

December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent



## WELCOME TO SAINT PATRICK'S PARISH!



"To proclaim the Kingdom of God, and seek it before all else."

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tues - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

### Holy Day Mass Schedule:

Vigil: 5:30 p.m., Holy Day: 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.

### FAITH FORMATION

Sundays during the school year at 9:30-11:00 a.m.

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### John, Prophet and Herald

In all the gospels there is no figure more compelling than John the Baptist. As the last and greatest of the prophets, he is a bridge to the coming of the Age of Grace, calling people to repentance and faithfulness to God. As herald of the Messiah, he prepares the way of the Lord.

To be a prophet in Israel was a unique and often difficult task. Their principal task was NOT to predict the future. Rather, their primary role was to be the messenger of God, calling the people to return to the fidelity to the Lord and their covenant with him.

As the messenger of the Lord, a prophet had access to the highest levels of civil and religious authority. A true prophet spoke only what the Lord had instructed him. Most often we see these words were addressed to those in authority, since they were the ones who had been entrusted with the welfare of the people. In this week's gospel, we see John doing exactly that when he calls the Pharisees and Sadducees to task. It's a good reminder for all of us seek to follow Christ not to get too full of ourselves.

A herald had a very specific role in the life of the Kingdom. Unlike today, where all we have to do is turn on our TV to see the leaders of government, in ancient and medieval times, the King traveled around the kingdom so people could physical see him and interact with him. Often people would only see their king once in their lifetime. The herald arrived several weeks ahead of time to prepare the people and the town to receive the king. He would announce the king's coming, instruct them in questions of etiquette, and help them clean up and decorate the town. Travel being what it was in those days, the exact time of arrival was somewhat flexible. Thus, the people had to be ready at a moment's notice for the king's arrival. John is very much the herald of the Christ, preparing the people to receive him when he manifested himself.

As prophet, John's example exhorts us to turn from our sins and return to the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As herald, John reminds us that Christ will come in glory at the end of the age. Let us prepare ourselves well as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our savior, Jesus Christ. This week, I'll be concentrating on his role of calling us back to the Kingdom. Next week, I'll be spending more time on how we can prepare the way of the Lord.

**Advent Concert!** If you were unable to attend the Advent Benefit Concert, you missed out on an incredible evening. Every choir of the parish and one from the Senior Center gave an incredibly joyous and prayerful performance. There was truly something for everyone. Many thanks to Parish Music Director, Margaret Simmons, for animating this marvelous gift to the parish and to the homeless in our community.  
- Fr. Leo



### New to the Parish?

**Welcome!** Please take a moment to stop by the office! We would love to meet you and show you around.

Check out the blog! <https://frleowalsh.com>

## IN THE ARCHDIOCESE AND AROUND TOWN

### Retirement Fund for the Religious

This weekend's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies—often for little or no pay. Now, their religious communities do not have enough savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Almost 94 percent of donations aid senior religious.

Thank you for your generosity.

### Brother Francis Foot Care Ministry

Our parish's next service in the Brother Francis Foot Care Ministry will be this Wednesday, December 11th, at 5pm, at the Shelter. Please contact the office or talk with Judy Everard, ministry coordinator, if you would like to help with this important service to our neighbors in need. This will be our last Foot Care Ministry service for this month.

### Reconciliation Services

**SAINT MICHAEL**, Palmer  
December 10 | Tuesday, 7:00 PM

**SAINT ANTHONY**, 325 S. Klevin St.  
December 10 | Tuesday, 7:00 PM

**SAINT ANDREW**, Eagle River  
December 11 | Wednesday, 6:30 PM

**SAINT BENEDICT**, 8110 Jewel Lake  
December 11 | Wednesday, 7:00 PM

**SACRED HEART**, Wasilla  
December 11 | Wednesday, 7:00 PM

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE  
CO-CATHEDRAL**  
December 17 | Tuesday, 7:00 PM

**SAINT PATRICK**  
December 18 | Wednesday, 7:00 PM

**HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL**  
December 20 | Friday, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

