



# Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 6  
2020**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**PUBLIC ENTRY BY  
APPOINTMENT ONLY  
MASS SCHEDULE  
(TEMPORARY)**

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4 pm & 6 pm

Sunday: 8 am, 10 am & Noon

Weekday Masses

Monday: 7:30 am

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Wednesday: 7:30 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

**PARISH STAFF**

Pastor

Fr. Richard Allen

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Business Manager

Mrs. Ann Miller

*second sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

- SUN 12/6** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
- MON 12/7** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
- TUE 12/8** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- WED 12/9** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30
- THR 12/10** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
- FRI 12/11** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
- SAT 12/12** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/
- SUN 12/13** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2020

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday:** St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
- Friday:** St. Damasus I, Pope
- Saturday:** Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent

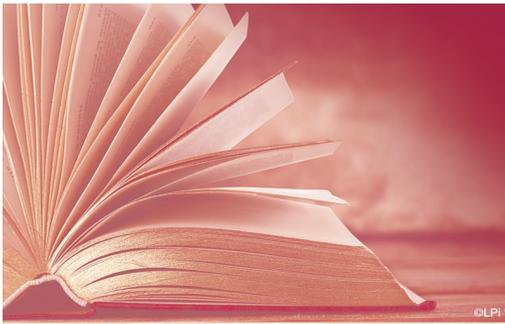
## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Prepare the way of the Lord! The message of John the Baptist becomes the calling of every baptized disciple of Jesus Christ. Each one of us is asked to prepare the way of the Lord. Given the humble means of our lives, how can we do this? It certainly does not require that we stand on street corners announcing God's future coming! We can more readily take up the task of our lifework by clearing our lives of unnecessary, distracting clutter. By creating solid and deep spiritual lives, we can heighten our awareness of God's presence and help people point to and discover God's presence around them. By conducting ourselves in holiness and devotion, we can speak volumes to those we meet. Not by preaching actual words, but by living lives that communicate the comfort God wants His people to know. As the world sometimes frantically unfolds around us, we can be people of patience who show others that it's okay to wait for God's gift to come. Conducting our lives in this manner, we will know the peace that comes from doing what we have been asked to do.



Quiet  
your  
heart.

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING:

A voice cries out:  
In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!  
Make straight in the wasteland a highway  
for our God! (Is 40:3)



## PSALM:

Lord, let us see your kindness,  
and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)



## SECOND READING:

The day of the Lord will come like a thief,  
and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar  
and the elements will be dissolved by fire,  
and the earth and everything done on it will be  
found out. (2 Pt 3:10)



## GOSPEL:

"One mightier than I is coming after me.  
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the  
thongs of his sandals.  
I have baptized you with water;  
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (Mk 1:7b-8)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not?



MON 12/7 7 <sup>30</sup> AM	Emory Beal [Rosemarie Trindle]
MON 12/7 6PM	Pius G. Oleskey [Monica Monaco]
TUES 12/8 9AM	Roxanne Pagliaroli [Joe Wolinsky]
WED 12/9 7 <sup>30</sup> AM	Richard Edward Dangrow
THU 12/10 9AM	Guisepppe "Joe" Circelli [Patricia Barnhart & Mr. & Mrs. James Fabre]
FRI 12/11 9AM	Barbara Anne Stawaisz [Stawaisz Family]
SAT 12/12 9AM	Jean Teaberry [Mike & Kathy Ballish]
SAT 12/12 4PM	Mass for the People
SAT 12/12 6PM	Msgr. John Hagerty
SUN 12/13 8AM	Mildred Palanti [Tom & Fran]
SUN 12/13 10AM	Ray & Margaret St. John [St. John Family]
SUN 12/13 12PM	Fr. Michael Allison



