

Sunday December 7th, 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent, Year A

(Is. 11: 1-10, Rom. 15:4-9, Matt. 3: 1-12)

**THEME: THE GOSPEL OF AFFECTIVE
TRANSFORMATION**

Introduction: The prophecy of Isaiah foretells the coming days when a shoot will sprout from the stump of Jesse. Jesse is the father of king David with whom God made a covenant of everlasting kingdom. The throne was undermined by the exile but not obliterated. The “stump” is the bottom part of a tree left projecting from the ground after most of the trunk has fallen. Though fallen, the pride of Jesse shall rise again. Jesus is coming to fulfill the promise of God.

His coming will usher in the era of peace among men of different temperamental dispositions. The jungle of brutality will become a garden of peaceful cohabitation, where wickedness will give way to harmony and peace. This is fulfilled in the church through the good news that transforms brutality that hitherto characterized human relationships into love. The gospel attracts even “brood of vipers” to neutralize their poisonous venom in the waters of baptism. True repentance implies affective transformation of our negative tendencies.

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Surprising Facts about the Vatican

Statues of saints adorn the pillars of the nave

The pillars of the nave have two statues, one on the lower niche and one above it. The statues below are about 16 feet tall, while the statues above are about 20 feet tall. The difference is proportioned so that the lower and upper statues would appear to be the same size from the nave. Among the thirty-nine saints represented are St. Vincent DePaul, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Alphonsus Liguori, St. Benedict, St. Angela Merici, and St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, who was the first American citizen to be canonized and is the only American represented in the entire basilica.

By Fr. Jeffery Kirby, S.T.L.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

9:00 am Mass +Brian Merriweather by Joy Merriweather

11:00 am Mass +Pour Souls in Purgatory

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 6:00pm (Immaculate Conception) Kathleen Harding
((special intentions) by Lora Harrison

Tuesday 11:00am +Clara Archuleta by Eileen Furman

Wednesday 9:00am Daphne April (intentions) by Linda Tryka

Thursday 9:00am +John & Jean Hall by St. Peter's
Parishioners

Friday 5:00pm (Our Lady of Guadalupe) +Jacob Buddy
Chavez by Armondo Chavez

PRAYER TREE - LET US PRAY FOR:

Judy Bragg, Maria & Family of +Clara Archuleta, Jeanne Allen, Joe Warne, Larry Tyrrell, Tom Malone, Eva Orona, David & Geri Silva, Margie Gowey, Cora Lee, Liz Ketring, Jeannette Davis, Maria Lopez, Angela Gonzales, Joe and Margie Tapia, Bernice & Roxanne Chavez, Lilly Hill, Sophie Pena, Juan Quevedo, Lydia Gonzalez, Sophie Montoya.

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