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In this second week of Advent, John the Baptist plays a prominent role in the life and ministry of Jesus. John is often referred to as the “precursor” of Jesus. A precursor is a forerunner, forebearer, or trailblazer. In reading the Scriptures that pertain to John the Baptist, it becomes apparent that any one of those terms would be appropriate in describing him. John was indeed a trailblazer, making people aware that one more powerful than himself was to come.

This Advent season affords us the opportunity to be like John and tell our stories of faith and our spiritual journey. Advent is one of those times that the Church encourages us to see how God is present in our daily lives—and, more importantly, to share those experiences of God’s presence with those people who are a part of our lives or who enter into our journeys for a short time. We all have a story to tell, and there are people who want to hear our story.

One of the materials I use every Advent season is what has become known as the “Little Blue Book.” This book contains writings and reflections by Bishop Ken Untener. These six-minute reflections allow us to center our attention on the season of Advent in the midst of our busy lives and Christmas preparations. I would encourage you to pick up a Little Blue Book in the Gathering Space and spend that six minutes a day engaging with the Scripture, the reflection, and the prayer found within.

Whatever prayer form you use throughout this season of Advent, may it prepare you to celebrate the great Feast of Christmas. This is a time for us to step back from our busy schedules and focus our attention on God and the many ways in which He reveals and shows Himself to us on a day-to-day basis.

Many people have asked, what is the meaning of “carpe diem?” It is Latin for “seize the day.” I began using the term after I saw the movie *Dead Poets Society*. It is a reminder for us to see God’s hand in our work, our play, and our interactions with each other. As we journey through this season of Advent, may we seize each day and each moment as a gift from God, knowing that He loves us and cares for us.

May we also keep in our prayers those who are serving in the military. May God protect them and their families. Let us also remember those who are away from their families this Christmas season, and pray that they may be united in spirit with their loved ones.

Bon mot: “With this hope, therefore, let our souls be bound to him who is faithful to his promises and righteous in his judgments.”

—St. Clement I, Letter to the Corinthians, c 95.

Carpe Diem,

Fr. Tony

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

December 24

at 4:00pm, 6:00pm, or Midnight (with 11:30pm Music Prelude)

December 25

at 9:00am or 11:30am

December 26

at 4:00pm

December 27

at 9:00am or 11:30am

Video Mass will also be available.

*Please only attend **one Mass**. Attending any of these Masses fulfills both the obligation to attend Mass on Christmas and on the weekend of December 26/27, 2020. For more information, visit sjfparish.org.*

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 9:00am & 11:30am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 7:00pm
Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am

Holy Day Masses As Announced

Confession

Tuesday 5:30pm

Rosary

Tuesday 6:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday

9:00am—1:00pm & 4:30pm—8:00pm

Tuesday

2:00pm—8:00pm

Saturday

3:00pm—5:00pm

Sunday

10:00am—12:30pm

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, December 7, 2020

9:00am Panera

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Immaculate Conception
(Holy Day of Obligation)

8:00am Mass
1:00pm Adoration
6:00pm Rosary
6:30pm Recitation of Divine Praises
6:30pm Confession
7:00pm Mass

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

8:00am Mass
9:30am Needlecrafters

Thursday, December 10, 2020

8:00am Mass
9:00am Swiffers Team #1
6:30pm K of C General Mtg.

Friday, December 11, 2020

No events

Saturday, December 12, 2020

4:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 13, 2020

9:00am Mass
11:30am Mass

ADVENT 2020 RESOURCES

Advent is upon us! We have several ways to prepare for and engage in this season:

“**Little Blue Books,**” **Advent Edition** are available in the Gathering Space for your Advent preparations. These little books offer a great way to prepare your heart for the Lord. Suggested donation is \$1/book.



ADVENT 2020 EVENT SCHEDULE

Feast of the Immaculate Conception:

Tuesday, December 8, 2020. Mass at 8:00am and 7:00pm.

Adoration:

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 from 1:00pm—6:30pm in the Chapel with recitation of Divine Praises at 6:30pm.

