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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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‘Prepare
the way
of the Lord.’

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Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish is called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community. We are committed: to our urban neighborhoods, to being the Cathedral of the Diocese, and to fellowship, formation, sacrament, and prayer.

This Week

At The Cathedral

December 8 - 15, 2019



SUN 8 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
 (Sat) 6:00 PM Mass for Leonard Romanek
 8:00 AM Mass for the Parishioners
 10:30 AM Mass for Wib & Rose Breiding
 6:00 PM Vespers

MON 9 **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
 12:05 PM Mass for Bartholomew Purpura

TUE 10 **Advent Weekday**
 12:05 PM Mass for James LaFlam, Sr.

WED 11 **Advent Weekday**
Saint Damasus I, pope
 12:05 PM Mass for Mary Bartolovich

THU 12 **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**
 12:05 PM Mass for Jack & Evelyn Jochum

FRI 13 **Saint Lucy, virgin, martyr**
 11:15 AM Confessions
 12:05 PM Mass for Bernard Carson Monnes

SAT 14 **Saint John of the Cross, priest, doctor of the Chrch**
 9:00 AM Mass for Dr. Adiel Anghie
 9:30 AM Rosary
 5:00 PM Confessions
 6:00 PM Mass for Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery

SUN 15 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
 8:00 AM Mass for Helen Pasden
 9:15 AM Religious Education Classes (*Offices*)
 10:30 AM Mass for the Parishioners
Blessing of the Bambinelli
 6:00 PM Vespers



Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10 • Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Romans 15:4-9 • Matthew 3:1-12

The days get shorter and Christmas gets closer. It seems like a paradox, but it's a powerful reminder that light overcomes darkness. The Church offers us Advent to train us in attentive trust, so that we can give God permission to come into our lives.

The gospel today brings the figure of John the Baptist to the forefront. He's a wild character, the last of the Old Testament prophets. He'd be perfectly at home in a survival show, with his camel hair gear and his eccentric diet of locusts and wild honey. He doesn't mince words either. He calls for repentance. He takes the religious leaders to the prophetic woodshed for their insincerity, and he calls all of us to repent.

Repentance is simple. It's the recognition that I am infinitely loved by God, that I have sometimes failed to live up to that love, and that I need his mercy. Repentance, in the end, is giving God a free hand to work in my life as he wants. This is supremely freeing. It means that I don't have to save myself. It means that I allow Jesus to enter into my life, and take control.

Saint John the Baptist lived that in his own life. We know that later on he was arrested by King Herod for pointing out the King's adulterous relationship. John was thrown into prison, and he was tempted to doubt. Was this part of God's plan? Sure the whole baptism episode was clearly from God, but could God really want him to be unjustly imprisoned? He sent some friends to ask Jesus if he were really the savior or not. And Jesus replied: "Tell John to remember what he has seen and heard."

Jesus is pointing out that true repentance means accepting that God is free to work in our lives as he sees best. He is God, he loves us so much and knows what is best for us. |

Advent Vespers

Sunday evenings during Advent at 6:00 p.m.

Vespers, also called Evening Prayer, is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. We encourage you to join us at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph for Solemn Vespers each Sunday evening during Advent at 6:00 p.m. In addition to the prayers and music provided by the Cathedral Schola, there will be an Advent Reflection given by a guest priest.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Celebrated on Monday, December 9 at 12:05 p.m.

On December 8 each year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the solemn dogma defined by Blessed Pope Pius IX in 1854. On this day we praise God for the hope and possibility that Mary embodies, as we turn to our Blessed Mother to learn from the first and most important relationship Jesus Christ experienced among us. Since Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception is the patroness of the United States of America, we have extra cause for joy and devotion on this feast day. Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. Since this feast day falls on a Sunday this year, the Solemnity has been transferred to Monday and the obligation to attend Mass has been lifted.

Please join us at the Cathedral for Mass on Monday, December 9 at 12:05 p.m. as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

December: Month of the Divine Infancy

During this month of December, as we look forward to Christmas, we recall the Divine Infancy of Christ. Devotion to the Infant Jesus is to marvel at His having humbled Himself by taking on a human nature, subjecting Himself to all that flesh is heir to (minus the effects of original sin, of course), even subjecting Himself to the earthly authority of Mary and Joseph. Through prayer, let the humble and peaceful ways of the Divine Child Jesus become ours as we strive to serve and love as he continues to do.

