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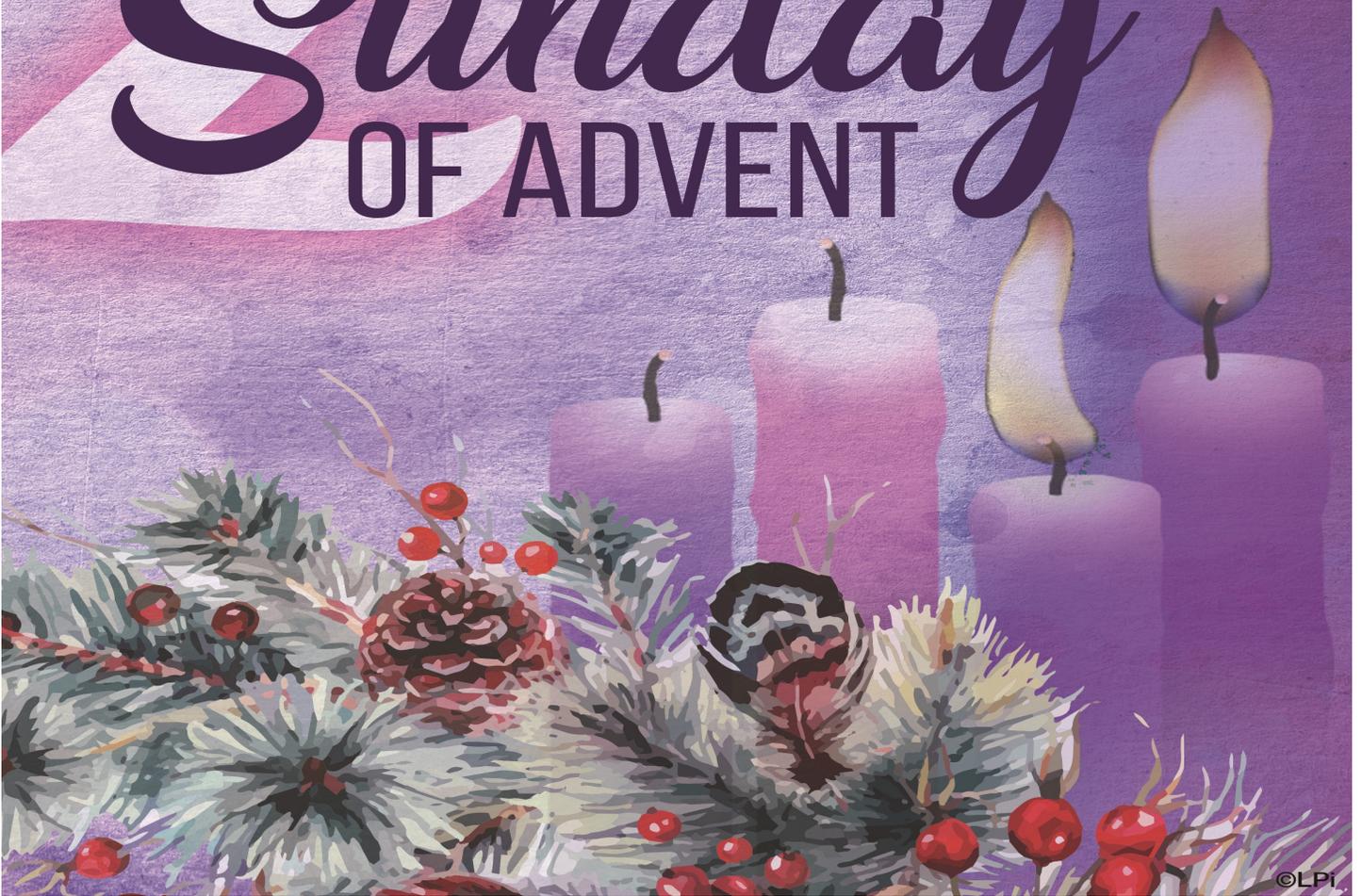


Our Lady of Victory

Roman Catholic Community  
17305 Ashton Avenue  
Detroit, MI

DECEMBER 5, 2021

# 2nd Sunday OF ADVENT



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## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

For God will show all the earth your splendor:  
you will be named by God forever  
the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship. (Bar 5:4)

### PSALM:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)

### SECOND READING:

And this is my prayer:  
that your love may increase ever more and more  
in knowledge and every kind of perception,  
to discern what is of value,  
so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ. (Phil 1:9-10)