Advent Reconciliation Service:

Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:00pm in the main Worship space.

Advent Reconciliation:

Monday, December 21, 2020 from 10:00am—12:00pm & 6:00pm—9:00pm at SS. Cyril & Methodius.

Decorate for Christmas:

Christmas decorating will look different this year. If you are interested in helping decorate for Christmas, please call the Parish Office at 586-977-8080.

AN ADVENT PRAYER

Adapted from xavier.edu.

God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome.

Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share His wisdom and become one with Him when He comes in glory.

For He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



VIDEO MASS, EVERY WEEKEND.
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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This article is adapted from catholiccurrent.org.

On **Tuesday, December 8, 2020**, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

An essential part of God's plan for the mother of his Son was that she be conceived free from Original Sin. "Through the centuries the Church became ever more aware that Mary, 'full of grace' through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception" (CCC 491).

In anticipation that she was to bear the Son of God, Mary was preserved from the time of her conception from Original Sin.

We call this the Immaculate Conception. No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin.

In the course of time, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception became more precisely enunciated, as its truth—long supported by the universal popular devotion of the faithful—was better understood by deepening theological inquiry.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed this dogma infallibly: that is, in his role as supreme teacher of the Church, he declared that this doctrine is divinely revealed and must be accepted with faith by the entire Church.

MEMORAE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, our Mother.

To you we come. Before you we kneel, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despite not our petitions, but in your clemency, hear and answer them. Amen.

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

MASS FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AT ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a **Holy Day of Obligation**.

St. Jane Frances de Chantal will celebrate Mass this **Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 8:00am and 7:00pm**.

Video Mass for this solemnity will also be available on sjfparish.org.

SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF DEC. 6, 2020

Sunday

2nd Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Ps 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14

2 Pt 3:8-14

Mk 1:1-8

Monday

Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Is 35:1-10

Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14

Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20

Ps 98:1,2-3ab, 3cd-4

Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Is 40:25-31

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10

Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

Our Lady of Loreto

Is 41:13-20

Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab

Mt 11:11-15

Friday

Saint Damasus I, Pope

Is 48:17-19

Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or

Rv 11:19a, Rv 12:1-6a, 10ab

Jdt 13:18bcde, 19

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

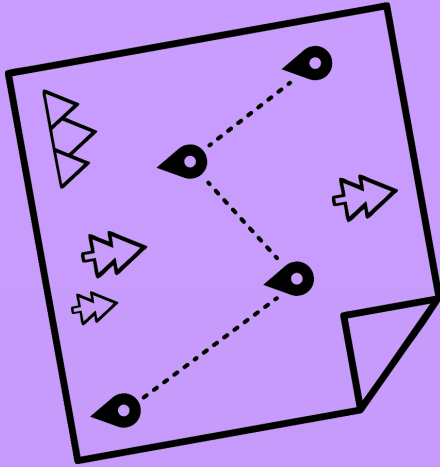
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3rd Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11

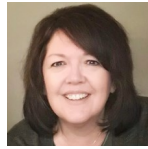
Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



Advent is a journey toward Bethlehem.
May we let ourselves be drawn
by the light of God made man.

—Pope Francis



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On the first Sunday of Advent last year, Pope Francis wrote an Apostolic Letter entitled *Admirabile Signum: On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene*. This beautiful letter begins:

“The enchanting image of the Christmas Creche, so dear to the Christian people, never ceases to arouse amazement and wonder.”

If you have been able to attend Mass at St. Jane Frances de Chantal in the past week, you saw that we put the creche up early this year so we could all gaze at it in amazement and wonder.

While many parts of our lives are different during this pandemic, God is not. The creche reminds us of the love and mercy God has for us, as He came into this world as a baby in a stable. The Son of God is placed where animals feed—and “laid in a manger, he became our food” (Pope Francis).



I have always loved the Christmas Creche that we had under our tree growing up. It was a very humble stable with the small figures of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, plus the three wise men. I now have most of that creche, minus the wise men, who must have returned home. (I prefer to think they didn’t get destroyed by those pesky younger siblings of mine!)

