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2nd Sunday OF ADVENT

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”
- Lk 3:4

DECEMBER 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:

Saturday - 4 p.m.

Sunday - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: SEEK GOD IN THE SILENCE

While we may not often think of it in this way, Advent is a season of discernment. We're reminded of this in the second reading for this Sunday as we hear St. Paul's words to the Philippians: "This is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ" (Phil 1:9-10).

Building on this theme, the words of the prophet Baruch and the clarion call of John the Baptist that we hear this Sunday remind us of what it is we are called to be and do. The Baptist's cry to "prepare the way for the Lord" is a charge to discern

the Lord's voice calling out to us in the midst of the noise and clamor that fills our daily lives and to persevere in the way of faith. This truth prompted the priest Origen to ask: "Is it not a way within ourselves that we have to prepare for the Lord? Is it not a straight and level highway in our hearts that we are to make ready? Surely this is the way by which the Word of God enters ... Prepare a way for the Lord by living a good life and guard that way by good works. Let the Word of God move in you unhindered and give you a knowledge of his coming and of his mysteries."

Hearing the voice of the Lord in the distance demands action, but this isn't

only an invitation to turn away from personal choices and sins that may limit or even prevent God's coming among us. John is also calling us to turn toward God's mercy. And this turning — conversion — isn't only about what we give up, it is really about accepting the gift that we are being offered. In the liturgy for this Second Sunday of Advent, we are being reminded that these days of Advent demand our attention and intentionality. It is only by seeking the stillness and quiet that we can discern the distant voice of the Coming One who brings the mercy and peace which our world so desperately needs.

Br. Silas Henderson, S.D.S for LPi/Edited



DEC. 4	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	John J. Lubic† <i>Loretta Remke</i>
DEC. 5	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Steven Eisenhauer† <i>Karen Eisenhauer</i>
10:00 a.m.	Philip Patrello† <i>Lynn Comerici</i>
DEC. 6	MONDAY
8:00 a.m.	Patricia Kurelac† <i>Mrs. Kurelac</i>
DEC. 7	TUESDAY
8:00 a.m.	Philip Patrello† <i>Pam Maxwell</i>
DEC. 8	WEDNESDAY
Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary - holy day of obligation	
8:00 a.m.	Prado & Skvarka families <i>Phil Skvarka Jr.</i>
7:00 p.m.	Joe & Ellen Curia† <i>Curia Family</i>
DEC. 9	THURSDAY
8:00 a.m.	Philip Patrello† <i>Margaret Williamson</i>
DEC. 10	FRIDAY
8:00 a.m.	Peggy Howe† <i>Butch & Linda Miller</i>
DEC. 11	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	Mike Whetzal† <i>Uncle Sonny Oakland & family</i>
DEC. 12	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Philip Patrello† <i>Jerry & Lottie Durbin</i>
10:00 a.m.	Megan Freeland Roskovensky <i>Paula Whitwam</i>

We collected \$1,225 for St. Vincent DePaul Society at Thanksgiving Day Mass. Thank you for your generosity!



Pope Francis Is Listening to YOU!

Starting in our diocese and all around the world, Pope Francis has called everyone to be involved in the Synod of the Catholic Church. The word “synod” has double meanings: to walk and on the same road. Pope Francis is asking each of us to reflect on how we can walk together.

In the Acts of Apostles, the early Church referred to themselves as Christians, as disciples, and as followers of the Way. Jesus Christ guides and teaches the humble his way. Synod is a time for us to get together to listen and to reflect on how we are walking together toward Jesus Christ and with Jesus Christ.

Here are some example questions for your reflection:

- What has been your experience in the Catholic Church?*
- How has that experience shaped or affected your life and your faith in God?*
- What do you need as a Catholic to be a stronger, more intentional, more committed, more connected member of the Church—to belong and feel like you belong to the Church?*

Our most heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones of Semon Prado.



With Sympathy

Prayer REQUESTS

Homebound: Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Phyllis Prado.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker.

