



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2018

Sunday, December 9 Second Sunday in Advent

BW 8:30 Michael Ryan

BW10:30 Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

BW12:00 Gus Juengling from Gloria Miller

Monday, December 10

12:10 Evelyn Meier (Birthday Remembrance) from the Family

Tuesday, December 11

Saint Damasus I, Pope

12:10 Don Muchmore from Joan

Wednesday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

12:10 Ruth Ahaus (Birthday Remembrance) from Elaine Ahaus

Thursday, December 13

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

12:10 Ron Koettters from the Family

Friday, December 14

Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

12:10 Michael Ryan from the Family

Saturday, December 15

12:10 Dave White from James and Jacquelyn Wetzel

BW 7:00 Jim Kimmet from Patty and Paul

Sunday, December 16 Third Sunday in Advent

BW 8:30 Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

BW10:30 Walter Meier from the Family

BW12:00 Ron Koettters from the Family

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS 2018

Wed., Dec. 12th Advent Penance Service—7PM

Monday, Dec. 24th Christmas Eve 3PM, 5PM, 7PM, 10:00 PM

Tuesday, Christmas Day 8:30AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM

Mary, Mother of God—Holy Day of Obligation

Dec. 31 5PM & 7PM Jan. 1st 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 12PM

***Please return your Saint Vincent DePaul boxes by
next Sunday, December 16th.***

From the Pastor's Desk

Lyla Rose Nichols and Gabriella Hope Ramsey were welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism December 2nd here at St. Rose Church.

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of **Jo Ann Lambers** whose funeral was December 7th here at St. Rose Church.

Today is the collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. One collection only.

In the back of church are your envelopes and gift for 2019. If you have any corrections on the name or address or cannot find your envelopes, please call RoseAnn @513- 871-1162.

The annual St. Rose Christmas Party is on **Tuesday, Dec.18th**. Doors will be open at 6:00 p.m. In addition to a potluck dinner, Paul Welch will lead us again this year in a carol sing-a-long. St. Rose will provide the meat, dessert, and drinks. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite covered dish.

Tickets will be on sale after the Masses in the back of church.

We are excited to present our fourth annual **Christmas Concert** on **Sunday, December 23rd** at 4:00 PM. The Choir of St. Rose will be joined by chamber orchestra and featured soloists for a **Christmas** spectacular celebrating the true meaning of the season. Over the past few years, this heartwarming concert has become a beloved **Christmas** tradition for many parishioners and friends of St. Rose. We warmly invite you and your family and friends to join us for this one-of-a-kind, free concert. Tickets are not required.

Lectors/Lay Distributors for December 15th and December 16th

7:00 Joe Christmamm, M. Luehrmann, F. McCune, W. Russ, L. Solimine,

8:30 Jon Hemmer, Matt Howland, Tom Perrino, Tim Smullen, Lenny Diaspro

10:30 Roland Becker, Rich Creighton, Bob Sheil, Joseph Sonnefeld, Jerry McCabe

12:00 Patrick Homan, Matt Scheitering, Shawn Gillete, Ron Frey

...John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

*“Prepare the way of the Lord,
Make straight his paths.*

*Every valley shall be filled and every mountain
and hill shall be made low*

*The winding roads shall be made straight, and
the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”*

Luke

This Weekend's Hymns

*All hymns can be found in
the Seasonal Missalette.*

Opening Hymn: #318

Closing Hymn: #198

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Opening Prayer

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,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Beginning with John the Baptist's preaching, Luke situates the Christ-event in a particular historical time and place, for, as he tells us in Acts 26:26, these things did not happen in a corner. And it is precisely because of Luke's desire to give us the historical details that scholars can be fairly confident of their dating. Luke cites both civil and religious leaders to situate the Christ-event in history. The Emperor Tiberius, who reigned from AD 14 to 36, succeeded Caesar Augustus, which means that the fifteenth year of Tiberius's reign could be anywhere from AD 27 to 29 depending on how one counts the years.

The historical details do much in demonstrating that Jesus was a historical figure. The Christ-event is not a mere myth like so many other Greek and Roman tales. Jesus was a living, breathing Jewish human being who lived in the Roman Empire in the province of Judea. These things did not happen in a corner (cf. Acts 26:26).

Once the events are situated in their historical setting, Luke continues the narrative with the story about John the Baptist, whose birth is recounted in the first chapter. There we hear the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth having a child even though Elizabeth is barren. It is Luke who essentially makes John a cousin of Jesus, a detail found nowhere else in the New Testament. The appellation of John as "son of Zechariah" (Luke 3:2) is a nod to the story in the first chapter.

These details alone—the historical setting and the familial relationship between John and Jesus—tell us we are dealing with a unique author who has his own theological insights to convey. Luke is a gifted storyteller, theologian, and evangelist. We do well to read his story carefully.

Closing Prayer

Lord, God Almighty, you have done great things for us and we are blessed. May we share with all peoples the good news of what you have done, reflecting the goodness and mercy you have to offer, so that we are true exemplars of your Christ. We ask this in his name. Amen.



For Reflection:

• As a parish how might you prepare to welcome with love and joy the people who will join your community to celebrate Christmas?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert.

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:
*A voice of one crying out in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."*



*Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

Readings for the week:

2nd Sunday of Advent	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	3rd Sunday of Advent
Bar 3:1-9	Isa 35:1-10	Isa 40:1-11	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Isa 41:23-29	Isa 48:17-19	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11	Zeph 3:14-18a
Ps 128:1-2, 2-5, 4-5, 6	Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14	Ps 98:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13	Zech 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab	Ps 148:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab	Ps 11-2, 3, 4 and 6	Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19	Isa 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
Phil 1:4-4, 8-11	Luke 3:17-26	Matt 18:12-14	Jdt 13:18bcde, 19	Matt 11:11-15	Matt 11:16-19	Matt 17:9a, 10-13	Phl 4:4-7
Luke 3:1-6			Luke 1:25:38 or Luke 1:30-47				Luke 9:10-18