



Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent (B)

Is 40:1–5, 9–11

2 Pt 3:8–14

Mk 1:1–8

Prepare the Way of the Lord

The admonition in the title of this reflection is found in the reading from Isaiah and in the Gospel passage. Isaiah describes a long line of exiles returning to Jerusalem after many hard years in Babylon. God leads them back home. In preparation for God's and the people's entry, the way is made clear: "Every valley shall be lifted up...The rugged land shall be a plain" (Isaiah 40:4). The road is repaired, just as we might do if someone important were coming to town. The Gospel writer reinterprets this passage. Instead of repairing an actual roadway, the words of John the Baptist prepare for the entrance of Jesus into his public ministry. Despite their differences, both passages

speak of the "way of the Lord," which is the way of salvation.

The people are told they will get a new start. In the first reading it will be after exile; in the Gospel it is the new ministry of Jesus. Even St. Peter refers to this newness. He calls it "new heavens and a new earth" (2 Peter 3:13). He goes on to explain what this means. It will be existence "in which righteousness dwells." Saint Peter further states that this will come to pass on "the day of the Lord," the day when God's promises will be fulfilled and "all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9–10).

The events described in all three readings unfold because of God's merciful love of all. It is for such a day that we are called to prepare. Are we willing to exert the effort? Are we willing to listen to God's words?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *To move in a new life direction, we must leave what we have come to know. Are you ready?*
- ✦ *What might you have to leave behind?*

*In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!*

ISAIAH 40:3

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Reconciliation/Confession:

Thursday 5:30-6pm

Baptism: by appointment

Marriage Prep: Notify the
priest six months in advance

Anointing of the Sick & Visits

Please call the office if you know of
someone in need of a pastoral visit.

Diocesan Website: www.cdlex.org

Mass times:

Sunday 10:30am

4:00pm Spanish

Wednesday 6pm

Thursday 6pm

Confession 5:30 on Thurs



Mark 1: 1-8

Adult—What do you need to
change so that others can learn from
watching you that Christ walks among us?

Child—What could you do so that others
will see in you what it means to follow
Jesus?

MASS INTENTION: TODAY 10:30amDoug & Carol Lane
Vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception @ 6pm Mon., Dec. 7

*Wednesday 6PM.....St. Patrick Youth Group

*Thursday.....Patty Schmidt

Dec 13..... Paul Ford

Dec. 17.....Nick & Edna Breiner

Dec 20.....Jim Hyska



BIRTHDAYS

8—Oliverio De Los Santos

10—Sara Karaus

11—Nancy Montgomery

14—Danielle Waters

15—Jim Bonfield, Eric Pate

16—Lorena Merino-Nicolas

19—Daniel Reyna



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES DEC 17—Jane & Tom Lowry

WORD OF LIFE –

Intercessions for Life

May God move us to prepare the way
of the Lord by acting with tenderness
and compassion, especially toward the
most vulnerable among us;

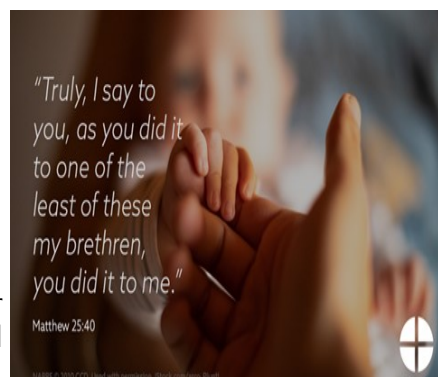
We pray to the Lord:

"Jesus calls each of us to 'care for
the other as a person for whom God
has made us responsible' (EV 87). ...

