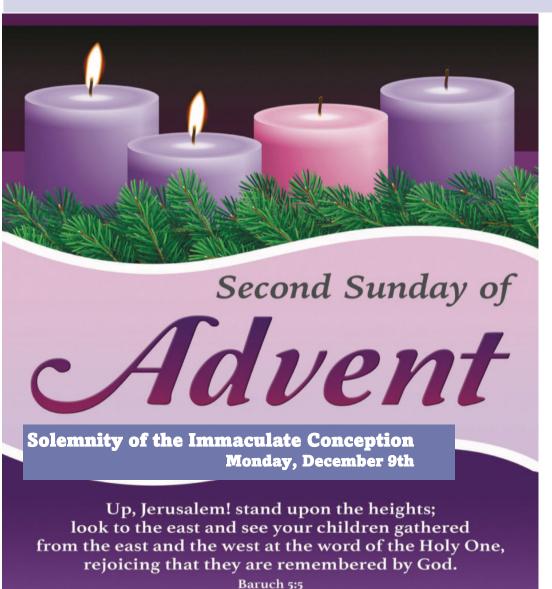




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December 8th, 2024

## Second Sunday of Advent



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# SUNDAY CONNECTION

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

### Weekday READINGS

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1-4/Eph 1:3-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-3,10-13/Mt 18:12-14

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

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 /Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-11/Ps 80:2ac,3b, 15-19/Mt 17:9a-13 Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/ls 12:2-6/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18



During the season of Advent, we choose to add many activities to our family's schedule to prepare for our celebration of Christmas. John the Baptist reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas. Parish communities often offer a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent season. Your family might choose to participate in the communal celebration of the sacrament, or you might seek out this sacrament on an individual basis.

Read together today's Gospel, Luke 3:1-6. Talk about how John the Baptist called upon the people to prepare the way of the Lord through repentance. Together as a family, prepare a simple reconciliation service in preparation for Christmas. Gather in a prayerful space, perhaps around the family Advent wreath. Read again from today's Gospel, Luke 3:1-6. Invite each family member to pray silently, asking God to forgive his or her sins.

## **QUESTIONS & CATHOLIC ANSWERS**

#### How the day of Christmas was established?

There are many different traditions and theories as to why Christmas is celebrated on December 25th. A very early Christian tradition said that the day when Mary was told that she would have a very special baby, Jesus was on March 25th - and it's still celebrated today on the 25th March as the Annunciation.

March 25th was also the day some early Christians thought the world had been made, and also the day that Jesus died on when he was an adult (Nisan 14 in the Jewish calendar) and they thought that Jesus was conceived and had died on the same day of the year. Nine months after the 25th March is the 25th December!

The first recorded date of Christmas being celebrated on December 25th was in 336, during the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (he was the first Christian Roman Emperor). But it was not an official Roman state festival at this time.

The Romans also thought that the Solstice took place on December 25th. The Roman Festival of Saturnalia took place between December 17th and 23rd and honored the Roman god Saturn. It's also thought that in 274 the Roman emperor Aurelian created *'Dies Natalis Solis Invicti'* (meaning 'birthday of the unconquered sun') also called 'Sol Invictus' and it was held on December 25th.

Most of the world uses the 'Gregorian Calendar' implemented by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582. Before that the 'Roman' or Julian Calendar was used (named after Julius Caesar). The Gregorian calendar is more accurate than the Roman calendar which had too many days in a year! When the switch was made 10 days were lost, so that the day that followed the 4th October 1582 was 15th October 1582. Many Orthodox and Coptic Churches still use the Julian Calendar and so celebrate Christmas on the 6th or 7th January.

