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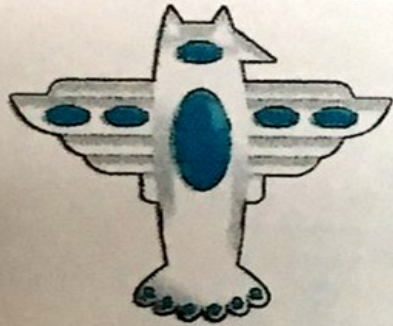


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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

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St . Ann's Parish

Sunday's at 9:00 a.m.

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Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

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Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Mass- St Ann's Parish

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at
9:00 a.m.

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Prayer after Communion

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, through our partaking in this mystery,
you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth
and hold firm to the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Announcements/Events from St Ann's & Dioceses

Adoration

Adoration of the blessed
sacrament: Every 1st &
3rd Thursday of each
month, St Ann's Parish.



**Adoration Thursday, 4:PM to 6:PM
December 5, 2024**
December 19,2024

Important Reminder

Once you have received the host in
your hand,
Please **do not** step to the side and
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Saturday, December 7, 2024
Reparation Mass at 9:00 AM followed by
Rosary and prayers
Come and Join Us!
St Ann's Parish



JOIN US FOR
**Our Lady of
Guadalupe**

**Did you know
THESE
THINGS
about Saint
Juan Diego?**

- 1** Juan Diego was born in 1474 with the name "Cuauhtlatotzin" (the talking eagle) in Cuautlitlan, which is today part of Mexico City, Mexico.
- 2** He was converted to Catholicism at age 50 by one of the first ever Franciscan missionaries, Fr. Peter de Gante.
- 3** Famous for delivering the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Saint Juan Diego didn't have just one, but experienced FOUR apparitions of the Virgin Mary in his lifetime.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
This is a beautiful season. Advent is time for preparing for the coming of Christ in three ways. We know Christmas is around the corner, so in these days we anticipate the celebration of Christ's arrival in history. We also anticipate the ultimate coming of Christ in glory at the end of time. The third way is when we heed the call of John the Baptist. In repenting of sins, we set things right in our heart, preparing a place for Christ to come and dwell in us.
[today's gospel, Luke 3:1-6] Tuesday is the St. Ann's Advent Reconciliation Service. It begins at 5:00 p.m. I encourage you to participate. Five priests will help hear confessions. The visiting priests have commented to me how happy they have been to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation with us. We enjoy being the means that Christ comes to us. We are privileged to be the ministers of Christ's mercy and love flowing through the pardon of sin. May God bless you in all your preparations for the coming of Christ.

Request a Mass Intention

The practice of requesting a mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic Tradition. Continuing in this long standing practice, you can remember someone who has died recently or many years ago. But intentions do not have to be just for the dead. They make beautiful gifts for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for a prayer answered, etc.

You can also offer an intention for someone who is struggling with a serious illness or other life trauma..

Please call or come to the parish office to set up a mass intention. Mass intentions are \$10.00 each

All mass intention must be done a week before mass date to be posted in the bulletin.

12/08/2024 John Hamper †
12/08/2024 Msgr. Leo Gomez †

†Deceased †Lieutenant James Furman †
♥ Health Earl & Rita Hamper †
*Special Intention Chris Hamper Family †

2024 CALENDAR

November
Christmas food Drive

December

7 Reparation Mass & Rosary

9 Immaculate Conception of Virgin Mary Mass at 9:AM & 6PM
Mass of obligation.
Parish office will be closed for Holy Day.

10 Advent Penance Services

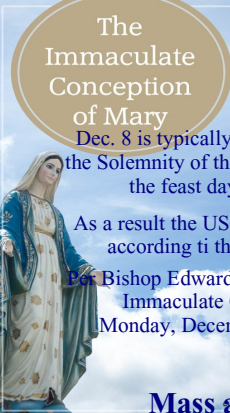
18 Children's Christmas Party



Your invited to share the spirit of Christmas gift for our children's Christmas Party. Those interested in participating are asked to take an angel from the tree.

Each angel has the following: gender, & age, some state gift cards. (Please keep the gift cards at \$10.00 to \$20.00 maximum.) as the cards are given to the older children. If possible please wrap the gift and attach the angel tag.

All gifts should be taken to the office no later then December 16, 2024



The Immaculate Conception of Mary

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
December 9, 2024
Holy Day of Obligation

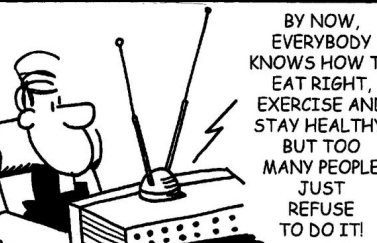
Dec. 8 is typically a Holy Day of Obligation, celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, but this year, the feast days lands on a Sunday in Advent.