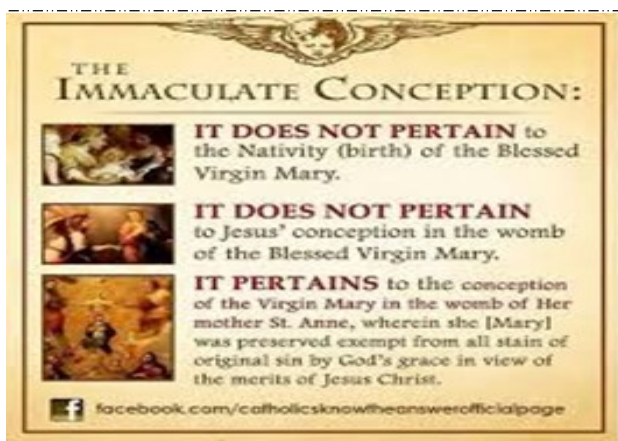
The encyclical *The Gospel of Life*

recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty
and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is
placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is
most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their
mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are
certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation."

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Vigil Mass Monday Dec 7 6pm



"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 the birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin."

(United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, 142-143)

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for us now and at the hour of our death.—Amen



If you would like to honor a loved one—living or deceased, or in remembrance of anniversaries, birthdays, & other special intentions, please complete the Mass Intention envelope in the back. (Suggested \$5 stipend)

Daily Scripture Readings — Go to www.usccb.org where you can read, listen, or even view a short video reflection on the Gospel.



"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

— St. Jerome
342-420 A.D.

Project Rachel & Rachel's Vineyard Retreats are ministries of the Respect Life Office in our diocese. During this time of isolation, women may experience greater regret from a past decision. Please encourage women to call the Project Rachel/Rachel's Vineyard Retreats number: 859-310-3970 or email hope@cdlex.org



THEME 4. Pope Francis renews his warning against a "throwaway culture:" Some parts of our human family, it appears, can be readily sacrificed for the sake of others considered worthy of a carefree existence. Ultimately, "persons are no longer seen as a paramount value to be cared for and respected, especially when they are poor and disabled, 'not yet useful' - like the unborn, or 'no longer needed' - like the elderly. (#18) No one is useless and no one is expendable. (#215)

FRATELLI TUTTI
ON FRATERNITY AND
SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP



Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up in our diocese **NEXT WEEK on Dec. 13.**

For more info go to:

<http://www.retiredreligious.org/resources/index.html>



Pope Francis' Universal DECEMBER Prayer Intention: For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Roseanne Ackermann, Doug Stamm, James Walker, Edna Fields, Jodi Ortiz, Lillie Harkness & Family, Paulett Hedge, Ernestine Jeffries, Linda Martin & Family,

Janet Wilson, the Pecina Family: (Trina, Jose, Rita) Perry Joe Sr., & Perry Joe Jr. Norris, Erika Janeth Garcia, Blanca & Isabel Valdez, Elizabeth Munoz, Steve, All those in our parish who are unemployed.



Please pray daily: 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary, and 1 Glory Be for Fr. Frank & all those who are sick.



Catholic



Dear Padre,

Do we need to evangelize, or spread the gospel, to fellow Catholics?

Yes! Evangelization is beneficial to Catholics who already practice the faith. As St. Paul VI pointed out, “The Church...seeks to deepen, consolidate, nourish and make ever more mature the faith of those who are already called the faithful or believers, in order that they may be so still more” (On Evangelization in the Modern World [*Evangelií Nuntiandi*], 54).

What about nonpracticing Catholics? Yes, again! A particular focus of



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the evangelizing Catholic ought to be those who have been baptized but who live outside the Christian life. We already know that a large number of the baptized have not formally repudiated their baptism but do not live in accordance with it. They resist the idea of evangelization out of indifference or a hostility based on the belief that he or she is one of the family, but is “in the know” and no longer believes.

Christ wishes God’s love to be proclaimed and

reproclaimed to all Catholics—practicing and nonpracticing. This is the essential mission that Christ gives to his Church—to invite everyone to experience the full impact of God’s love in Jesus.

—Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

How beautiful it is to think of ourselves as proclaimers of the resurrection of Jesus, not only in words, but also in our conduct and testimony of life! Jesus does not want disciples who are merely able to repeat memorized formulas. He wants witnesses: people who spread hope with their way of welcoming, smiling, and loving.