In your charity, please keep in your prayers:

Andrew Helfer, Archer Hatch, Arthur Danehart, Austin Cook, Barb Mazzocca, Bertha Wurtzbacher, Betty Lou Galloway, Betty Teater, Bill Wilson, Bob Armstrong, Bob Jones, Brogan Gallentine, Caleb Hlebiczi, Charles Heizer, Children of the Youth Services System, Christina Helfer, Chuck Fair, David A. Kress, Jr., Eva Wood, Father Joseph Wilhelm, Frank Davis, Fred Herink, Frederick C. Schweizer, Gail Koch, George Kirchner, Geri Adams Nagy, Helen Chiazza, Hines Rotriga, Jane Rudari, Marlene Martin, Janet Cupp, Janie, Jean and Chuck Schultz, Jim Antill, Jim and Dee, Jimmy Hocking, John Petrella, Jon-Michael Lasher, Judy Pack, Julia Sheets, Kathy Cooley, Kaitlyn Hanasky, Kenneth Shores, Kermit Klosterman, Liam Manning, Lukie Brown, Margaret Stocke, Mark Davis, Martha Yocum, Mary Ann Fowler, Mary K. Schlosser, Mary Walicki, Michael DeBlasis, Milissa Rose, Milly Burke, Mona Wurtzbacher, Nadine Greenwood, Norma Bosold, Patricia Kalisz, Pete Cuffaro, Pete Mack, Philippa Shores, R. J. Stocke, Richard Simon, Rick Burgy, Ron Hickman, Rosalie Davis, Rose Otey, Sarah Hanasky, Sarah Sargent, Shirley DeCaria, Sr. Mary Florence Burke, Stanley Kyr, Stephanie Bugaj, Susan Graff, Susan Mize, Susan Schulte, Tammy, Teresa Helfer, Thelma Pearson, Thomas Griffith, Trystan Timmons, Victoria Jeskey

Advent & Christmas
AT THE CATHEDRAL



. . . ADVENT SEASON CHRISTMAS SEASON

<p>Sundays at 6:00 p.m. VESPERS</p> <p>Sunday, December 15 at 10:30 a.m. BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI <i>Bring the Baby Jesus from your Nativity scene to be blessed at the Cathedral</i></p> <p>Sunday, December 22 at Noon DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE MASS Choral Meditations at 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>MASS DURING THE NIGHT Choral Meditations: 11:30 p.m. Mass at Midnight</p> <p>Wednesday, December 25 CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE DAY 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Wednesday, January 1 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Masses: (Tues) 6 p.m., (Wed) 9 a.m.</p>
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Women's Faith Sharing Holiday Luncheon

Thursday, December 12 at 1:00 p.m.
Perkins Restaurant, Wheeling

The Cathedral Women's Faith Sharing gathering for December will be a Holiday Luncheon at Perkins, Thursday, Dec. 12, 1:00 pm following noon liturgy and Litany of the Sacred Heart. RSVP Diane (304-233-8574) or see Janet after mass by Tuesday, December 10.

Blessing of the Bambinelli

Sunday, December 15 during the 10:30 a.m. Mass

The blessing of the Bambinelli has been a tradition in Rome for many years. On the Third Sunday of Advent, also called Gaudete Sunday (December 15'), we are called to rejoice as we anticipate the birth of Jesus. The children of Rome bring the Christ Child from their family manger to St. Peter's Square for the Holy Father to bless at the time of his Sunday Angelus. Continuing this tradition, everyone is invited to bring their Baby Jesus figurines from their home Nativity scenes to be blessed at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph during the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 15.

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Holiday Project

Angel Tree

THANK YOU for your support in our Angel Tree this year! Your kindness and generosity will bring Christmas joy to so many young people.

And special thanks to the wonderful staff at Altmeyer Funeral Homes for their help in delivering the gifts this year.



Weekly Collection

December 1, 2019
Envelopes: \$1819 Loose: \$506
Online: \$350

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Cathedral of Saint Joseph *Parish Council Elections*

Please find below the 2019-2020 Nominees for the Parish Council. Please take time to read their biographies in preparation for the election. Election Ballots will be mailed to registered members of the parish. They may be turned in through the collection basket through December 22. Thank you for your assistance.



Brother John Byrd

Brother John Byrd, F.M.S., has been a member of the Cathedral parish since 2008. He participates in Mass as a reader and a member of the choir. He usually attends either the 10:30 Mass on Sunday or the 6:00 Mass on Saturday. Brother John participates in many community services projects around Wheeling including tutoring at Ritchie School in South Wheeling, visiting nursing homes, and serving as the vice-president of the South Wheeling Preservation Alliance. He also serves as a counselor at Central Catholic High School. He would be honored to serve on parish council to help continue the good ministries of the Cathedral and to help us continue to grow spiritually through this difficult time in the Diocese.