**HOLY CROSS**, 2627 Lore Rd  
December 19 | Thursday, 7:00 PM

## PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

### Additional Documents Online at

[www.st.patsak.org](http://www.st.patsak.org)

December Parish Calendar  
Climate Change Information Sheet  
2019 Advent Concert Flyer  
Music Ministry News Calendar

### WARM CLOTHING DRIVE

From Advent to Epiphany the Music Ministry collects warm clothing for Brother Francis Shelter, including new or gently used warm clothing. Unfortunately, thousands of men, women, teens, and children in the Anchorage area—the poor, the homeless—do **not** have clothing suited to our long, cold winters. Someone **needs** what you have stuck away: coats, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, pants, shirts, sweaters. Even warm socks or outdated long johns can make a difference! As an Advent gift, won't you please dig through your closets and other storage for something **your** neighbor needs?

### Advent Sale Thanks

The caretakers of the Marian Shrine thank you for supporting the Advent Sale. We sold 36 candle sets and 12 wreaths. The proceeds from this sale, including donations, were \$309. This money will be used to purchase votive candles for the Marian Shrine, which are lit for holy days, feast days and funerals throughout the year.



We pray that the lighting of your Advent candles will bring you joy as you remember God's promise to our world – Christ our light and our hope will come!

### December Baptism Class

Our monthly Baptism Preparation Class for parents of newborns and small children will be offered on **Thursday, December 19th, at 7pm in the Tara Lounge.** Please note the change.

## PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

**Masses for Immaculate Conception  
Monday, December 9, 2019**  
will be held at  
**9:00 AM and 7:00 PM**

### Advent Penance Service



**Prepare the Way of the Lord!**

Come celebrate the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
with us on Wednesday,  
**December 18, 2019,**  
beginning at **7:00 P.M.**

There will be several confessors on hand.  
Return to the Lord with your whole heart.

### Pancake Breakfast Next Sunday

Your St. Pat's Knights of Columbus will be preparing a Pancake Breakfast next Sunday after both the 8:30 and 11:30 Sunday morning Masses. Join us over in the Deacons Hall for all your breakfast favorites -- eggs, bacon, sausage, and of course, PANCAKES! Join us in the Hall next Sunday morning.

### Sunday Collections

**December Goal    \$68,500.00**  
**Sunday, Dec.        \$15,256.26**

Collected Thus Far: \$15,256.26  
Still Needed: \$53,243.74

**Special Collection Schedule**

**This Weekend: Retirement Fund for the Religious**

### Men's Ora et Labora

On Saturday, December 14th, the men of our parish will gather for this month's Ora Et Labora. We'll begin with Adoration and Reconciliation, followed by Mass and a talk by this month's speaker, Dr. Grant Sasse, associate professor of psychology at UAA, who will speak about how to process grief and loss. We'll then work together to complete a work project for our parish. See you there!

### Music Ministry News

Want to keep up with what's happening in the Music Ministry? Send an email with your information to Margaret Simmons, Music Director, at [queenowrits@arctic.net](mailto:queenowrits@arctic.net).  
**This week:**

**Sunday – 10:00-11:20 AM – Traditional Choir Practice**  
**Tuesday - 7:30 PM - Praise Choir Practice**  
**Wednesday – 6:15 – 8:30 pm - Folk Choir Practice**  
**Saturday - 3:45-4:30 PM - Contemporary Choir Practice**



### Christmas Schedule for 2019

#### Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th

Masses: 5pm  
7pm  
9pm (Mass without Incense)  
(Carols begin 1/2 hour before the 5, 7  
and 9pm Masses.)  
Midnight  
(Carols begin at 11pm)

#### Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th

Mass at 11am  
(Carols begin at 10:30am)

#### Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, December 25th,  
and Thursday, December 26th

### Get your Message Out!

We welcome contributions by ministries and organizations of the parish. **To be included in the bulletin, items must be received no later than 5:00 P.M. the previous Wednesday.** Items normally appear for up to two weeks.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, December 8, 2019 - Second Sunday of Advent