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 4, 2017

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 7

St. Ambrose,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

Is 35:1–10

Lk 5:17–26

Tuesday

DECEMBER 8

Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9–15, 20

Eph 1:3–6, 11–12

Lk 1:26–38

Wednesday

DECEMBER 9

Advent Weekday

Is 40:25–31

Mt 11:28–30

Thursday

DECEMBER 10

Advent Weekday

Is 41:13–20

Mt 11:11–15

Friday

DECEMBER 11

Advent Weekday

Is 48:17–19

Mt 11:16–19

Saturday

DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14–17 or

Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab

Lk 1:26–38 or 1:39–47

Sunday

DECEMBER 13

Third Sunday

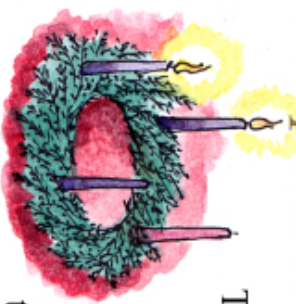
of Advent

Is 61:1–2a, 10–11

1 Thes 5:16–24

Jn 1:6–8, 19–28

Prepare the Way of the Lord!



The readings in today's Mass remind us that we are preparing for the coming of Jesus. The first reading says, "A voice cries out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord!'" Saint Paul, in the second reading, tells us to conduct ourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for the day of the Lord.

In the Gospel reading we hear about Saint John the Baptist preparing the people for the coming of Christ.

What can we do to prepare for the coming of Jesus, which we remember especially at Christmas?



YOU'RE BEING
SUCH A GOOD
HELPER!

First, we should try to be holy like Saint Paul says. We should pray and do good. Then, we should make sure that we have repented of all our

sins, like Saint John the Baptist taught the people. Finally, we should tell people about Jesus! The first reading tells us, "Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God!"



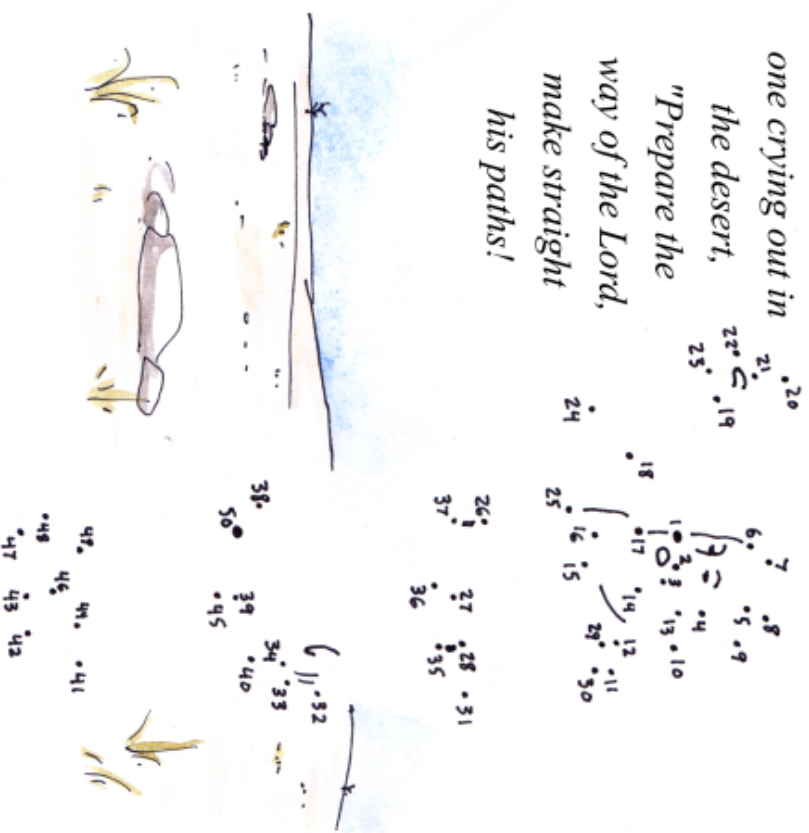
Answers to Cross-word: Across: 1. she 5. saw 7. immaculate 10. over 11. preserve 15. pure 17. man 18. lamb 20. ready 22. am 23. original
Down: 2. him 3. you 4. hate 5. save 6. were 8. Mary 9. love 12. soul 13. baby 14. Adam 16. Eve 18. laws 19. born 21. Anne

