



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT



## PARISH CENTER

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## Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin announcements are due to the Parish Office on Wednesday one week prior to the weekend of publication.

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Mass of Anticipation ..... Saturday, 5:30pm  
Sunday Mass ..... Sunday, 8:00am and 11:00am  
Monday and Wednesday ..... 12:00pm  
Tuesday and Thursday ..... 9:00am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Monday and Wednesday,  
11:30am and Saturday, 5:00pm

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Baptism preparation is by appointment. Please call the Parish Center for more information.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Please call Parish Center at least ten months before the wedding date to begin preparation.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Please call the Parish Center.

**Sacramental Emergencies: 330-817-3635**  
Urgent need for the Anointing of the Sick



**Scripture Readings FOR TODAY**

**First Reading:** Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever. (Bar 5:1)

**Psalm:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)

**Second Reading:** I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. (Phil 1:6)

**Gospel:** "Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." (Lk 3:5-6)

**Readings for the Week**

**Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Saints & Special Observances**

**Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent

**Tuesday:** St. Damasus I, Pope

**Wednesday:** Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Thursday:** St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

**Friday:** St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

**THE WEEK AHEAD****Mass Intentions:**

Sunday, December 9 -  
Parishioners

Thursday December 13 -  
Jerri Le Anne Barkhurst by Mark Barkhurst

Making straight the path of Christ is not only the vocation of John the Baptist but of every baptized believer. God desires to lead us with His mercy and justice. These are essentials in God's kingdom and some of the gifts Christ's future coming will bring. But our world's systems do not place emphasis on these values. Wanting greater profits, downsizing companies in order to reduce expenses, using others for personal or corporate gain, and valuing institutions over people are just a few of the "values" we encounter every day. We are called to straighten the path to Christ. In a world that places value on things that are counter to our call, how do we respond? We need to learn to discern what is of real value and then take the risk of bringing it into the marketplace.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYER****Please Pray for Our Members, Relatives, & Friends**

Ramona Allen, Betty Ashford and Donald Pendleton, Annie Berry, Hasan Bennett, Denise Chinn, Minnie Cassell, Barbara Christian, Alice Crayton, Lavon Curry, Ben Duran, Tep Falcon, Leon Gibson, Mary Ignatin, Nell Jones, Dr. Kim Langley-Brown, Dorothy Livingston, Raven McElroy, Derek Mosley, Lawrence Pierre, Felix Powell, Mary Praylo, Maria Singleton, Miles Tatum, Earlie Taylor, Joan Thomas, Jim Tyson, Desaree Venema, Robert Vigil, and Ginnie Ward's family.

**Please Pray for Our Homebound**

Easter Butler, Lola Clemons, Janette Frye, Mary Gambrell, Gerard Haas, Mary Haas, Toledo Mays, Lisa McGee, Shaneil Moore, and Dorothy Urban  
**For homebound needs, please contact Deacon Clarence at x304**

**Please Pray for All Caregivers**

**Lord Jesus, we ask you to bring your healing touch to those we know to be sick, afraid, or worried. Amen.**

The next **Bible Study** will be **December 16 at 9:30 am** (between the 8:00 and 11:00 Masses). The reading that we will discuss is Luke 3:10-18.



Please come and join us for this discussion and the sharing of the word.

**There are still Little Blue Books available in the back of the church, be sure to get yours if you have not already!**



**Thanks for all your donations to our Christmas Food Box Appeal.** Our goal was for \$2,500, but because of the rising cost of food, we were told that we would need \$3,000. Thanks to all your generous donations, **we did reach the goal of \$3,000 plus a little over.** If you or someone you know is in need of a Christmas food box, please contact me at [minniecassell3333@yahoo.com](mailto:minniecassell3333@yahoo.com) or 303-355-6265. The food boxes will be given out at **St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church on Saturday, December 15, after 12:00 noon.** **Volunteers are also needed**, and the sign-up sheet for that is in the rear of our church on the ledge. Thanks for all your help. Your sister in Christ, Minnie Cassell



The **Cure d'Ars Youth Ministry** will be hosting a **community coat drive for Christmas.** We are looking for new and gently used coats to give to those in need who live in our Park Hill community. We will be **collecting coats in all sizes, children and adult, to distribute on Saturday, December 22.** There will be collection boxes in the Charlie Bright Center beginning December 1. This is an important activity for our youth to be able to help the people in our neighborhood. Please join us in adding a little "warmth" to this Christmas season for those in need.

It's time to continue our **Cure d'Ars tradition of the Advent Giving Tree!** You are invited to join the children in our religious education program in **collecting and contributing new children's gloves,**



**mittens, scarves and caps that will be placed on the Giving Tree** in the church vestibule. Items received before the Cure d'Ars/Loyola Christmas Food Basket Day, December 15, will be used then, and what is received the final weekends before Christmas will be used in other ways. Thank you for your generosity.

The first of the Corporal Works of Mercy is to "feed the hungry," and such a service is a wonderful Advent activity. We can do this by **supporting the Greater Park Hill Food Pantry** by donating non-perishable food and personal items. Persons and families in need are grateful for your help. **Currently canned spinach, carrots and potatoes are a special need as well as spices and Chapstick, lotion and deodorants.** If you would like to receive assistance from the Pantry, **it is open Monday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at 2823 Fairfax Street.** Thank you for contributing to the basket in our church vestibule. This is one way we respond to Jesus' statement: "Whatever you do to another, you do to me." (Matt 25:40).



**SAVE THE DATE!**

The 3rd Annual Catholic Women's Conference of Denver "**The Holiness of Women**" will be held April 27, 2019 at CU South Denver Campus, Lone Tree, CO. The speaker line up includes *Colleen Carroll Campbell, Everett Fritz, Sister Maris Stella, and Father Nick Larkin.* Visit [DenverCatholicConference.com](http://DenverCatholicConference.com) to learn more. Early Bird registration begins Jan 1st!



The Christmas story isn't a fairy tale or nursery rhyme. It's not a parable we say to give meaning to the holiday. At Christmas, God's presence is made tangible in a precise moment in time. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

John's call to repentance and the forgiveness of sins happened in a particular time and place. What we hear in today's Gospel - and what we anticipate at Christmas - occurs in our daily lives. God works in concrete ways in time and space. He did that 2,000 years ago, and He continues to do so today!

