

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

On this second Sunday of Advent, our focus begins to shift from the end of time to the time immediately before the first coming of Christ into the world. Yet the message is still the same: God's reign is at hand. As we worship together today, let us heed John the Baptist whose message of preparing those people of Israel so long ago echoes in our own hearts: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 11:1-10 *The wolf shall be a guest of the lamb.*
Psalm 72:1-10 *"Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever."*
Rom 15:4-9 *God, the source of patience, enables us to live in harmony.*
Mt 3:1-12 *Prepare the way of the Lord!*

Our first reading today is from Isaiah, describing the peaceable kingdom of God, the day of the Messiah of the Lord. In this kingdom ancient enmities are ended and enemies live as neighbors. If we have heeded the message of last week's Gospel, we understand that the best way to make ourselves ready is to live as if this kingdom is already here. What do you hear in today's sacred scriptures that will help you to live out the presence of God right now?

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 3, Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent
4:00 PM Parishioners of Rosary
Sunday, December 4, Second Sunday of Advent
8:30 AM Deceased members of Jeremy and Elizabeth Rose families
10:30 AM Parishioners of Peace
Monday, December 5, Advent Weekday
8:30 AM W. A. Brown (RIP)
Tuesday, December 6, (St. Nicholas, opt)
8:30 AM M. C. Brown (RIP)
Wednesday, December 7, Vigil, Immaculate Conception
6:00 PM Rosary
Thursday, December 8, Immaculate Conception (Holy day of obligation)
8:30 AM Rosary
10:00 AM Peace
Friday, December 9, Advent Weekday
9:00 AM **NO MASS** (Peace)

Please see Fr. Brown for Mass Intention requests. The Celebrant is not obligated to publicly announce the Mass intentions; this is a courtesy. If the Celebrant omits announcing the intention, the Mass is still offered for the donor's intention. If you would like to make a donation for the Sanctuary Lamp for a special intention, please see Father Brown. December intention is for David and Janet Meyers (RIP).

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is one concrete, "peaceable" thing I can do this week to bring a glimpse of Isaiah's "Peaceable Kingdom" to my little corner of the world?

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Ruthie Kress, Mary Sharenberger-Riggins, Curtis Jackson, Danny Somers, Joseph Thomas Buxton, Greg Warner, Bill Sultan, Kelly Lightsey, Margi Bockweg, Cathy Banks, John Loria, Hguyen Dau, Hai Van Heller and family, Nathan Collins, Barbara Northrop, Susan Tanney and Peyton Meyers. Please see Father Brown to update the list or to arrange for a visit to a homebound or hospitalized.

A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Mother of God, we sing your praises,
but we must praise you even more.
Our speech is too feeble
to honor you as we ought,
for no tongue is eloquent enough
to express your excellence.
Mary, most powerful, most holy
and worthy of all love.
Your name brings new life,
and the thought of you inspires love
in the hearts of those devoted to you.
Amen.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

ST. DOMINIC	DECEMBER 5	7:00PM
ST. JOHN	DECEMBER 6	7:00PM
ST. BERNADETTE	DECEMBER 14	7:00PM

****OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**
DECEMBER 3, 10, 17 3:00PM

****OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE**
DECEMBER 4, 11, 18 10:00AM
****OR BY APPOINTMENT**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
(Holy Day of Obligation)

MASS SCHEDULE:

VIGIL: ROSARY	WEDNESDAY, 6:00 PM
ROSARY	THURSDAY, 8:30 AM
PEACE	THURSDAY 10:00 AM

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

OFFERTORY	\$2,240.00
BUILDING FUND	\$555.00
OTHER: Catholic Charities	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$2,845.00

BUILDING FUND MONTHLY

	\$5,641.72
Month to Date	\$4,254.00
NEEDED	\$1,387.72

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE MISSION

OFFERTORY	\$640.00
BUILDING FUND	\$.00
OTHER: ?VSB?	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$690.00

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
CHRISTMAS CARD DRIVE**

The Knights will be selling holy Christmas cards before and after each of the Masses for the next several weeks. Prices range from \$8-\$12 per box, with five different types of cards to choose from. Christmas auto magnets will also be sold at \$4.00 each.

**ST. DOMINIC'S BOOK & GIFT STORE
CHRISTMAS SALE**

On Saturday and Sunday, December 10 and 11, a wide variety of gift items for every age will be available at big savings! Regular hours are Monday-Saturday, 10:00AM-4:00PM; Sunday 9:00 AM-2:00 PM. You don't want to miss this!

**REMINDER:
USE YOUR CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES OR
PLACE YOUR DONATION
FOR CHRISTMAS/FLOWERS**

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Your donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95% of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to work". Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious and give to those who have given a lifetime.

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY/QUEEN OF PEACE
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

On Sunday, December 18 at 2:00pm in Rosary's Parish Hall we will have our family Christmas party. Meat and drinks will be furnished. Sign up is required! Please bring a *side dish or dessert*. Games and music for all ages; visit by St. Nicholas for young and young at heart; and optional gift exchange. Questions: contact Kevin Hall at 914-0334.

**BISHOP PARKES NAMED
BISHOP OF ST. PETERSBURG**

The Vatican announced Monday morning, November 28, that Bishop Gregory Parkes is to become Bishop of St. Petersburg. "I'm very grateful to Pope Francis for appointing me Bishop of St. Petersburg, and it has been a joy to serve as Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee for the past four and a half years," said Bishop Parke. "I'm going to miss our diocese and all those I've had the pleasure of meeting during my parish visits. Let us keep one another in prayer as we continue to become The Church Fully Alive."

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Week 2: We take time to reflect on God's peace that he supplies to us without end in Jesus. While it is true that Jesus came to put an end to sin and its penalty once and for all, his coming into the world has accomplished so much more than that!