

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

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Anointing of the Sick (Communal - Monthly)

Individual: Any time and also by appointment.

Baptism: Contact the parish office to set up an appointment.

Confessions:

3rd Saturday in church, 3:15pm and by appointment

Communal: Seasonal as announced

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Mission Statement
Blessed Savior Catholic Parish, a welcoming open community of diverse disciples of Christ, affirms a way of life through prayer, service, and sharing.



Our preparation for Christmas starts with a conversion of our hearts. We have to make the crooked ways straight.



National Catholic Youth Conference, 2019

Archbishop Christopher Pierre, The Papal Nuncio for the United States

In: Indianapolis

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

SATURDAY, 12/7 - VIGIL OF 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

4:00pm † Richard & Mary Presser

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 12/8 - 12/8 - 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

9:00am † Norbert & Viola Van Lannen & Family

Rosary at 8:15am

MONDAY, 12/9 - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

9:00am † Gerald & Elaine Ballering

TUESDAY, 12/10 - ADVENT WEDNESDAY

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

9:00am Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, 12/11 - ST. DAMASUS I, POPE

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

9:00am † Deceased Members of the Parish

THURSDAY, 12/12 - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
SCHOOL MASS, WEST CAMPUS

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

9:30am Intention of the Priest

SATURDAY, 12/14 - VIGIL OF 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

4:00pm † Joseph Augustine

Rosary at 3:15am

SUNDAY, 12/15 - 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

9:00am † Terry Leack

Rosary at 8:15am

GOSPEL MEDITATION What does it mean to be worthy?

There are a few different ways to approach this question. Today's Gospel highlights two: the way of the Pharisees and the way of John the Baptist. Our faith values good works and discipleship. Perhaps, then, we "earn" our worth by adhering to the right doctrines and following the right pious practice. The Pharisees thought they were worthy. Due to their religious pedigree and proper procedures, they were self-satisfied. John the Baptist's words to them are strong. "Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.'" Of course, Jesus (and John) don't omit the responsibility for moral behavior. John gives the Pharisees quite a strong warning in that regard. "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance ... every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

It's a question of attitude. Of disposition. It's a matter of the heart. If anyone would be worthy in this scenario, it's John the Baptist. Jesus himself will name him the greatest of prophets and a great man. John, however, recognizes his own lowly place in the grand scheme of things. "The one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals." The Pharisees take pride in being "better" than others. John embraces humility in Christ being "better" than him. We don't self-generate our own worthiness. We receive it as a gift from God.

In a few short weeks, we'll celebrate the birth of Christ. Bishop Fulton Sheen wrote about the Nativity in his "Life of Christ": "Because [Jesus] was born in a cave, all who wish to see Him must stoop. To stoop is the mark of humility. The proud refuse to stoop and, therefore, they miss divinity." God invites us to prepare our hearts this Advent. When you consider your own life, where are you looking for your worth? This Christmas, are you prepared to stoop?
Liturgical Publications

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

One day, we heard the news that a possible tornado was heading our way. We live off of a highway, and it was traveling along that very road. My wife and kids huddled in the downstairs bathroom. Not many tornadoes surface in North Carolina, so our children were particularly worried because it was something they had never contemplated happening before. The tornado never did come into our neighborhood, but it did cause one of our sons to express that he needed to go to Confession as soon as possible. He hadn't done anything too over the top sinful, but coming face-to-face with a tornado had caused him to have some second thoughts about his preparedness for meeting God. Hopefully, a tornado doesn't make a path through your city or town this Advent.

Sometimes, reminders of our mortality find their way into life. The passing of a loved one, a car accident, or a health scare can all cause us to reflect on where we are in our relationship with God. Without those moments, we can find ourselves living daily without a mindfulness of where God is in our life and if our actions are pleasing to Him ... or if they drag us further away into the world.

Advent is the time to take inventory of where we are with God. How are we living as good stewards and mature disciples? What do I need to make amends for in the healing power of the sacrament of Penance? A tornado may not be coming, but Jesus will be returning someday. Hopefully, you will run outside of your home to meet him, and he won't find you huddled up afraid in your bathroom.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

This week's School Mass is Thursday, Dec. 12, 9:30am at the WEST CAMPUS (a combined South/West Mass). Enter through the east side door of the church. Parishioners are welcome to attend.



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