

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

Our Mission Statement: St. Francis of Assisi is a Roman Catholic church striving to be an instrument of peace and love through the sacramental life of Jesus Christ and service to others.

Reading 1: Isaiah 11:1-10

Lector 1: Shirley Kanthack (Saturday)

Psalm: Psalm 72

Response: "Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever."

Reading 2: Romans 15:4-9

Lector 2: Bruce Curtain (Saturday)

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Eucharistic Minister: Midge England (Saturday)



Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 10 Repose of the soul of +Nelly Anez req: Austin Schmitt

Sunday, Dec. 11 Repose of the soul of +Matthew Thomas Ryan req: Bill and Maureen Chesney

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Becky Baudaillier, Chris Bogdewic, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Dr. George Gray, Brandon Greaves, Carolyn Greaves, Gary Greaves, Gary Greaves, Sr., Jordan Greaves, Bob Green & Family, Phil Greenwood, Janet Hollingsworth, Christine Horwege, Sue & Tom Hunnicutt, Alex Infante, Beverly Infante, Leonardo Infante, Wayne Mundy, Gene Onestinghel, Pat Onestinghel, Donald & Rae Pfaff, Lori Ann Pompie, Marti Sanita, Peggy Sexton, Rick Shoman, Joyce Spiaggi, Laurence Spiaggi, Jim Stella, Cochise Suarez, Claudia Szarnicki, Mildred Szarnicki, Meghan Thomas, Angus Topfer, Jane West, Reggie Wilkerson, Kevin Williams, George Winfield, Harry Winfield and Debbie Wyman. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

Gospel

An angel announced to Zechariah, a priest of the temple, that he would have a son (even though his wife Elizabeth was barren and advanced in years). This son was destined to be the Precursor who would announce the proximate arrival of the long-expected Messiah. John, the name given him by the angel even before his conception, spent his youth and early manhood as a hermit in the desert of Judea, preparing himself for his exalted office. When God revealed to him that the Messiah was soon to begin his public life, John set out for the bank of the Jordan, where he began to preach repentance, in order to prepare the people for "him who was to come."

In this holy season of Advent, as we prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas. John the Baptist has words of advice and warnings for each one of us. He advises us to "prepare the way of the Lord," by true repentance of our past sins and a firm resolution to straighten "the ways of the Lord," that is, not to deviate from the true Christian way of life in the future.—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

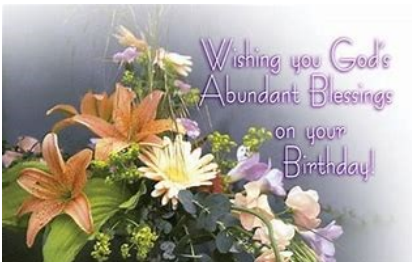
St. Francis News and Notes...

- Wednesday, Dec. 7 Mass is at 1 pm followed by Adoration and Benediction. On Thursday, Dec. 8 we will have Mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (a holy day of obligation) at 1 pm.
- As a reminder the return date for Jesse Tree gifts is Dec. 10th & 11th. In addition, we will be collecting food for food boxes for the children. Return food items will be Dec. 10th & 11th. Thank you for your generosity!
- Prepare for the coming of the Lord! Please take a blue Advent reflections booklet for daily reading/reflections on the Scriptures. Also there are Advent calendars for the young and young at heart as well as candles for your Advent wreath available for your Advent preparations.
- On the narthex table there is a sign-up sheet to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$15. If you pay by check please make it out to St. Francis and put poinsettia in the memo field.

Meals on Wheels Team B is in need of another member starting in January 2023: Our thanks to Gail Curtin for her many years of service leading this team. Team B meets on the fourth Monday afternoon of each month for about 90 minutes. We prepare nourishing meals for Amherst County senior shut-ins for MOW drivers to pick up. Please join our team as we support our community. Call Jackie Lamanna @ 434-826-9410 or email her @ larijac73@gmail.com for more details.

December Birthdays

John Herr	2
Richard Meyer	4
Felicity Cochran	7
Stanley Borowski	7
Dave Richter	14
Bill Barcosky	15
Carol Charles	15
Luke Cockerham	19
Genna Cockerham	23
Pat Onestinghel	26
Sue Hunnicutt	29
Cindy Burns	29
Kathryn Cockerham	29



Christmas Mass Hours

Saturday, Dec. 24 Christmas Vigil Mass is at 4 pm

Sunday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day Mass is at 8 am



Mass Times: Wed., 1 pm and Sat., 5 pm & Sun. 8 am (except the 1st Sunday of the month)

Reconciliation: Sat., 4:30 pm –4:50 pm & by appt.

Office Hours: Tues. 11:00-3 pm; Wed. 11:00-3:00 pm; Sat. 2:30-4:30 **Office phone:** 434.946.2053

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