

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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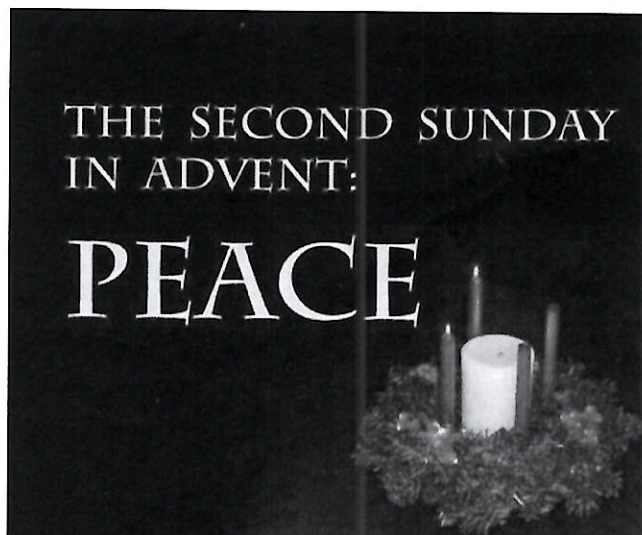
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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**December 5, 2021**

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**Faith - Tradition - Family**

## Good News!

Many of us grew up thinking that this life doesn't amount to much. It's full of pitfalls and enticements that threaten our eternal salvation. Such disdain often boils over into contempt for the world. According to this thinking, it is only the next life that is important, which will unfold in a much better place. Today's readings challenge such extreme thinking. They assure us that the glory of God is partially revealed to us even within this life. They astound us by insisting that God speaks to us through life's events—events that often appear to be quite mundane.

Baruch tells of Jerusalem, the city loved passionately by every Israelite. This was a city like so many other cities. However, God dwelt there and wherever God dwells is, for that reason, a holy city—be it is Jerusalem, Munich, or Detroit. God dwells in our midst, right here, right now. Hence, this imperfect life and this damaged world are holy.

The Gospel situates John the Baptist in the middle of the ancient Near Eastern world. It was a Roman world controlled by Caesar and a Jewish province ruled over by Herod. John stated that it was to that place at that time that the Promised One would come, and it was up to John to “prepare the way of the Lord” (Isaiah 40:3; Luke 3:4).

Most importantly, we must never forget that God took on the troubles and sins of this world and entered our life, making it his life. This is the real reason that this world is holy.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

SJB=St. John the Baptist  
OLM=Our Lady of Mercy

## MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	12/04 4:00	P.M.	Living & Deceased of Herbert Huck and Pearl Daily Families (Max and Tess Huck)
	SJB	12/04 6:00	P.M.	+Alma Schneider (Family)
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	12/05 7:30	A.M.	+Alice Lang (Anniv.) (Bob and Peggy Byers)
	OLM	12/05 9:30	A.M.	+Bernard "Buzzard" Brooker ( Julia Brooker)
	SJB	12/05 11:00	A.M.	+Rosemary Heiss (1st. Anniv.) (Bill and Alberta Wesel)
<b>Monday</b>	SJB	12/06 8:00	A.M.	+Dave Pottmeyer (Parish)
<b>Tuesday</b>	OLM	12/07 5:00	P.M.	Living and Deceased Members of OLM CWC (CWC) Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Wednesday</b>	SJB	12/08 8:20	A.M.	+Peggy Schaad (36th Anniv.) (Mike and Marilyn Schaad Family) School Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	OLM	12/08 5:00	P.M.	+Linda Huck (Beverly Feed & Equipment)
<b>Wednesday</b>	SJB	12/08 6:00	P.M.	+Mary Canterbury (Jeff Brooker Family)
<b>Thursday</b>	OLM	12/09 5:00	P.M.	No Mass Today
<b>Friday</b>	SJB	12/10 8:00	A.M.	+Rosemary Wagner (Richard and Brenda Arnold Family)
<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	12/11 4:00	P.M.	+Harold Rauch (Sandy Huck)
	SJB	12/11 6:00	P.M.	+Paul Schwendeman (Birthday) (Family)
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	12/13 7:30	A.M.	+Donna Jean Lang Sturm (Romona Barrett)
	OLM	12/13 9:30	A.M.	Conversion of Hearts (Jason & Jennifer Morris)
	SJB	12/13 11:00	A.M.	+Richard Pottmeyer (Family)

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCH. MINISTER</u>
<b>SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.</b>	Weston Hennes, Aden Haught	Eugene Huck	Theresa Sauer
<b>SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.</b>	Henry Huffman, Jacob Huffman	Hugh Arnold	Arnold Huck
<b>SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.</b>	Connor and Finn Lauchard	Janelle Sprague	Tonia Skinner

### COLLECTION

Total Collection \$3,284  
Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750

### DPSC

Parish Goal \$27,651  
2021 Collected \$57,496

### BINGO

If you are unable to attend,  
please find a replacement.

Thank you for your generosity!

<u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u>	<u>C.W.C. WORK GROUPS</u>	<u>SAINT OF THE WEEK</u>
Dec. 5 Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman Dec. 12 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury Dec. 19 Group 7 with BJ Davis <b>Dec. 26 NO BINGO</b> Jan. 2 Group 8 with Russ Lang and Group 1 with Jeff Brooker	December Group D-Elaine Wells January Group E-Susan Arnold February Group F-Lori Hart Tonia Skinner March Group A-Anna Schaad April Group B-Dorothy Schaad May Group E-Susan Arnold	Nothing graces the Christian soul so much as mercy; mercy as shown chiefly towards the poor, that thou mayest treat them as sharers in common with thee in the produce of nature, which brings forth the fruits of the earth for use to all. - Saint Ambrose (340-397), Bishop, Patron of Police Officers, Feast Day December 7

### CHECK US OUT!

Web page: [www.stjohnchurchtown.com](http://www.stjohnchurchtown.com)  
Facebook: St. John Catholic Church Churchtown

### COVID UPDATE FOR CHURCH

Masks are available in the vestibule

### PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Please pray for all of the men and women who are serving our country in the military. May God watch over them and keep them safe.