SAT 12/12 4PM	Lector J. Spatara	Eucharistic Min. C. Esmond or T. Spatara
SAT 12/12 6PM	Lector NOT FILLED	Eucharistic Min. NOT FILLED
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SUN 12/13 8AM	Lector G. Leonard	Eucharistic Min. P. Clark or R. Vetica
SUN 12/13 10AM	Lector K. O'Brien	Eucharistic Min. R. Beal or B. McVey
SUN 12/13 12PM	Lector NOT FILLED	Eucharistic Min. NOT FILLED

**\*ATTN VOLUNTEERS!**  
PLEASE CHECK-IN WITH FR. ALLEN PRIOR TO MASS

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### Vigil

#### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
4PM, 7PM and 10PM

### Christmas Day

#### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
9AM and Noon

### New Year's Eve

Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>  
4PM and 6PM

### New Year's Day

#### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

9AM

## \*MINISTRY SCHEDULER\*

The next scheduling period will be from January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021. Please remember to inform us of any dates you will not be available to serve in this period **before Friday, December 18, 2020**. Please use the following link to update your availability.

[https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/msp/webterminal/myProfile.php?user=notre\\_dame](https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/msp/webterminal/myProfile.php?user=notre_dame)

You may also notify either the parish office at (724)981-5566 or Frank Hannah by email: [notredamehermitage@gmail.com](mailto:notredamehermitage@gmail.com)

YOU ARE A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THIS PARISH AND WE THANK YOU!

## PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of those who have lost a loved one. Please keep in prayer those who have entered into eternal life:

*Michael Masello*  
*Frances Moretti*

## PARISH REGISTRATION

If you would like to join our parish and become part of the Notre Dame Church family, please complete this form and return by mail or drop in the collection basket.

### REQUEST FOR PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS:

### Wendell August Christmas Ornament

This 2020 year's annual ornament, Angel of Peace order form will be found in the church foyer. The ornament will have our Notre Dame Church stamp on the back. Many of our parishioners continue to decorate their tree yearly with this beautiful handmade metal ornament. The price will be Aluminum \$11.00 or Bronze \$14.00. This is a savings of \$1.00 from the store.

### Christmas Wafer (Oplatki)

This eastern European tradition for Christmas Eve will be offered again and the Christmas wafers can be found in the church foyer. One package (4 wafers) costs \$1.25.

## INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

### WHAT IS RCIA?

#### THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

#### IS RCIA FOR ME?

If you answer yes to any of the following questions, then Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults may be for you.

- A non-baptized person?
- Baptized as Catholic but were never confirmed or received Holy Communion?
- Baptized, made First Communion but never had any religious instruction beyond these sacraments?
- Non-Catholic interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith?

For more information, please call Kathy Higgins at 724-981-5566, ext. 109.

### PRINCE OF PEACE

## Peggy's Christmas Stocking Annual Toy Drive November 2nd–December 14th

*Due to Covid-19, this year's Toy Drive will operate differently, but as always, Notre Dame families will still have the opportunity to help bring Christmas joy, comfort, and excitement to as many children in need as possible.*

*Unlike years past, we will not have a stocking tree in the vestibule. This year we are asking you to drop off toys at the Prince of Peace Center, 502 Darr Ave., Farrell or you can make a monetary donation and designate it for the purchase of Christmas toys.*

*Please consider participation this year! Our Prince of Peace families have all faced months of difficulty, so let's give a brighter Christmas to as many children as we can. For more information, contact Maritza at 724-346-5777.*

## CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

**Keeping God's Children Protected and Safe:** The safe environment training of our children and youth is a key component in the Policy for the Protection of Children. Each year our schools and parishes are mandated to provide this training to all youth in catholic school and parish programs. Since 2003 over 200,000 children have received age-appropriate abuse prevention education. The Diocese maintains a working relationship with agencies in each of our 13 counties to provide training for our youth in schools and parishes. In addition, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth maintains a media library containing videos for schools and parishes to provide child abuse prevention education. From 2016-19 over 31,000 parents have also received child abuse prevention education. Visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/> to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.

### 3 EASY STEPS

#### TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!



Wash your hands at least 20 seconds with soap & water.