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The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Advent
December 6th, 2020

I am the voice of
one crying out in
the desert,
"Prepare the
way of the Lord,
make straight
his paths!"



What did God send before Jesus to prepare the
people for His coming?
Connect the dots to find out!

SAINT JUAN DIEGO

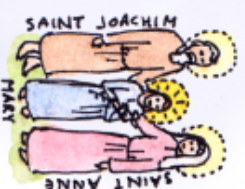
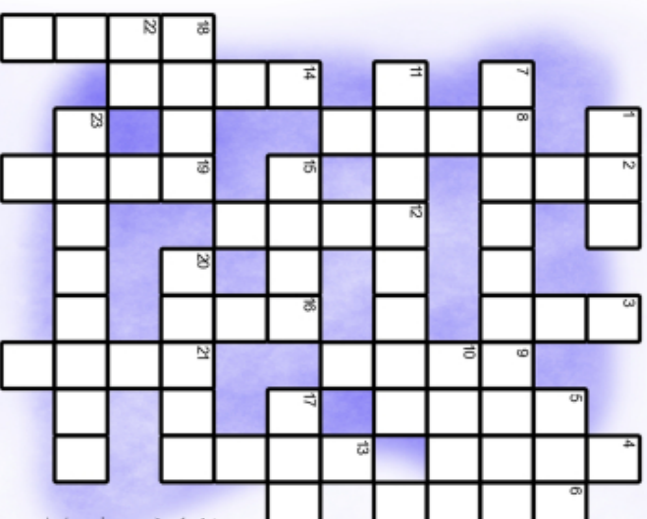
DECEMBER 9



SAINT JUAN DIEGO LIVED A LONG AND SIMPLE LIFE TEACHING THE FAITH. MARY CHOSE HIM, BECAUSE HE WAS HUMBLE, TO BRING HER MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH AT THAT TIME. WHEN THE NEW CHURCH WAS BUILT, MILLIONS OF THE PAGAN PEOPLE IN MEXICO BECAME CHRISTIANS. JUAN DIEGO DIED AT AGE 74.

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Immaculate Conception Cross-Word



Fill in the blanks to do this puzzle about Our Lady.

ACROSS:

1. _____ was without sin.
5. God _____ that Mary would do His will.
7. She was the _____ Conception.
10. God watched _____ Mary.
11. God decided to _____ her from sin.
15. Mary's soul was not stained - it was _____.

17. God's Son become _____ of God.
18. He is called the _____ of God.
20. When the time was _____, the angel came to Mary.
22. She said, "I _____ the handmaid of the Lord.
23. She had no _____ sin, so she was always ready to obey.

DOWN:

2. Whatever God wanted she would do for _____.
3. She brought the Saviour into the world for _____ and me.
4. She teaches us to love God and _____ sin, which offends Him.
5. God had decided to _____ Mary from all sin.
6. If you _____ God, how would you make your mother?
8. The name of God's mother is _____.
9. She did every single thing out of _____ for God.
12. He had preserved her _____ from every stain of sin.
13. Before she was even a little _____ she was chosen by God.
14. We all have original sin because of _____.
16. ... and his wife, _____, who committed the first sins.
18. They had chosen to disobey God's _____.
19. Since then, every other person * was _____ with original sin.
21. Mary was the daughter of the holy saints, _____ and Joachim.

* Except Saint John the Baptist, who, according to tradition, was freed from original sin - filled with the Holy Spirit - when his mother was greeted by Mary who was expecting Jesus.