I put the creche up the day after Thanksgiving this year, and have used the Apostolic Letter and Pope Francis’ description of the various elements of the Nativity scene as part of my daily prayer and reflection. I would encourage you to read the entire letter. It is a short six pages, and is both an easy and an enlightening read. You can find the letter online at vatican.va or by simply Googling *Admirabile Signum*.

As we continue on our Advent journey to Bethlehem, may we gaze at the Nativity scene and let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.



ADVENT GIVING TREE

“Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me”
(Mt 25:40).

We invite you to join our annual Advent Giving Tree project and share your blessings with those less fortunate, especially during these challenging times.

The Advent Giving Tree will work differently this year in order to ensure the health and safety of all involved. **We will not be able to collect toys, clothing, or other items.**

Instead, we ask that donations be made in the form of **gift cards or cash**. We will distribute donations to the organizations we support. The organizations will then obtain the items they need to provide a Christmas celebration for those they serve.

Gift cards are needed in **\$10, \$20, and \$30** amounts.

You are welcome to donate as many gift cards as you wish. Gift cards are requested for **Kroger, Meijer, Walmart, and Target**. Cash donations may be made in any amount (checks payable to St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish).

Please enclose your donation in an envelope and write “Giving Tree” on it.

Donations can be placed in the Advent Giving Tree donation box in the Gathering Space or brought to the Parish Office during office hours. **The deadline for donations is Sunday, December 13, 2020.**

We hope you will consider participating. Your spirit of generosity will make Christmas special for so many in need.

This year, we are hoping to support the following organizations. They support diverse needs both within our parish and beyond:

Children of families served by **St. Vincent de Paul**

Mary’s Children Family Center for brain injury recovery

St. Aloysius “neighborhood ministry” to the homeless, working poor, and seniors in Detroit

St. Vincent de Paul Archdiocesan ministry to prisoners and newly-released inmates

Turning Point shelter for domestic violence victims and survivors in Macomb county

McWARM warming center, a gathering place for the homeless in Macomb county

For more information, call the Parish Office at 586-977-8080, or visit sjfparish.org/givingtree.



NEWS FROM THE CHURCH IN DETROIT.
DETROITCATHOLIC.ORG

NOW, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

“My 401k was doing well and I was feeling good about the economy.

“When I read the articles from Modern Catholic, I realized that so many people don’t have the benefit of having a 401k—that many of who we now call ‘essential workers’ are trying to survive on low wages and minimal benefits with little ability to create a financial safety net for themselves. The economy is not doing well for them, and that isn’t just.

“Learning about Catholic Social Teaching has challenged me to view what is happening around me differently and reflect on what is happening within me as a person of faith.

“How can I make choices that make a difference for good? I need to put ‘my good’ in perspective and remember that the common good for everyone, especially those who struggle, is what ‘loving my neighbor’ is all about.”

—Parishioner testimony

Catholic Social Teaching continues to be our compass as we navigate the modern world.

Now that Modern Catholic has introduced us to each of the seven principles, we must ask, “What now?”

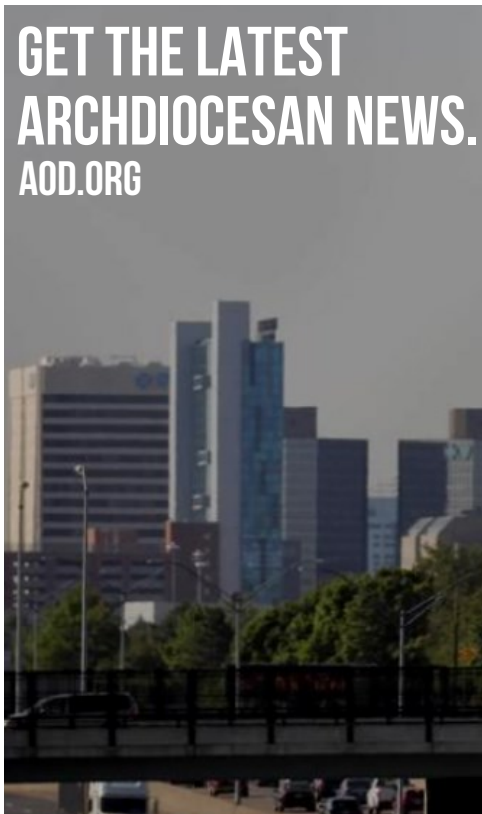
How can we use the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching to be a modern Catholic?

