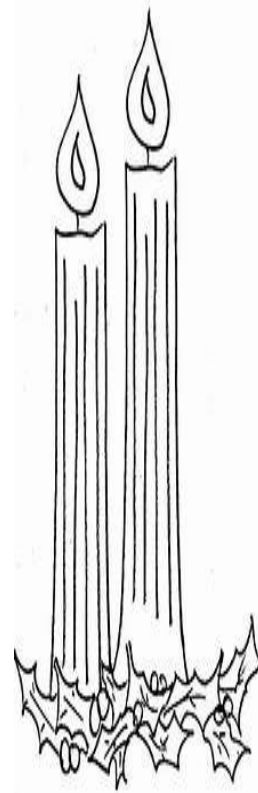
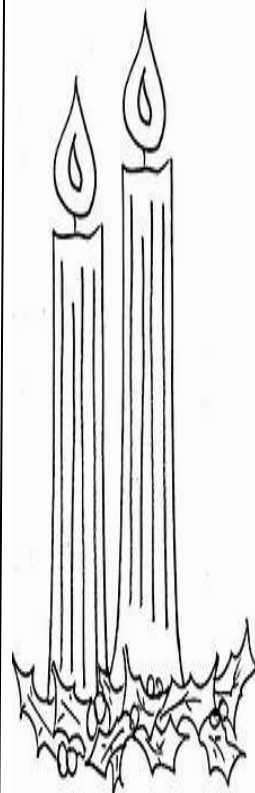


# SECOND SUNDAY OF Advent



## Sacraments

### RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturdays 3:00 PM and by appointment.

**BAPTISMS:** To arrange and prepare for the celebration of Baptism, please call the Pastor to schedule an appointment. Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sunday afternoon.

**FUNERAL:** Please call the parish as soon as possible to make arrangements for the Mass of Christian Burial.

**VISITING THE SICK:** If you or a family member are sick or in the hospital, please call the parish so that a pastoral visit can be arranged. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may be celebrated in the parish before hospitalization. Please call also to arrange for a Eucharistic minister to bring Communion to the sick. If you would like to request prayers for someone who is sick, please call the parish so that the name may be placed in the bulletin.

**MARRIAGES:** Preparation must begin at least six months prior to the wedding. Please make arrangements with the parish before scheduling the reception.

**ANNULMENTS/CONVALIDATION:** Please arrange a meeting with the Pastor to begin the process of celebrating your marriage in the Church.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Catholics who would like to be registered as parishioners of Immaculate Conception and receive stewardship envelopes should call the parish secretary or fill out a form in the vestibule of the church.

**RCIA:** Adults who desire to explore the possibility of becoming a member of the Catholic Church should contact the RCIA (Rite for the Christian Initiation of Adults) team. Preparation usually begins in September and Baptism or Reception is celebrated at the next Easter Vigil.

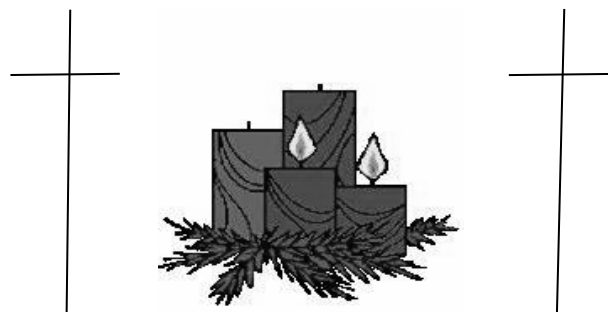
**TUITION ASSISTANCE:** Some financial aid for tuition assistance to Catholic schools is available to registered members of the parish. This is a one time grant of no more than \$1,000.00 to needy families to assist them during a time of financial crisis. Eligible families should write a letter to the Pastor who will evaluate the request with the Financial Advisory Committee.

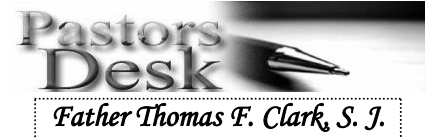
## To Whom Do We Go

Adult Formation: Lovenia Watson.....	778-1977
Altar Servers: Bradley DeRouen .....	218-8292 / 284-5970
Child Protection Coord:.....	Andrea Toles
Eucharistic Ministers: Beulah Decuir.....	229-6076
Gospel Choir/Adult: Daphne Alex.....	936-4051
Gospel Choir/Youth: Tara Winder .....	428-5981
Hall Rental: Juliet Betts.....	775-7067
Ministry Council/Chair: Georgia Jenkins.....	775-5824
Pantry/Food and Vouchers: .....	774-3661
Sacristan: Rogers Jackson, Jr. ....	362-0907
Traditional Choir: Theresa Carmen.....	921-7315
Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....	775-7332

## This Week's Prayer

God, please help me to accept your itinerary for my life's journey no matter where it brings me. I will wait for you to decide when I should return to your home. Amen.