### **Mass Intentions**

	<u>y - December 7, 2024</u>	
8:00 am	Chris Porzenheim	Fr. Padit
4.00	By Lucille Genovese	E., D. 1:4
4:00 pm	Leo Haskins By Wife & Son	Fr. Padit
6:00 pm	Louis Giardina	Fr. Eddie
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Sunday	- December 8, 2024	
	Peter Biscardi	Fr. Briese
	By Daughter & Family	
9:30 am	Cathryn Builder	Fr. Briese
11.15 am	By Margaret Ann Builder  Parishioners of OLOL	Fr. Padit
11:13 am	By Parish Clergy	ri. raun
Monday	- December 9, 2024	
	Charles Vetro	Fr. Eddie
	By Elena Vetro	
5:30 pm	Carl & Gloria Dowrich	Fr. Padit
<b>7</b> D 1	By DeLisle & Ava Callender	
8:00 am	<u>- December 10, 2024</u> All Holy Souls in Purgatory	Fr. Padit
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5:30 pm	The Immaculate Conception	Fr. Padit
	Of The Blessed Virgin Mary	
By Yolette Fidele		
	<u>day - December 11, 2024</u>	E 5 11.
8:00 am		Fr. Padit
5:30 pm	By Gilma Mark R. Kurincak	Fr. Padit
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Thursday - December 12, 2024		
8:00 am	Marty & Elena Klos	Fr. Eddie
<b>-</b> 20	By The Banos Family	P
5:30 pm	Mary Palmaro By Vincent Maieli	Fr. Eddie
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8:00 am	December 13, 2024 Peter Le Duy Le	Fr. Eddie
0.00 am	By Gia Le	11. Eddic
5:30 pm	Cristina Castellvi Rodriguez	Fr. Eddie
	By Maria Rodriguez	
Saturday - December 14, 2024		
8:00 am	Fr. Padit	Fr. Padit
4:00 pm	By Annette Justus Fr. Padit	Fr. Briese
4.00 pm	By Gemma Pompa	TT. Briese
6:00 pm	Nicolas Arturo Suarez	Fr. Eddie
	By Maria E. Suarez	
	<u>- December 15, 2024</u>	
8:00 am	Mary Williams	Fr. Briese
9:30 am	By Nancy Heise Cathryn Builder	Fr. Padit
7.50 am	By Margaret Ann Builder	ri. Fauit
11:15 am	Parishioners of OLOL	Fr. Padit
	By Parish Clergy	



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## FIRST VESPERS OF THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT FOR UNBORN LIFE (Pope BENEDICT XVI, 27 November 2010)

In this Advent Season we shall be granted once again to experience the closeness of the One who created the world, who guides history and who cared for us to the point of deigning to become a man.

This great and fascinating mystery of the God-with-us, indeed, of the God who becomes one of us, is what we shall celebrate in the coming weeks journeying towards holy Christmas. During the Season of Advent we shall feel the Church which takes us by the hand and — in the image of Mary Most Holy, expresses her motherhood, enabling us to experience the joyful expectation of the coming of the Lord, who embraces us all in his love that saves and consoles.

While our hearts look forward to the annual celebration of Christ's Birth, the Church's Liturgy directs our gaze to the final goal: our encounter with the Lord who will come in the splendor of glory. For this reason in every Eucharist we "announce his death, proclaim his Resurrection until he comes again", we watch in prayer. (...)

Dear brothers and sisters, our gathering this evening for the beginning of the journey through Advent is enriched by another important reason: together with the whole Church we wish to celebrate a solemn prayer vigil for unborn life. I would like to express my gratitude to all those who have accepted this invitation and to those who are specifically dedicated to welcoming and safeguarding human life in its various situations of frailty, especially when it is newly conceived and in its early stages.

Precisely, the beginning of the Liturgical Year helps us live anew the expectation of God who took flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, God who makes himself little, who becomes a child; it speaks to us of the coming of a God who is close, who chose to experience human life from the very beginning in order to save it totally, in its fullness. And so the mystery of Lord's Incarnation and the beginning of human life are closely and harmoniously connected and in tune with each other in the one saving plan of God, the Lord of the life of each and everyone.

The Incarnation reveals to us, with intense light and in a surprising way, that every human life has a very lofty and incomparable dignity. (...)

In the face of the sad view of injustices committed against human life, before and after birth, I make my own Pope John Paul II's passionate appeal to the responsibility of each and every individual: "respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!" (*Encyclical Evangelium* vitae, n. 5). (...) Let us entrust our prayers and our commitment to unborn life to the Virgin Mary, who welcomed the Son of God made man with her faith, with her maternal womb, with her attentive care, with her nurturing support, vibrant with love.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of December 8th, this year will be celebrated on Monday, December 9th.

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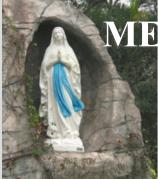
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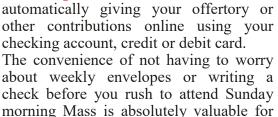
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