We encourage you to email us at moderncatholic@sjfparish.org to share how Catholic Social Teaching will influence your daily life. This is your opportunity to enter the conversation! Which principles stood out to you, and why? And, most importantly, what aspects of Catholic Social Teaching would you like to learn more about?

We hope to hear from you via email by **December 20, 2020** at moderncatholic@sjfparish.org!



Pictured: Buddy Boy.



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Happy Advent! I love the season of Advent for its mysteries, music, and magic.

Magic, you say? Well, the weeks leading up to Christmas can magically turn misbehaving little people into stellar

angels as they worry, wrangle, and wait for their gifts on Christmas Day.

But let's talk about gifts. I don't know about you, but my ideas of gifts and what I'd like for Christmas have changed. Over the decades, I've been blessed to receive so much that I have had to start weeding out things to keep, to give away, or to donate. While sorting through everything, I often stop, think about the person who gave me the item, and wonder, "How can I give that away? It means so much!"

However, in the act of giving, we provide the opportunity for someone else to love what we have—and that leads me to Bogey Boy, a huge stuffed dog I've had for almost 20 years.

Bogey Boy came to me courtesy of Red, the owner of Wade Shows/Carnivals, when I brought him food during one of his long days running the operations at the Livonia Spree. He pointed to a sideshow game and said, "Here, let me give you this!" Bogey Boy was three feet tall and took up a lot of room over the years. Why I still even had him was unclear until a couple weeks ago.

Every year, the very first holiday soiree I attend is a charitable one: the ARC of Livingston Celebrity Fashion Show in Brighton. The ARC helps developmentally disabled children, and I got involved by saying "yes" to modeling when an NFL player/golfing friend asked me to. That was 20 years ago. I was hosting a golf radio show on WJR, writing a golf column for the *Detroit Free Press*, which then led to hosting "Michigan Golf Weekly" on CBS.

That first year, I modeled a long sweater with a cat motif, and just before hitting the runway, I spied a little boy holding a puppy his dad had bid on and won in a silent auction. Sensing a great idea, I asked to borrow the pup as a partner. The people loved it! We could have raised ten times what the pup went for earlier, which then spurred an idea: next year, let's stop the fashion show, hold a live auction, and really help out these kids. Now, I'm the "Puppy Model," and we've raised from \$400 to \$3500 annually—plus, a sweet dog gets a great home and a loving family. Many people come to the event just to bid on the dog.

But then comes COVID-19. Last month, the organizer Kim and I discussed the newly-virtual event, and her biggest issue was finding a stuffed dog to use this year. "I simply cannot find a large enough one!" she said. Hesitating only a moment, I replied, "Kim, that's easy. I have one. It's time I parted with him."

She asked me to record a promo video with Bogey Buddy to spur some interest. Last week's event was quite an undertaking, with over 125 people attending online (normally 600-700 attend), ARC personnel, the kids, 12 of us models or presenters chiming in, and both a silent and live auction. And yes, Bogey Boy was by my side at the computer camera. The next day I loaded him up and dropped him off at the ARC. It truly is better to give than to receive, but I'd be lying if I said it didn't ache just a little bit to leave that big boy behind. As I look ahead to Christmas and Jesus' birth, don't you think, possibly, that there were also dogs in that stable along with the other animals? I do, and Bogey Boy would have been the perfect dog to comfort the Infant King.

FIGURING OUT THE WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN OF GOD'S WILL

This article is adapted from unleashthegospel.org. If you're interested in seeing more like this, sign up for Parish News at sjfparish.org/news.

Written by Patrick Howard.

