |

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

Retreat: Next weekend, Dec 14 & 15, Fr Vo will go on a retreat at Manresa. Fr Godfrey Andoh will celebrate the Mass. Fr Vo will be back for the 6pm Mass on Sunday. Thanks.

Church Cleaning: thank you, Brythni & Brooklyn Mitchell for cleaning the church for Nov 23 and 30. Chris and Tracy O'Flynn will clean the church on Dec 7 and 14. Thank you.

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

St. Ann and OLC Penance Service will be on **Wednesday** December 18 after 6 pm Mass.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

St Ann Christmas Eve: Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm
Midnight: 12:00 am
Christmas Day Mass: 9:00 am
OL 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.

Church Cleaning 2020: 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!!

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, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Matt Bryant, Nancy (Chicago), Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Jenny Hinton, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaie, John Parish, Susan Parish, Courtney Stewart, Paula Foreman, Kathy Robison, and Lyndon Rushing, Meghan and Daughter Colbi Pittman Necaie, Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Brandon Miller, Stephany Bass, and Brandi Moran, Verda Crabtree, Lynn & Linda Bangs, Liz Weiss, Hilda Eiselen, John O'Neal, and Paul Irby.