

Second Sunday in Advent

December 8, 2024



A DEEP CHANGE OF HEART

When John proclaimed a baptism of repentance, as today's Gospel relates, he called people to a deep change of heart. For John the Baptist, repentance was not simply regret for past failings, but a commitment to orient life around God's desires and purposes. What might living in alignment with God's desires look like? Our readings offer some clues. Baruch indicates that when mercy and justice are embraced like a royal garment, we may see the fruits of repentance. Paul notes how the Holy Spirit has been active within the church in Philippi, forming them to live in a loving and united community of faith, so they may witness to the love of God. And John himself suggests that a repentant heart clears a path for God to enter, leveling the mountains and valleys of our resistance, so that God might dwell within.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

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Almighty and merciful God,
 may no earthly undertaking hinder those
 who set out in haste to meet your Son,
 but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
 gain us admittance to his company.
 Who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever.

Monday December 9th is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass will be at 5:00 pm The Bishop has issued a dispensation Therefore, you are not obliged to attend Mass.

There is a change to the calendar
 January 1st Mass will be St. Andrew at
 9:00 am and St. Regina at 11:00am It is a
 holy of obligation

Reflection question:

What earthly undertakings do I need to set aside so that I can set out to meet God's Son?

**No P R E Wednesday
 December 11th**

**Hispanic Feast Day of Our Lady of
 Guadalupe Saturday December
 14th at 6pm. Everyone is invited!**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

Readings for the week

Monday: Gen 3:9-15,20; Ps 98; G Luke 1:26-28

Tuesday: Isaiah 40:1-11; Ps 96; G Matt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31; Ps 103; G Marr 11:28-30

Thursday: Rev 11:19; Ps Jud 13:18bcde,19; G Luke 1:39-47

Friday: Isaiah 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2,3,4&6; G Matt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4,9-11; Ps 80; G Matt 17:9a,10-13

Sunday: Zeph 3:14-18a; Ps Isaiah 12:2-34,5-6;
 G Luke 3:10-18

Advent Penance Service at 5:30 pm after Mass on Wednesday December 11th

SUNDAY COLLECTION
 12-1--2024
\$1014.00
B&M
\$139.00
Flowers
\$55.00

Dec 1st 1st Sunday of Advent
 Lector Mary
 Lectors for December
 Server Jesus
 Dec 4th Peggy
 Eucharistic M Ann C, Anita, Jim M
 Dec 11th Cheri
 Counter Mary & Ann
 Dec 18th Beverly

Dec 8th 2nd Sunday of Advent
 Lector Janet & Marina
 Server Carlos & Max
 Eucharistic M Peggy, Tom, Beverly
 Counter Tom & Beverly

DEC 9th Immaculate Conception Monday
 LECTOR Beverly
 Eucharistic M Peggy

DEC 15th 3RD Sunday of Advent
 Lector Peggy
 Server Jesus
 Eucharistic M Janet, Florencia, Ann F.
 Counter Mary & Ann

DEC 22nd 4TH Sunday of Advent
 Lector Beverly
 Server Carlos & Max
 Eucharistic M Jim, Peggy, Anita
 Counter Tom & Beverly

DEC 25 Christmas Wednesday 11:00 A&M
 Lector Mark
 Server Jesus
 Eucharistic M Ann C., Anita, Jim

DEC 29TH
 Lector Mary
 Server Max
 Eucharistic M (Counter Tom, Florencia, Janet Tom & Beverly)