How can you know God's will? What is your vocation? What does God want you to do with your life? St. Ignatius of Loyola gave the Church timeless guidelines on how to discern God's will in your life. Fr. Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V., a nationally recognized expert on those teachings of St. Ignatius, distills these insights in his book *Discerning the Will of God: An Ignatian Guide to Christian Decision Making* offering practical steps for anyone navigating how to conform their will to God's in life's many decisions.

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To choose between something obviously good and something patently evil seems like a no-brainer decision. But much of discernment isn't a choice between two moral opposites. The type of discernment we are talking about here is choosing between options that are morally good, or at least neutral, and options that you are free and able to choose. First, we need to start with the foundation that God loves us. We are called to encounter God and grow in our relationship with him. When we are aware of God's infinite love for us, we become rooted in our purpose, and are guided to freely respond to him.

Disposition

This foundation leads us to a disposition of openness and freedom to say yes to God's will. The more we personally and intimately know Jesus and his love for us, the more we can come to love him and the more we desire to follow him more closely with that same freedom and openness. Everything in our discernment depends on having this disposition of heart: a disposition of openness to do God's will and being free from attachments that are holding us back from this willingness. We want to be able to say with freedom and trust, "I want to do whatever you want for me, Lord." How do we develop this disposition to prepare our hearts to discern God's will?

Read more at unleashthegospel.org.



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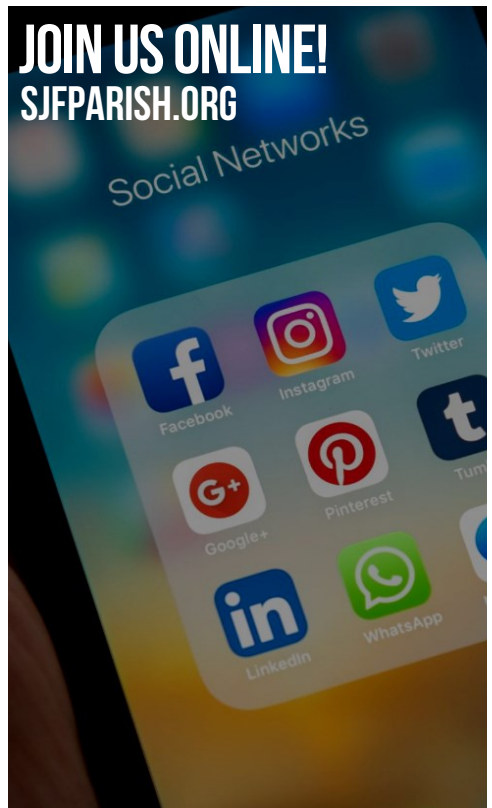
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OFFERTORY INFORMATION NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Registered Families:	1,386
Envelopes Returned:	141
Amount Offered:	\$6,641.00
Loose Offering:	\$633.00
Online Giving Contributors:	108
Contributions:	\$3,402.00
Total Offerings:	\$10,676.00
2020 Budgeted Offertory:	\$11,786.00
Actual Offertory:	\$10,676.00
Difference:	-\$1,110.00

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If you have any questions, contact Jody at JGazo@sjfparish.org or 586-977-8080, ext 112.

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INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Let us pray for you!

Although we are still socially distant, our Intercessory Prayer team is still here for you—they are praying for all requests submitted.

Our Intercessory Prayer box remains open on our website. Please visit sjfparish.org/intercessoryprayer to submit prayer requests.

If you have any questions, or would like assistance finding the online Intercessory Prayer box, contact Laurie Hall at LHall@sjfparish.org.



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The Evangelist Mark begins this week's Gospel with a quote from the book of the Prophet Isaiah. Scholars attribute this part of the book of Isaiah to a second voice—a second writer—who

had written toward the end of the Babylonian exile of the Hebrew people. This writer was preparing the people to return to their homeland of Judea. The Gospel of Mark uses Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist, as the "voice in the wilderness" to speak the beginning of the return of God's Kingdom. John is the herald to the Messiah who is coming to free the Israelites from oppression.