Please attend one of our local listening sessions at St. Francis Xavier Church:

*Sunday, Jan. 16, after 10 a.m. Mass
Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m.*

The pope wants to see you there.
- Fr. That-Son

Bible Study Promises To Unlock Mystery

Many Catholics want to read the Bible but get bogged down by the long stretches that seem not to make sense or get lost among the sea of Old Testament names and places. **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** helps uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so readers can get the “big picture.” It also will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and realize your place in God’s plan. Sessions will be held at St. Francis Xavier the four Wednesday nights in January, beginning Jan. 5 in the church hall at 5:30 p.m. There is no cost, no workbook, and no homework! The evening will consist of a 60-minute video followed by a short discussion. Call the office at 304-845-1593 to register.

New Lector Books Available

Lector workbooks are available in the sacristy. If you are a lector, please take one. Please use it.

If you are interested in becoming a lector, we would love to hear from you!

Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Sami Wilson, Kathryn Ferrera, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Mary Stees, Judith Harbert, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Annalyn Liette, Mike Gardill, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro, Celeste Evans, Ted Scarbin, Debbie Hand.

CALENDAR

Sunday Dec. 5 4 p.m.	ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE
Dec. 9 & 10	DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS
Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	LINE DANCING WITH LOTTIE VFW Moundsville
Dec. 11 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	BREAKFAST with SANTA Xavier Hall Toy Donations by Dec. 8
Dec. 17	CHRISTMAS FLOWERS due date for forms
Dec. 18	FLOWERS TO HOMEBOUND
Dec. 19 after 10 a.m. Mass	DECORATING CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

SCHEDULES DEC. 11 & 12

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Dec. 8 - holy day of obligation
8:00 a.m. C. Frame / 7 p.m. M. Hitt

4:00 p.m. D. Evans / M. Taskalines
8:00 a.m. L. Remke / P. Remke
10:00 a.m. S. Taylor / volunteer

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Online Giving	\$175.40
Attendance	188

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HOLIDAY NOTES

TOYS STILL ARE GREATLY NEEDED for the Breakfast With Santa event Saturday, Dec. 11! Our elves are in need of gifts for boys and girls ages two to 11. If you can, please bring unwrapped donations to the office by this Wednesday, Dec. 8. We ask that you stay under \$20 for each toy. Many thanks to those of you who have already donated to the event.

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE service is this Sunday, Dec. 5, at 4 p.m. here at St. Francis. Fr. That Son will be joined by Fr. Doney Chacko and Fr. Arul Anthony.

A REMINDER THAT DELIVERY of flowers to the sick and shut-ins of our parish is Saturday, Dec. 18, at 10 a.m. Please contact Mary Taskalines at 304-845-7326 or the office if you would like to help with this Christmastime ministry.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - Friday

4 p.m. - Children's Mass
7 p.m. - Candlelight Mass
10 p.m. - Choir Mass

Saturday

10 a.m. - Christmas Day Mass

REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR 2022 St. Francis Xavier calendar in the church vestibule.

THE CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

is a special way to remember loved ones during the holidays while helping decorate the altars for Christmas. If you would like to honor someone, consider a donation in their name. Forms are on our website under the "forms" tab or in the vestibule. You also can bring completed forms to the parish office, place them in the collection, or mail them. Forms are due by Dec. 17.

Aug. 1 to Oct. 31
46 Households
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A SPECIAL COLLECTION

for the Retirement Fund for the Religious will be taken up next week. Many elder religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. Also, fewer religious are able to serve in compensated ministry. Giving supports religious communities in caring for their elder members.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

Forevermore...

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Pytlak, who exchanged their wedding vows Saturday, Nov. 20, at St. Francis. Alyssa is the daughter of Mark and Gina Hedrick, and Kyle is the son of Louis and JoEllen Pytlak.



Alyssa and Kyle

May God abundantly bless Alyssa and Kyle with a lifetime full of joy and happiness as they begin their next chapter together as husband and wife.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:

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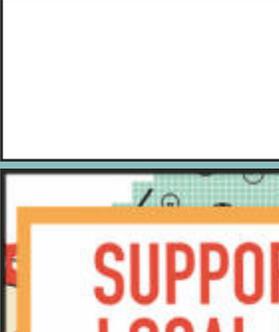
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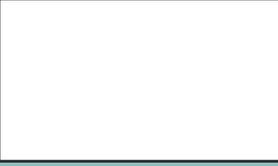
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