CGS Morning Session	10:00am - CGS Atrium
Faith Formation	10:00am - All Rooms
Traditional Choir Rehearsal	10:45am - Church
YM- 7/8 Girls Sm. Group	1:30pm - Kaladi Brothers - Tudor Rd
YM- 10 Girls Sm. Group	2:00pm - Kaladi Brothers - Tudor Rd
YM - 9/10 Boys Sm. Group	2:45pm - BurgerFi - Debarr Location
Praise Choir Rehearsal	3:00pm - Church
YM- 11/12 Boys Sm. Group	3:00pm - Kaladi Brothers - Tudor Rd

### Monday, December 9 - Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception

Parish Office Closed	
Mass	9:00am -
Church	
SPRED Catechist Prep	7:00pm - Chapel, Hosp Rm
Mass	7:00pm - Church

### Tuesday, December 10

Legion of Mary	6:15am - Cenacle
R.C.I.A.	6:30pm - Tara
ACTS Core Team Meeting	7:00pm - Hosp Rm
CGS Catechist Prep	7:00pm - CGS Atrium

### Wednesday, December 11

CSSI Adult Faith Study	10:00am - Hosp Rm
Brother Francis Shelter Foot Washin	5:00pm - BFS
YM - 9 Girls Sm. Group	5:00pm - Kaladi Brothers - Tudor Rd
Folk Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm - Church
YM - 11/12 Girls Sm. Group	6:30pm - Kaladi Brothers - Tudor Rd

### Thursday, December 12

Adult Faith Study Group	10:00am - Hosp Rm
Eucharistic Adoration	6:00pm - Chapel
YM Core Team Meeting	6:30pm - Tara

### Friday, December 13

Samoan Choir Rehearsal	7:30pm - Dcns Hall
Alaska Chamber Singers Concert	8:00pm - Church

### Saturday, December 14

Men's Ora-et-Labora	9:00am - Chapel, Dcns Hall, Kitchen
Soul Core Exercise Group	9:30am - Cenacle
Contemporary Choir Rehearsal	3:45pm - Church
Confessions	4:00pm - Recon Room
KofC Rosary	4:30pm - Chapel
Samoan Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm - Church
AA	8pm - Tara



## READINGS

### December 8, 2019 - Second Sunday of Advent

IS 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 121-13, 17; ROM 15:4-9; MT 3:1-12.

### Monday - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

GN 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 98:1,2-3ab, 3cd-4; EPH 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

### Tuesday

IS 40:1-11; Psalm 96:1-2, 3 & 10ac, 11-12, 13; MT 18: 12-14

### Wednesday - St. John Damascus I, Pope

IS 40:25-31; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, & 10; MT 11:28-30

### Thursday - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

ZEC 2:14-17 or RV 11:19a; 12:1-6qa, 10ab; Psalm: Judith 13:18bcde, 19; LK 1:26-38

### Friday - St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

IS 48:17-19; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, & 6; MT 11:16-19

### Saturday - St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

SIR 48:1-4, 9-11, PS 80:2AC & 3B,15-16, 18-19, MT 17:9a, 10-13

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat:	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sun:	8:30am	Joseph Gagnon, R.O.S.
	11:30am	Lou Bonito, R.O.S.
	5:00pm	Amelita Galo, R.O.S.
Mon:	5:30pm	Antoni & Maria Zych, R.O.S.
Tues:	5:30pm	John Andrew Koop, Sr., R.O.S.
Wed:	5:30pm	
Thurs:	5:30pm	Respect for Life
Fri:	5:30pm	

## BIRTHDAYS!

Sun:	Natalia Estalilla, Camden Mcleod, Melanie Miller
Mon:	Taylor Dooley, Viancy Solis
Tues:	Darren Miranda, Tyler Upham,
Wed:	Bernadette Hart, Taylor Mitchell, David Salado
Thur.:	Quentin Lindamood, Sariah Rapoza
Fri:	Raphael Cartaciano, Arby Go, Lillian Wojtusik
Sat:	Mason Riccone, Orrin Wiseman

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