Tiffany Boury

Dr. Tiffany Boury has been a member of St. Joseph Cathedral for four years, attending the 10:30 Mass and participating as a reader and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. She is a faculty member at Franciscan University of Steubenville, where she is the director of the Master of Catholic Leadership program and serves on multiple committees. Tiffany believes her experiences at Franciscan would help her lead the parish in new projects and outreach to the community as part of the parish council.



James Mullaoly

Jim has been a member of the Cathedral parish since 1993. He has been a reader since that time, and had sat on the Liturgy Committee under the direction of Fr. Dorsch. He usually attends either the 10:30 Mass on Sunday or the 6:00 Mass on Saturday. Jim works as a credentialed Drug and Alcohol Counselor serving our community. He is very interested to serve on parish council during this critical time. He feels his gifts as a healer will help our parish to see the “bigger picture” in our recent crisis and help us all grow in faith.

Vivienne Perri

Vivienne has been a member of St. Joseph Cathedral for seventeen and a half years. She and her husband, Dave, and two children, Carlo and Lucia, usually attend the 10:30 Mass on Sundays. She has been a dedicated member to the Cathedral, volunteering her time and talent in seasonal environmental design, the Christmas Nativity build, singing in the choir, and reading. In addition, she serves as the chairperson for the Community !MPACT Coalition (a substance abuse prevention program). Vivienne hopes to use her talents and education to further serve, care, and advocate for the Cathedral parish and the Catholic Church in West Virginia on the parish council, now more than ever.



Sara Risavich



Sara Risovich has been a devoted member of the Cathedral parish for 20 years. She serves her church and community in a number of ways including serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion during weekday Masses and on some weekends. She also volunteers at the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center and at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home weekly. As a parishioner, Sara would be honored to be involved with the good work done by our parish council. A registered nurse by profession, Sara cares deeply about helping others. She is a wife, a mother of six, and a grandmother to ten precious grandchildren. You can often see her at either Saturday evening Mass or at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday.

Ginny Shutler

Ginny is a retired CPA and former teacher. She has been a member of St. Joseph Cathedral since 1996. Over the years she had been actively involved in a variety of church ministries. Currently she serves as a Greeter and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Ginny also participates in several non-profit organizations such as the Women's Club of Wheeling and the Collegiate Alumnae Association. Ginny said that it is an honor to be nominated for parish council.



Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist seems like an interesting character. He lives in the desert, clothed in camel hair, eating locusts and wild honey. He is the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary's relative. He has his own fascinating birth story in the first chapter of Luke. An angel of the Lord told Zechariah that John would be filled with the Holy Spirit and would turn many of the house of Israel to the Lord. Poor Zechariah had a difficult time believing what he heard because he and his wife were advanced in years so he was rendered mute until John was born.

A full eight hundred years before the birth of John the prophet Isaiah spoke of him when he wrote: A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord..." Clearly John was a part of God's plan to bring salvation to His people and many were drawn to His message.

Has it occurred to you that you are part of His plan as well? You may not have an

exciting birth story or eat grasshoppers but He has called you and your family to bring His love and mercy to your part of the world. Think about all the people in your life: family, coworkers, neighbors, friends, even people randomly met during your busy day. Each interaction is an opportunity to spread the good news through your actions. Just as word spread of John's baptism in the Jordan River, your acts of love ripple out to others you may never meet.

As we prepare for Christmas, let's not overlook preparing ourselves so that we're not worn out by December 25th. One of the ways Jesus cared for himself was to go away from time to time to be in solitude. It was in those times that he connected with his Father. All parents can use some quiet time with God, and Advent is a good time to do this. Daylight diminishes and a kind of quiet seems to settle over the land. It's as if all of nature is inviting us to slow down. Take a few quiet minutes each day to connect



with God in prayer and allow God's love to fill your heart.

This week, as you prepare for Christmas, pay attention to those around you. They are God's people and need to know of His love. You can share the good news through simple acts such as holding a door, giving a smile, and saying, "Have a blessed day." If you have young children challenge them to do one thing each day to brighten someone's life. Like John the Baptist we are each called to turn others to the Lord. Let us cry out in the wilderness, Prepare the way of the Lord!

Christmas Masses - Volunteers Needed

There are ministry sign-up sheets in the narthex of the church for the liturgies on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please consider signing up for one of these important ministries.



Please remember in your prayers:

Robert DiBias
(† Nov 28, 2019)



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Scripture Readings

The readings are included each week so that those who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.