In the second letter of Peter, the author of the letter reminds us all of God's fidelity, or faithfulness. They tell us, in not so many words, that God is beyond time, and that time cannot and will never constrain God. Even if we—as beings who define ourselves and understand almost everything in terms of the construct of time—do not "see" or experience the promises of God in this time, God has still already made true all of His promises to us. God created us to be with Him, and He Loves us without end. He gives us mercy, forgiveness, pride in our successes, disappointment in our failures, and love without exception, even to those who deny Him. We separate ourselves from God through sin, building up mountains and obstacles to stand in our way, making the path back to Him even more difficult—but God is more than those obstacles!

In this second week of Advent, we are reminded that God, who is beyond all comprehension, does not "just" love us, but that He would do anything *for* us to bring us back into Himself. He even allows His only Begotten Son to take on the imperfect form of humanity and subject Himself to our way of understanding in this temporal realm. Here, the son, Jesus, experiences all things that we can experience in this world—love, heartache, hunger, rejection, and acceptance—and He even chooses to accept torture and death on a cross. Why? For me. For you. For the individual that chooses not to believe in Him. For *everyone*! Jesus came to Earth for us all! God will do *anything* for us.

We are called (especially during this Advent season) to prepare ourselves and to help one another prepare—not just to be ready for this season, but for Jesus, as a baby, as a man, as savior, and as redeemer. We take peace in knowing that God, the almighty and all-knowing, has already kept His promise of bringing us into Himself. Now it is up to us, in the here and now, to not just simply accept His offer, but to live as a follower of God, showing our neighbors the love that God has already shown to us.

Our example, our witness, is important now—not tomorrow or the day after, but *now*, in order to bring God's message to the world. Each and every one of us has a role to play, big or small, in "making straight the path" for each other on the journey to God. Remember and take peace in the fact that God's promise to us has been fulfilled since the beginning of time, and that we are to show the world the peace of God in our lives.

I'll see you on the path. Happy Advent!



A PRAYER FOR PUTTING ON A FACE MASK

Creator God, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature of wearing of this cloth. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself.

Christ Jesus, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully and caringly to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and may each breath that it holds, be filled with Your love. In Your name and in that love, I pray, Amen.

Courtesy of Reverend Richard Bott, Moderator, Presbyterian Church of Canada

HELP SPREAD CHRISTMAS JOY AT OUR PARISH!

We are nearing the beginning of Advent, and before we know it, Christmas will be upon us. Although we are socially distant this Advent and Christmas season, and some may be worshipping from home, we can still celebrate the joy we all feel at Christmas.

You may recall that, while we were apart at Easter, we collected messages from our parishioners and compiled them in our Easter bulletin to celebrate the joy we still felt as a family of Christ, despite being apart. This was a wonderful display of the sense of community we feel as a parish.

Now, we want to hear from you again!

Email us at christmasjoy@sjfparish.org by **December 6, 2020** with a message that shares the joy you feel celebrating Christmas at our parish!

Here's a sample of what we are looking for:

"I love celebrating Christmas at our parish. The beautiful decorations and smiling faces make me so excited to worship!" —Deborah

We will compile your submissions and include them in the Christmas bulletin, listing your responses and first name only.

We can't wait to hear from you and celebrate Christmas joy at our parish!

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION

The Religious Retirement Collection will be taken up next weekend, **December 12-13, 2020**.

The envelope for this collection is included in the parishioner mailing packet.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 586-977-8080. Thank you for your generosity.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Tuesday Dec. 8, 2020	Wednesday Dec. 9, 2020	Thursday Dec. 10, 2020	Saturday Dec. 12, 2020	Sunday Dec. 13, 2020
8:00am Annette Mobley	8:00am Judy Taylor	8:00am Cindy Guzi	4:00pm Craig Smith	9:00am Brian Brennan
7:00pm Chris Bajercius				11:30am Jan Machusak



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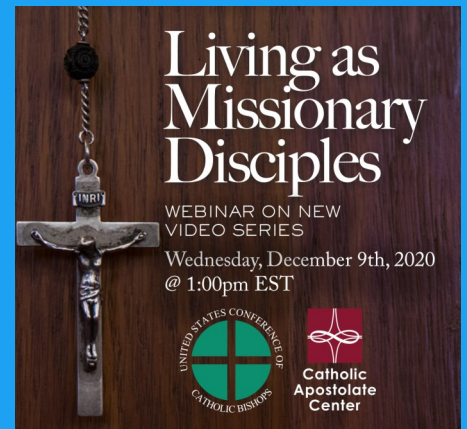
God is more patient than we are, and those who knock with faith and perseverance on the door of his heart will not be disappointed.

