

MASSES FOR DECEMBER 11-17

Monday, 11	8:30 am (SF)	George M. Wenner (<i>Sally Wenner</i>) Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday, 12	8:30 am (SJ)	Rita Batcho (<i>Jane & Huck Hanuscin</i>) - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19; Lk 1:26038 or Lk 1:39-47
Wednesday, 13	8:30 am (SF)	For the People Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday, 14	6:00pm (SF)	Katie Tizziani (<i>CWC of Toronto</i>) Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13b; Mt 11:11-15
Friday, 15	9:00 am (SJ)	Ray Zorbini (<i>Wendel & Mary Lou Taggart</i>) Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday, 16	5:00 pm (SF)	Ruth Maple (<i>Family</i>)
Sunday, 17	9:00 am (SJ)	Frank J. Vanihel III (<i>Vanihel Family</i>)
	11:00 am (SF)	Michael Shuma (<i>Mom, Sisters, Nieces, Nephews, Great Niece & Nephew</i>) Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY:	Comfort Bears - 9:00am (SJH)
TUESDAY:	Nut Rolls - 9:00am (SFH)
WEDNESDAY:	Parish School of Religion - 6:00pm (SJH)* Eucharistic Adoration - 6:00pm (SF)
THURSDAY:	Confessions - 6-7pm (SJ)
SATURDAY:	Confessions - 10:30am (SJ) Nut Roll Sales - after 5pm Mass (SFH)
SUNDAY:	Nut Roll Sales after all Masses - in Church Halls Vespers & Benediction - 6:00pm (SF) Last one! Confessions directly following Vespers Choir Practice directly following Vespers

As of 12/05/2023: Trinity West: **Catherine Auch**; Trinity East: . Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes. ***If you or a family member becomes hospitalized, please be sure to contact the rectory.***



Once again this year, I would like to express our sincere thanks to all the men from our parishes (and some who are not) who took time to set up the Nativity Scene at each church. As always, you did a great job! Given the nice weather, I can only assume that God is pleased with your efforts and dedication to this annual project. Again, many thanks are given to **John Blosco, Rich Varagliotti, Larry Cernansky, Joe Solomon, Carl Oprisch, and Bob Morris**. Bob deserves very special thanks for his incredible help in repairing several of the statues. Thank you to all of you for your assistance!



For those who honor the Slovak tradition of **Oplatki**, it is now available at the back of each parish. This weekend, please take only as many as you need. The following weekend, feel free to take as many as you would like.

CWC News

Would you like to remember our "adopted" seminarians with a Christmas card? Since they will be serving in our local parishes over the Christmas Season, cards may be sent to their homes.

Peter Stetson, 147 Hollywood Boulevard, Steubenville, OH 43952.
Samuel Ivkovich, 522 Pine Valley Drive, Steubenville, OH 43952.

They both attend Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, 2701 Chicago Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48206



CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: (83 Envelopes) \$3,974.00; Loose: \$180.00; Candles: \$48.00; Poor: \$637.00. **St. Joseph:** Adult: (38 Envelopes) \$1,138.00; Loose: \$30.00; Candles: \$26.00; Poor: \$121.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for December 3rd: Saturday 5:00pm: 66; 9:00am: 115; 11:00am: 80.**



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jay Smith**. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Smith Family. May Jay live in the eternal light of Christ.



Comfort Bear Ladies: Don't forget Comfort Bears tomorrow, **Monday, December 11th at 9am at St. Joseph Church Hall!** New members are always welcome! Call Janet (544-6097) with any questions. No sewing experience is needed!



Today is the deadline for returning any gifts for the Giving Tree! **Any monetary donation is to be placed in the collection box at Church or dropped off at the parish office. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE MONEY AT THE CHRISTMAS TREES.**



Time is ticking down to the Christmas Holidays! Get your holiday nut, apricot, and poppy seed rolls now! They will be sold in the Church Halls after all Masses this weekend; cost is \$12/each. Any questions, call Judy Wnek (537-4715).



The Parish Secretary will be out of the office on Dec. 11-15 Please hold all phone calls regarding Masses and other items that will require her attention until the Dec. 18th.

**Second Sunday of Advent
by The Faithful Disciple**

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

GROW: Can you hear it? The voice crying out in the desert? While John the Baptist was the one literally proclaiming, from the desert, the coming of the Lord, we should listen for echoes of his message today. John foretold that Jesus – the Father's Incarnate Son – was on his way to redeem the world. Through Jesus' passion and death, the gates of heaven were flung open so all who believe in him would have eternal life. This is the Good News he proclaimed then, and the Church proclaims today: *Christ has come! Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again.* This is what we prepare for in Advent – to celebrate, on Christmas day, Christ's coming into the world, and that he will one day return in glory. The Lord gives comfort to his people in his words, and in his presence to us in the Eucharist: "According to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." So, trust in the Lord, remain vigilant, and take heed of the voices that remind us to "prepare the way of the Lord."

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

GO: Each year, we are given the gift of Advent. It is a season that invites us to slow down, reflect on the gift of Jesus and prepare to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord. Ironically, though, it happens at one of the most frenzied times of the year as we rush to keep up with cookie baking, tree decorating and merry-making. Advent is short – it includes four Sundays but can be three to four weeks long depending on the weekday upon which Christmas falls – and it sometimes doesn't seem long enough to truly prepare our hearts. This year Advent is three weeks and a day – so we are close to reaching the midway point, which is a good time to ask ourselves: How tuned in are we to John the Baptist's message? If we feel like we're being carried along in a wave of consumerism, it's not too late to make a course correction. We can step away from the fray and carve out time to enjoy the stillness of Advent and truly listen to the voice crying out in the desert.

SING:

***Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.***