Week of December 8

Monday

Genesis 3:9-15, 20
Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12
Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday

Isaiah 40:1-11
Ps 96:1-2, 3, 10, 11-12, 13
Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday

Isaiah 40:25-31
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10
Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday

Zachariah 2:14-17 or
Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10
(Ps) Judith 13:18, 19
Luke 1:26-38

Friday

Isaiah 48:17-19
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6
Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11
Ps 80:2, 3, 15-16, 18-19
Matthew 17:9, 10-13

Next Sunday

Isaiah 35:1-5, 10
Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Weekly Devotions at the Cathedral

The following devotions are prayed each week following the 12:05 pm Mass:

Miraculous Medal Novena
Monday

Litany of Loreto
Tuesday

Litany of Saint Joseph
Wednesday

Litany of the Sacred Heart
Thursday

Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Fridays

The Holy Rosary
Saturdays after the 9 am Mass



This Week with the Saints

December 11 - As pope, **Saint Damasus I** (c.306-384) commissioned his secretary, St. Jerome, to revise the Latin Bible in use at that time by translating the Old Testament from the Hebrew rather than the Greek version. The Vulgate remained the standard Latin translation until 1979. Damasus presided over the Council of Rome, at which the canon of scripture, or recognized books in the Bible, was set. He fought to counteract Apollinarianism, an over correction to Arianism that de-emphasized Christ's humanity. He is also known for the verses he composed to adorn the tombs of the martyrs in Rome.



December 13 - **Saint Lucy** (c.283-304), even from a young age, had a burning desire to serve God and an infinite love for the poor. Living in Syracuse, a city in Sicily, she fell prey to the Diocletian persecutions, which eventually resulted in her martyrdom. She resisted a man, believed to be a Roman soldier, who tried to rape her. He, in turn, denounced her as a Christian and had her tortured and killed.

Numerous legends revolve around her death, but one that has gained popularity is that she tore out her eyes in an act to resist her attacker. Her name in Latin, *Lucia*, comes from *lux*, *lucis*, meaning light; therefore, many northern countries honor her at this time of year when darkness is pervasive. Sweden celebrates the virginity and martyrdom of St. Lucy during a festival of light with a sacred procession of young girls clothed in white dresses with red sashes, and crowned with lit candles. *Patronage*: those with eye troubles; Sicily

December 14 - **Saint John of the Cross** (1542-1591), grew up near Avila in poverty. His father died when he was young, and his widowed mother struggled to support the family. Shortly after his ordination in 1567, he met Teresa of Avila and was drawn into her reform of the Carmelites. The reform set Carmelite brother against brother, and John was even imprisoned but used the time to write the *Spiritual Canticle*. For this, and for his other great work, *Dark Night of the Soul*, he is considered one of the greatest poets to write in Spanish. *Patronage*: contemplatives



Our Lady of Guadalupe - December 12

The Church throughout America (North, Central, and South) celebrates on December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. It is a feast in the United States of America, but in many Hispanic countries, such as Mexico, it is raised to a solemnity.

The story of the origins of the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is well known. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin was a quiet, humble man, a poor peasant. When the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him and asked him to tell the local bishop to build a church in her honor, Juan Diego became a very reluctant messenger. The bishop would not believe him. So Mary filled Juan Diego's tilma, or cloak, with roses in December, and when he emptied out these beautiful flowers at the bishop's feet, there, imprinted on his tilma, was a wonderful image of the Virgin, dressed like a young Aztec woman.



Pope Francis has spoken several times on his devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe, observing: "In Mary we find the faithful reflection not of a poetically sweetened faith, but of a strong faith especially at a time when the sweet enchantments of things are broken and there are contradictions in conflict everywhere."

The Virgin Mary proclaims that her service is to God, and that his will should be done. We too are called to serve God's Kingdom in the teaching of Jesus Christ, Son of Mary and Son of God. Join us for Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Thursday, December 12 at 12:05 p.m.



Donors Name

Qty Total

6½" (1 plant) Poinsettia	\$12	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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In Memory of

8½" (3 plants) Poinsettia	\$23	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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10" Red & White Combination	\$25	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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10" Large Basket (9 plants) Red & White Combination	\$35	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please place your order form and your check in an envelope. Mail or drop it in the collection basket no later than December 20.

15" Terra Cotta Pot (4 plants)	\$35	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Totals Due	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Payment must accompany order form!

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*Saint Joseph,
pray for us!*

MASSES

Sundays: 6:00 p.m. (Saturday)
8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Weekdays: 12:05 p.m. Monday thru Friday
9:00 a.m. Saturday

Holy Days: Please consult the bulletin

Confessions

Friday 11:15-11:45 a.m.

Saturday: 5:00-5:45 p.m.
or by appointment

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BAPTISMS / INITIATION

Both Baptism and the Rite of Initiation for Adults can be arranged by contacting the parish office.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples who are members of the Cathedral parish should contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office to arrange for a visit.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be obtained through the parish office.
Please notify the parish office of address changes through the parish office or by visiting the website.

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