



2ND SUNDAY OF Advent

No PRE on Dec 13th & 27th

Christmas Party for all the children of St. Regina is on Dec 20th



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DEC 10TH SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

..GOD'S DELAY

In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, "Where is God? Why hasn't your Lord come to save you now?"

And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today's second reading: the "delay" of the Lord's second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God's patience. God is giving *everyone* the chance to seek repentance.

God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a "straight highway" for them across the desert.

We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God's Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side.

FEAST OF FAITH

Watching for Christ's Coming

In the season of Advent, we look to the coming of Christ at the end of time, and we prepare ourselves to celebrate his first coming among us at Christmas. Remembrance of the past is combined with preparation for the future. Memory meets action.

In a certain sense, the Mass is an Advent prayer. At the Last Supper, Jesus did not tell his disciples, "Never forget what I did for you." Instead, he said, "Do this in remembrance of me." He calls us to remember by *doing*, to combine memory with action. In the celebration of the Eucharist, remembering and doing become one. Jesus is as present in our midst as he was in that upper room, breaking the bread and sharing the cup; but it is a new kind of presence, seen only with the eyes of faith. In the heavenly liturgy, there will be no need of sacraments, for there, "celebration is wholly communion and feast" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1136). Here, things are different. We have only glimpses and flashes of the beauty that is yet to be. And yet, in the liturgy, we truly participate in the heavenly liturgy. The Mass is our foretaste of the joys of heaven.

Volunteers needed to help decorate for Christmas . We will decorate on Dec 17th after Mass please stay and help .

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Ambrose;

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Juan Diego

Thursday: International Human Rights Day;

Hanukkah begins at sunset

Friday: St. Damasus I

Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

December

LECTOR MARK

SERVERS LESLIE & MARINA

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

DEC10th

LECTOR JANET&MARINA

SERVER CARLOS & MAX

COUNTER MARY & ANN F

DEC 17

LECTOR PEGGY

SERVERS JESUS & LESLIE

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

DEC 24th

LECTOR JEFF

SERVER CARLOS & MAX

COUNTER MARY & ANN F

DEC 31st

LECTOR BEVERLY

SERVER JESUS

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

Advent penance is Dec 13th Mass is at 5:00 pm with the penance service following.

.PURE HEARTS

Those whose hearts are pure are the temples of the Holy Spirit.

Special Collection

Villa Vianney December 25, 2023

Dec 3rd 2023

Sunday collection

\$1316.00

B&M

\$135.00

Flowers

\$30.00