**ADVENT GIVING TREE 2020**



Once again, we will be providing gifts for the residents of Colonial Care Nursing Home for Christmas. This year is especially important to remember them because they have been without visitors since March. Working with COVID-19 restrictions, we ask that you donate \$20 and a group of parishioners will purchase gifts, wrap them, and deliver them to the nursing home. You may donate online at We Share or place the offering in the collection marked "Advent Giving Tree 2020." Thank you for helping out!

**ADVENT BLUE BOOKS**



Advent Blue Books with the page a day meditation for Advent and Christmas seasons are available in the foyer of the church and in the parish office. Since many people are not coming to church because of the pandemic it is difficult to distribute the books. So, please take as many books as you need and give them to family and friends. Share the Good News!

**FATHER CLARK'S SCHEDULE**



Father Clark has been quarantining because of a possible exposure to the virus. The CDC has just changed the guidelines for quarantine from 14 to 7 days. Presuming that he gets a negative test result, we will resume daily Mass on Monday, December 7 at 12:10 PM. If not, Deacon Chris will lead a Communion Service.

Thanks to Father Rick Andrus of Saint Paul for celebrating the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass and Father Rich Boehler of Manresa Retreat House for celebrating the 10:30 AM Mass.



**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Our Christmas Mass schedule will be as follows:

- CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS: 4:00 PM December 24, 2020**
- CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS: 12:00 AM December 25, 2020**
- CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS: 10:30 AM December 25, 2020**

Please sign up if you plan to attend Mass in person. The Sign Up Genius is available or call the office. The Vigil and Midnight Masses will be live streamed. As much as we all would like to be at Mass in person for Christmas, please continue to observe whatever practices have been helping you to remain safe. Participating in Mass on live stream is also a great way to celebrate Christ's birth. Pray that next year we will be together for Christmas!

**CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES OF DEDICATION AND BLESSING**

Sunday, December 13 is the 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dedication of the church in 1953. Tuesday, December 15 is the First Anniversary of the Blessing of the church after the renovation. These are our special feast days to celebrate. Let us remember in prayer the men and women who built the church in 1952-1953 and those who generously contributed to the renovation of the church in 2018-2019. Let us also pray for our architect, Craig Sauviac, who passed away, and our contractors, Pete Fermin and Don Blanchard, who are very much alive.

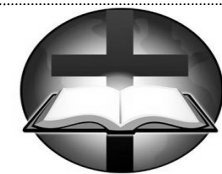
**Happy Birthday**

NOËL	CHRISTY	12/6
VIOLA	FABRE	12/6
ANN	FENELON	12/6
PAT	HIVES	12/6
PAMELA	HONORE	12/6
REESE	JONES	12/6
STEPHANIE	PRICE	12/6
MICHAEL	WILSON	12/6
ANDREA	VANCE	12/7
MARY	WASHINGTON	12/7
THEA	BURCHELL	12/8
VIOLA	DARGIN	12/8
GLORIA	MEYERS	12/8
DREXELL	FINLEY	12/9
LEOLA	DARGIN	12/9
AKEYLIAH	OLIVER	12/9
CHANZA	VEAL	12/9
ERNEST	COLEMAN	12/10
JOYCE	LEDUFF	12/10
LAWRENCE	NAVARRE, JR.	12/10
ANGELLE	JENKINS	12/11
MARIE	JOHNSON	12/11
AUBREY	JONES, JR.	12/11
JAYLA	PATRICK	12/11
ALFRED	WIMS	12/11
JANICE	ALLISON	12/12
JEFFREY	MOTEN	12/12

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY**



Tuesday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Mass will be celebrated at 12:10 PM and 7:00 PM on December 8. We celebrate that God preserved Mary from original sin at her conception. God had a plan for our salvation and he was working it out. We are reminded of Romans 8:29: *For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the first born among many brothers. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.*



**Mass Readings**

December 6th - December 13th  
**Sunday**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
 Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 85; 2 Peter 3:8-14  
 Gospel: Mark 1:1-8  
**Monday**  
 Is 35:1-10; Psalm 85  
 Gospel: Luke 5:17-26  
**Tuesday**  
**Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 Gn 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 98; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12  
 Gospel: Luke 1:26-38  
**Wednesday**  
 Is 40:25-31; Psalm 103  
 Gospel: Matt 11:28-30  
**Thursday**  
 Is 41:13-20; Psalm 145  
 Gospel: Matt 11:11-15  
**Friday**  
 Is 48:17-19; Psalm 1  
 Gospel: Matt 11:16-19  
**Saturday**  
**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
 Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13  
 Gospel: Luke 1:26-38  
**Sunday**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
 Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Luke 1; 1 Thes 5:16-24  
 Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

**ONLINE DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH**



Many thanks to all who are so generously and conscientiously making their stewardship donations to the church and to the building fund. Just a note to those who are contributing online. If you are making your donation as an ACH (automatic) withdrawal from your checking or savings account, the processing fee is about 5 to 6%. If you make the donation with a credit card or debit card, the fee is about 2 to 3%. More of your donation goes to the church if you use a credit or debit card.