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Zep 3:14-18a  
Phil 4:4-7  
Lk 3:10-18



### **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Wednesday, December 8. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held at St. John's at 8:20 a.m. (School Mass); 5:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Lowell; 6:00 p.m. at St. John's (liturgical minister volunteers will be needed for this mass).

### **K OF C SPREAD THE LIGHT**

KofC will be hosting a Spread the Light of Christ tree lighting/ blessing on December 7, at 7:00 pm at the KofC hall with refreshments to follow. This is a family event and we will also be announcing the winners of our Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest that evening and putting them on display in the gym for the Christmas season.

### **CWC CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The CWC Christmas Party (including spouses) will be held on Monday, December 13 with Mass at 6 pm followed by dinner. Please bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert to share, the main dish will be provided. Donations to St. Vincent DePaul will be collected. Reservations required by calling Elaine Wells 740-896-3112 or Marilyn Kern 740-749-3371 by December 6.

### **2022 COLLECTION ENVELOPES**

Collection envelopes for 2022 are now available. Please remember to write your name on the first envelope used in 2022. If you do not have a box and would like one, please call the Rectory (896-3566). We would be happy to provide you with envelopes.

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, please place your donation of \$10 in an envelope along with the name(s) of who you would like to remember and drop it in the collection basket. Please try to write the names so they are easily read and have your list in by December 17.

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

If you would like to send a Christmas card to Fr. Virgil Reischman, Fr. Tim Davison or Fr. Walter Heinz or Father Dale Tornes, their addresses are as follows: Fr. Virgil Reischman, 50300 St. Rt. 145, Woodsfield, OH 43793; Fr. Tim Davison, 334 South Main Street, Woodsfield, OH 43793; Fr. Walter Heinz, 5700 Bayshore Road, Lot 244, Palmetto, FL 34221; Fr. Dale Tornes, 106 Alta Street, Apt. 3, Marietta, OH 45750.

### **BINGO CHANGE**

Bingo on December 26 has been cancelled. A Super Bingo will be held on Sunday, January 2, 2022 with Group 8 (Russ Lang) and Group 1 (Jeff Brooker). Please mark your calendar accordingly.

### **K OF C MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

K of C Members Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hall. Members and a guest are invited to enjoy an evening out to get in the Christmas spirit and show appreciation to all the ladies who have helped out the K of C over the last year. A meal and drinks will be provided. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call/text Ian Alexander 740-525-4898.

### **K OF C CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

K of C Children's Christmas party will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 12 at the Hall. Members are invited to bring their families for a festive afternoon. Santa Claus will make a stop to visit individually with each child and distribute gifts. Inflatables, pizza and drinks will be provided. Parents/Grandparents/Guardians, please discreetly bring a wrapped gift to the kitchen area upon arrival (you will be reimbursed \$5.00/child). For more information call/text Ian Alexander 740-525-4898.

### **SCRIP**

Scrip card orders will be placed every Sunday, December 5 through December 19 at 6:00 p.m. Check out [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) to view and place your orders online. Our School Code is A9EDE85C1723L.

### **DPSC**

Please keep in mind all DPSC donations for 2021 must be turned in by December 26 to be included on this year's statement. The 2022 DPSC program will begin January 1, 2022. Since our goal has been met for 2021 any donations made will be returned to our parish.

### **PENANCE SERVICES**

All Penance Services will be held at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

December 14	Our Lady of Mercy Church in Lowell
	St. Bernard's Church in Beverly
December 15	St. Mary's Church in Marietta
December 16	St. Ambrose Church in Little Hocking
December 17	St. John School (12:30 p.m.)

## POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

O Mary, our Immaculate Mother, on your feast day I come  
to you, and I come alone:  
I bring with me all those with whom your Son entrusted to me,  
In this city of Rome and in the entire world,  
That you may bless them and preserve them from harm.

I bring to you, Mother, children,  
Especially those who are alone, abandoned,  
And for this reason, are tricked and exploited.  
I bring to you, Mother, families, who carry forward life and society  
With their daily and hidden efforts;  
In a special way the families who struggle the most  
For their many internal and external problems.  
I bring to you, Mother, all workers, both men and women,  
And I entrust to you especially those who, out of need,  
Are forced to work in an unworthy profession  
And those who have lost work or are unable to find it.

We are in need of your immaculate gaze,  
To rediscover the ability to look upon persons and things  
With respect and awareness,  
Without egotistical or hypocritical interests.  
We are in need of your immaculate heart,  
To love freely,  
Without secondary aims but seeking the good of the other,  
With simplicity and sincerity, renouncing masks and tricks.  
We are in need of your immaculate hands,  
To caress with tenderness,  
To touch the flesh of Jesus  
In our poor, sick, or despised brethren,  
To raise up those who have fallen and support those who waver.  
We are in need of your immaculate feet,  
To go toward those who know not how to make the first step,  
To walk on the paths of those who are lost,  
To find those who feel alone.

We thank you, O Mother, because in showing yourself to us You free us of all stain of sin;  
You remind us that what comes first is the grace of God,  
The love of Jesus Christ who gave his life for us,  
The strength of the Holy Spirit which renews all things.  
Let us not give in to discouragement,  
But, trusting in your constant help,  
Let us engage ourselves fully in renewal of self,  
Of this city and of the entire world.  
Pray for us, Holy Mother of God!