As a result the USCCB transferred it to Monday, Dec. 9, according to the 2024 USCCB liturgical calendar.

Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger, the celebration of the Immaculate Conception is to be celebrated on Monday, December 9 as a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Mass at St Ann's Parish at 9:AM and 6:PM
Office will be closed**

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Christmas Masses Schedule

Tuesday December 24— Christmas Eve
4:PM— Family Mass
8PM— Vigil Mass
6:PM St Ferdinand's Arivaca

Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day
9:AM—Christmas Mass- St Ann's
11:AM—Christmas Mass—Assumption



Advent Reconciliation Service

December 10, 2024 at 5:PM
There will be several confessors available to hear confessions in English & Spanish

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

John the Baptist was appointed to prepare the way for the Lord. This Advent, follow his example and prepare the way for the Lord. Invite the Lord to make straight the roads in your life that wind, and to smooth all that is rough in your heart.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
"For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship." (Bar 5:3-4)

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

Second Reading:
So that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ. (Phil 1:10-11)

Gospel:
"The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." (Lk 3:5-6)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

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Observances for the week of December 8, 2024

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Tuesday:** Our Lady of Loreto
- Wednesday:** St. Damasus I, Pope
- Thursday:** Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Friday:** St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
- Saturday:** St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent



Saint of the week

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity (1880-1906) was a French mystic, a member of the Discalced Carmelites. In her writing, her fierce belief in the Trinity within us, reachable through contemplative prayer, and her deep wish that we embrace God's love by letting ourselves be loved are her powerful legacy.

Prayer of Preparation

With abiding hope as we look forward to Jesus' arrival — Make straight the paths, Lord! Fill us with holy excitement, in Your name.

Amen.



Weekly Offering

Parish Collection for November 23 & 24

Collection: \$1,802.00

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Readings for the week of December 8, 2024

Sunday:

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday:

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday:

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday:

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt
13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday:

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,
18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday:

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/
Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when **"the word of God came to John the Baptist:"** Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our history, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come."

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Straight Path

Ten to fifteen years ago the Department of Transportation decided that it would be fun to give everyone in my zip code something to complain about and replaced most of our major intersections with roundabouts.

This wouldn't be so irksome, I suppose, if I understood how to navigate a roundabout. In theory I do, I've read all the rules and I've watched those cute little YouTube videos where they show you which car is supposed to go at what time. But theory and practice are rather different. And the bottom line is, I never approach a roundabout without taking a deep, anxious breath and tightening my grip on the steering wheel, not entirely sure what my next move should be.

I think of roundabouts every time I hear today's Gospel reading, where John the Baptist echoes Isaiah in beseeching us to make straight the paths of the Lord. See, I always think I've made a straight path between me and God. I go to Mass. I go to Confession. I say my prayers.

He can get to me if He wants, I tell myself.

But without realizing it, I put up roundabouts. I make rules. *You go here, God, and then I go here. I'll do this, God, but first You do this. You stay in your lane, and I stay in mine.* Eventually I find myself taking a different route altogether; the road that stretches between me and Him is too daunting. I start avoiding it.

Sometimes I think God wants the path to be straight not for Himself but for us. He can handle a roundabout. But He knows that when we must run to Him, we have to do it without thinking. In the dark. In fear, in anxiety.

So, this Advent, beware the roundabouts. Make straight the path.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is the Hispanic Advent custom of "Las Posadas"?

Answer:

"Posada" is the Spanish word for inn or lodging. "Las Posadas" refers to a traditional Advent custom in preparation for the birth of Jesus, beginning on December 16. For nine successive evenings, groups reenact the search of Mary and Joseph for shelter in Bethlehem.

Two children dress as Mary and Joseph, sometimes with Mary riding on an actual donkey. They are usually accompanied by children dressed as angels and shepherds along with the Wise Men. Adults accompany them as they process to designated homes where they sing Christmas songs and request lodging. Part of the group enters the home and becomes the chorus that responds to the request for lodging. In the beginning the request is rebuffed. They move to several more homes where the ritual is repeated. Eventually, at the last home, their need is recognized, and they all enter the home where a party ensues. This is repeated in different neighborhoods and homes each of the nine days.

While this custom teaches children an important aspect of the Christmas story, it also emphasizes the need for hospitality to strangers and the continual need we all have to make room for Jesus in our "posada." As we struggle to arrive at a fair and just immigration policy, it would be good to recall the fact that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were also immigrants looking for a hospitable place to dwell.