

AS THE EARTH BRINGS FORTH ITS PLANTS,  
AND A GARDEN MAKES ITS GROWTH SPRING UP,  
SO WILL THE LORD GOD MAKE JUSTICE AND PRAISE  
SPRING UP BEFORE ALL THE NATIONS.

ISAIAH 61:11



THIRD SUNDAY OF  
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# December 13, 2020

# Third Sunday of Advent

## JOHN THE BAPTIST

At a school open house a woman could be overheard introducing her husband to some of the other parents. "Oh, Bill, I'd like you to meet Johnny's father. And over here, this is Marie's mom; you know, the little girl from our Ellen's soccer team."

With satisfied resignation Bill introduced himself not by name: "I'm Ellen's Dad."

It's good to know who you are. Be it someone's father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife, it's important to embrace the full meaning of our various roles.

John the Baptist knows who he is. And who he is not. He is not the Christ. Nor Elijah. Nor like any other prophet God's people had ever seen.

John the Baptist knows his mission is divine. He's more than satisfied to be the one to announce the coming of God's reign. The Christ is near. Make straight your paths. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

**Psalm** — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

**Second Reading** — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

**Gospel** — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John of the Cross

Wednesday: *Las Posadas* begins

## FEAST OF FAITH

### The Shape of the Mass

In the renewal of the liturgy that followed the Second Vatican Council, the full, conscious, and active participation of the assembly was the primary consideration. By participation, the Council Fathers did not mean just joining in the singing and the spoken responses, but active engagement and prayerful understanding of the rites. They envisioned a transparent liturgy, a worship that spoke so directly to the hearts and minds of the faithful that it would require no explanation at all.

The liturgy itself is the best possible catechesis on the liturgy. What does the liturgy teach us? It shows us the ministry of Jesus continuing in the present. He gathers a community. He calls us to prayer and repentance and praise. He teaches us with the very word of God. He does not send us away empty, but sets before us a marvelous banquet, feeding us with his very body and blood. Then he sends us forth to do what he has done—to give ourselves for others, not just in words, but in deeds. The Mass is the pattern of our Christian lives. Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## MEASURING SUCCESS

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles that one has overcome while trying to succeed. —Booker T. Washington

## UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE

Most people are bothered by those passages in Scripture which they can't understand; but . . . I have noticed that the passages in Scripture which trouble me most are those I do understand. —Mark Twain

## ANGELS OF PEACE

Let us not be justices of the peace, but angels of peace. —St. Thérèse of Lisieux

## BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

*Please pray for the joyful rebirth into the eternal celebration of God's love for the departed*

**William Goss**  
**Sam Bologna**  
**Richard Kowalski**

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August Budget: \$82,500

Actual: \$62,655

**Shortfall: \$19,845**

September Budget: \$66,000

Actual: \$75,243

Surplus: \$9,243

October Budget: \$66,000

Actual: \$61,717

**Shortfall: \$4,283**

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



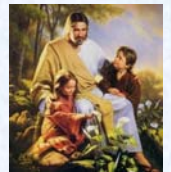
Your prayers have been a tremendous source of healing, empowerment, enrichment, and prophecies for all of the sick of Our Lady of Peace, especially those listed below.

Join us daily by sharing your spirituality and prayer devotions for the sick.

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### And for the seriously ill children of our Parish:

Damien Turrubiarres,  
Martin Viau

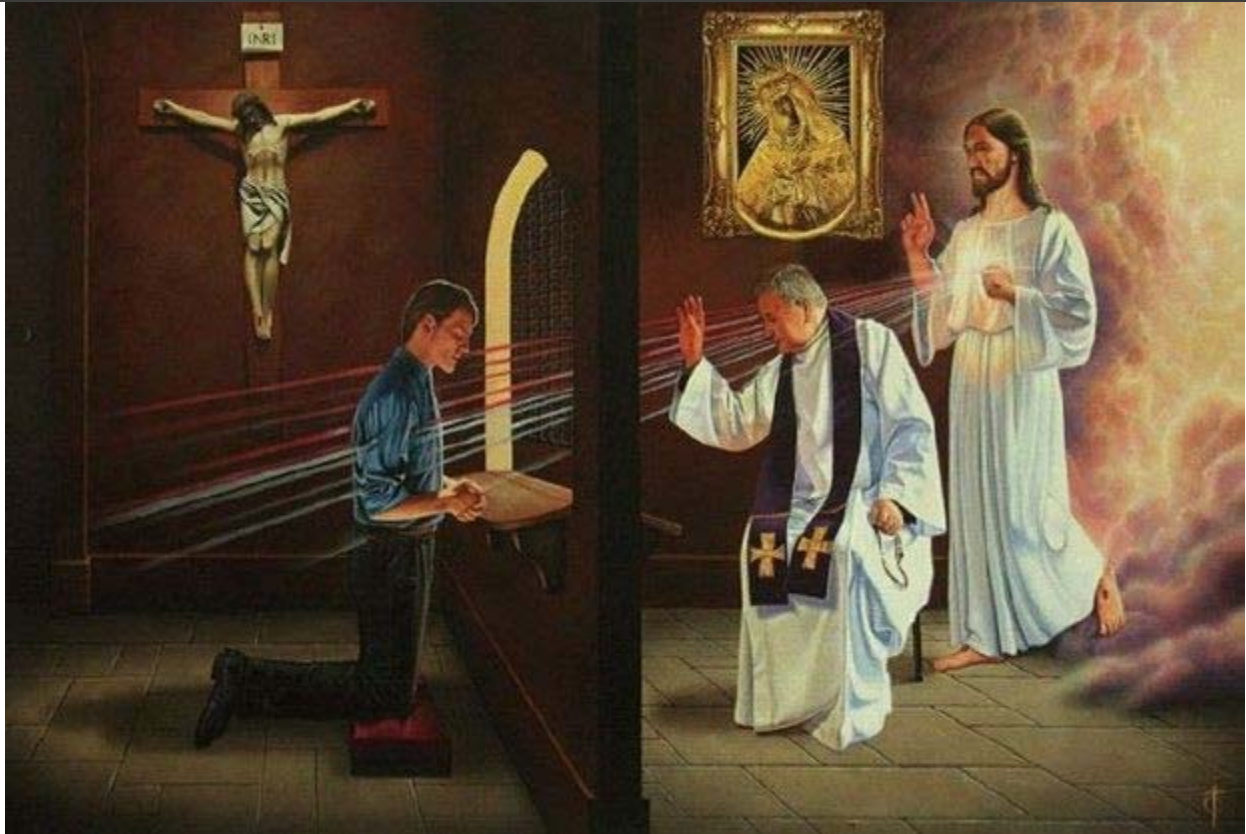


*Please Pray for the Servicemen and Women of our Parish*



**Sean Sebastian**  
**Andy Shreckengost**





Since we are now allowed a greater capacity of people for Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions, we are going to continue with our plan to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday evenings.

**Confessions** from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm in the Church on Fridays.

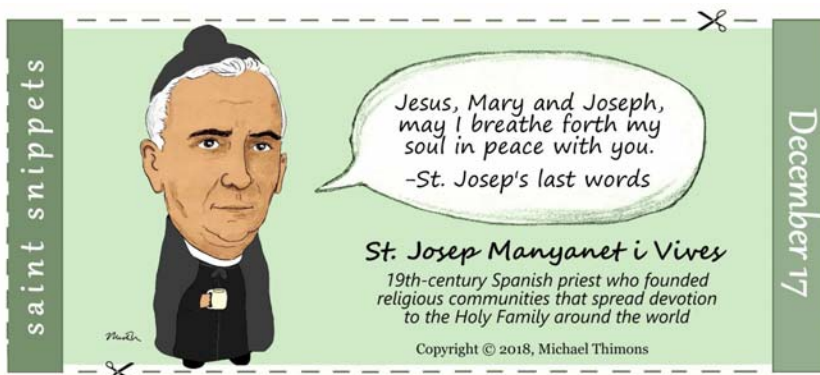
**Confessions** from 8:30 am - 9:45am in the School on Saturdays.

**Adoration** Fridays from 3:00pm - 7:00pm.

God Bless and I hope you are able to take advantage of this great Sacrament of Mercy.