Posted November 27, 2020



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Join us and the Catholic Apostolate Center for a webinar discussing the six dimensions of pastoral planning from the second part of the USCCB document *Living as Missionary Disciples: A Resource for Evangelization*. Register at cathapostle.org/LMDWebinar.



Posted on November 25, 2020



Detroit Archdiocese
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Join us for an online Advent retreat! Mark your calendars for November 30th, December 7th, 14th, and 21st. Learn more at facebook.com/ArchofDet.

Posted on November 23, 2020

ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

Robert Bain, *Army*
 Nicholas Brosowski, *Army*
 Chris Burley, *Navy*
 Shaun Chaplin, *Air Force*
 Winndie Darrow, *Coast Guard*
 Alexander J. Hendzell, *Marines*
 Louis B. Kasper III, *Coast Guard*
 Elijah Kuefler, *Navy*
 Carmen LaForest, *Navy*
 Matthew McDowell, *Air Force*
 Cassidy Kicinski Rose, *Air Force*
 Jeremy Rzeppa, *Navy*
 Scot D. Skoczylas, *Navy*
 Anthony Trotta, *Navy*
 Kyle Wiegand, *Army*

PRAYER LIST

James Rasico
 Steve Sadecki
 June Sadowski
 Chris Vertrees
 Marsha Zanardelli

Names on the Prayer List remain for four weeks. To request a listing, please contact the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 7, 2020 *No Mass*

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

8:00am For the Parishioners

7:00pm For the Parishioners

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

8:00am For the Parishioners

Thursday, December 10, 2020

8:00am Dec. Dolores Whitehouse (Judy Taylor)

Friday, December 11, 2020 *No Mass*

Saturday, December 12, 2020

4:00pm For the Parishioners

Dec. Carol Trinity Miller (Robert & Frances Kraft)

Dec. Bauer Family (Sally Family)

Dec. Alex Hetrick (52nd Anniv.) (Children)

Sunday, December 13, 2020

9:00am Dec. Steve Duncan (Tom & Phyllis Harris)

Dec. Kol Hasaj (Maria Vacaj)

11:30am Dec. Stella Lobaza (7th Anniv.)

Dec. Raymond DeBusscher (Tom & Nancy Jakuszaneck)

Dec. Alice Obuhowski (Rob & Kay Chmielewski)

REMINDER: ATTENDING CHRISTMAS MASS AT ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL

As the Christmas season approaches, we call on Jesus to remind us that no matter what happens, Christmas will come. It may look different than how we are used to, but we will still celebrate the birth of the Christ child, and we will still remain together in God. As you plan your own Christmas celebration, we would like to remind you that **all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Detroit are dispensed from the obligation to attend public Mass until February 17, 2021.** This means that we are dispensed from the obligation to attend Christmas Mass. When you are considering whether to attend Christmas Mass during this pandemic, please keep the dispensation in mind, and use your own judgement to decide what is best for your own situation.

The Archdiocese of Detroit has announced that the faithful of our diocese **are asked to only attend Mass *once* during the period of December 24, 2020 through December 27, 2020.** If you attend Mass **once** anytime from Thursday to Sunday, it will fulfill both your obligation to attend Christmas Mass and weekend Mass.

If you choose to attend Mass in person, you need only attend **one** of the Masses listed on the cover of the bulletin. **Attending any one of these Masses fulfills the obligation to attend Mass both on Christmas and on the weekend of December 26/27, 2020.**

To read this letter in full, please visit sjfparish.org.

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