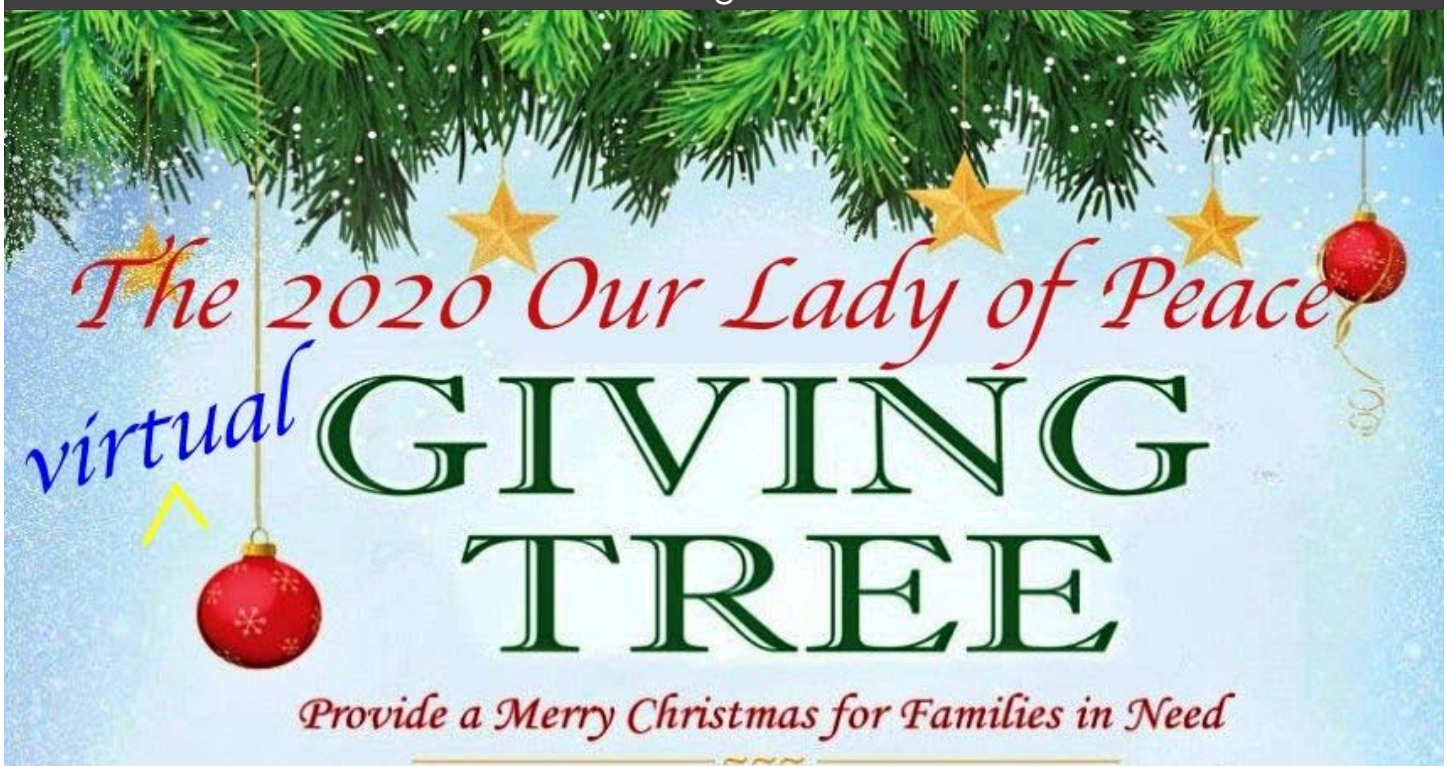
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**When:** December 8 - December 20

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- Cards purchased at a store** can be dropped off either
- at the Church when Mass is taking place
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**Cards purchased online** can be emailed to Deacon Pat Kenny at [pkenny@olopdarien.org](mailto:pkenny@olopdarien.org)

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**The Women's Center Bulletin Announcement for December 2020**

Christmas is about love and family and that is what we strive to be for the women in difficult pregnancies who come to us for help. After their babies are born, they thank us for all of our help, love and concern for them.

Our Client Christmas Parties will be on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. About 650 people will attend the parties. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to give a present to the babies and families who our counselors have saved from the pain of abortion. We are asking for virtual giving tree donations to be given to them at the parties. We must receive the donations by December 13<sup>th</sup>. These will allow the parents to purchase both a Christmas meal and gifts for their children. These may be the only presents they will receive for Christmas. May God bless you for supporting the work of The Women's Center.

For information or to donate online go to [gotwc.org/giving-tree-tags](http://gotwc.org/giving-tree-tags) or call 773-794-1313.

**VOUNTEERS NEEDED:** A volunteer is needed Saturdays at our Evergreen Park office for light office work. For more info call us at 708-320-4066.

**SEEKING FAMILY ROOM DONATIONS:** We need infant car seat/carriers (by law all car seats must be less than 7 years old), highchairs, toddler beds, exersaucers and baby swings. *We have a great need for all brands of baby formula (especially Enfamil Formula-the yellow box).* All baby food must be in date. Also needed are diapers in sizes 4, 5, and 6, pull ups, sizes 4, 5, and 6, sleepers sizes 9 to 12 months, receiving blankets, new pacifiers, **baby wipes, baby shampoo, lotion**, and breast pumps. We also need boys gently used winter clothes sizes 5, 6, 14 and 16. The families who receive these items are grateful for your generosity.

**SEEKING DONATIONS FOR NEW MOTHERS:** Our moms need items for their own use such as lotions, shampoo, toothpaste, soaps and other health and hygiene items. They will appreciate your thoughtfulness. For more information, please call 773-794-1313.



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## **BAPTISM:**

Baptisms are celebrated on the second and on the fourth Sunday of each month immediately following the 12 Noon Mass.

We ask that the parents be registered members of the parish. First time parents must attend one hour (plus) of Pre-Baptismal instruction held on 2nd or 3rd Tuesdays of February, April, June, August, October and December at 7p.m. in the School Library. The Pre-Baptismal class may be taken before the birth of the child.

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