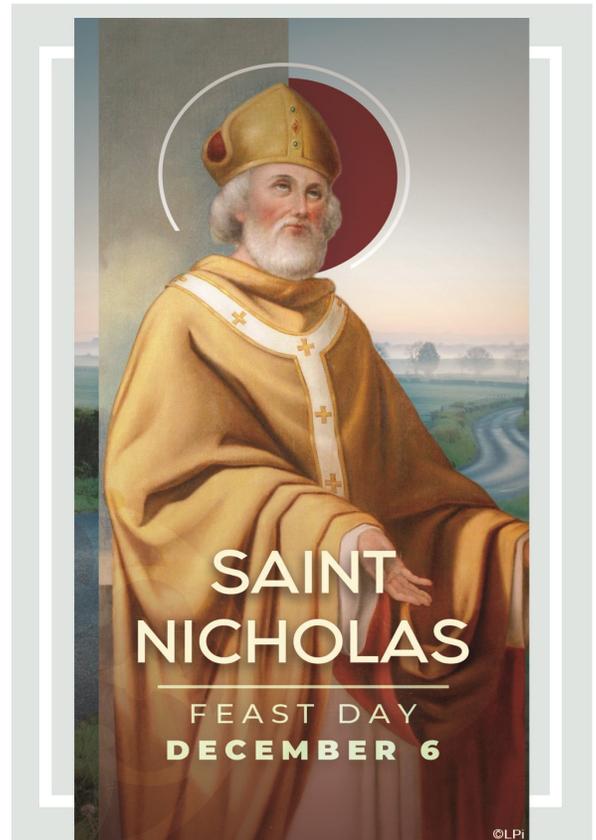
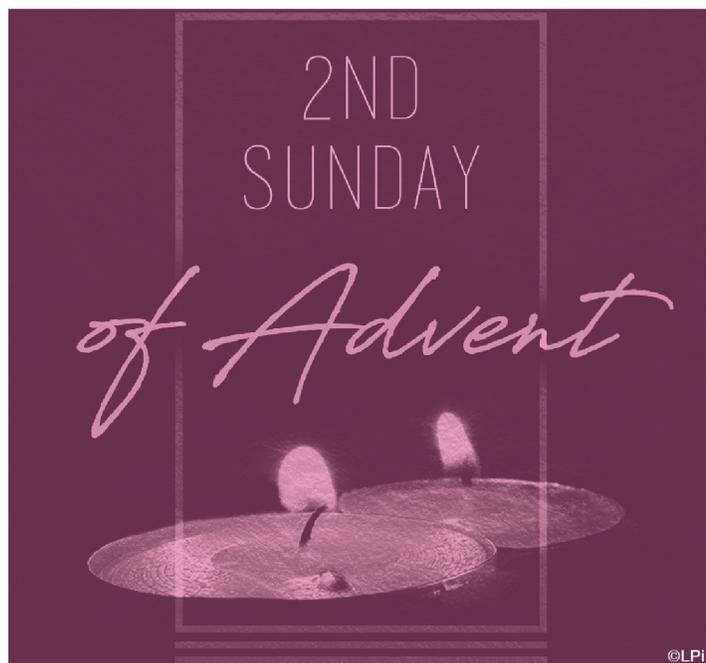
### GOSPEL:

*The winding roads shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. (Mk 7:37)*

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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2021

Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Nicholas, Bishop
Tuesday:	St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday:	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Friday:	Our Lady of Loreto
Saturday:	St. Damasus I, Pope
Next Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Advent



## Saint of the Week

St. Nicholas of Bari (March 15, 270 – December 6, 343), the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution.

According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys.

Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. "You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him." When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear



God's gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God's promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts' doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible

journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God's simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before.

*"Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*  
- Lk 3:5-6

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**CHRISTMAS MASS**  
 December 25th @ 12:00 Noon with Fr. Burr  
 Invite your family and friends to join us!

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**  
 December 5 - December 12, 2021

<u>Sunday Dec 5th</u>		
POLOV Mass	12:00 pm	(Church)
Youth Group (8 grade +)	1:30 pm	(Convent)
<u>Friday Dec 9th</u>		
Gospel Reflection	6:00 pm	(ZOOM)
<u>Saturday Dec 11th</u>		
Sacramental Preparation	10:30 am	(Convent)
Religious Education	12:00 pm	(Convent)
<u>Sunday Dec 12th</u>		
POLOV Mass	12:00 pm	(Church)
Confirmation Preparation	1:30 pm	(Convent)

St. Scholastica Daily Mass Tuesday - Friday @ 12:05 pm

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

December 5

PRESIDER: Fr. Terry Donahue  
 LECTORS: Mark Whitters & Robert Thomas

December 12

PRESIDER: Fr. Jim Lowe  
 LECTORS: Daniel Propson & Wanda Sanders

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



- Belinda Danzy*
- Sara Diggs*
- Marjorie Greene*
- Michael Heard*
- Jerree Martin*
- Dorothy Propson*
- Priscilla Propson*
- Raphael Propson*
- Nellie Richards*
- Deacon Sanders*
- Kathleen Sutton*



If you have a birthday this month and we missed you on this list, please call / email at 586.596.2089 or sisjeanine@aol.com

**THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTION**  
 Sunday, December 5, 2021

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**Amanda J. & Samuel Timbers**  
 Requested by Anthony Timbers

**† PRAYER LIST †**



- Maeola Blackmon, Gail Bond, Wayne Bradley, Amelia Canty, Sarah Diggs, Ruth Donaldson, Melvin D. Giles, Marjorie Greene, Donald Griffin, James Griffin, James Huse, Caldonia Ingram, Emil Joseph, Peter Juncaj, Ted LaGarde, Brown Leonard II, Lisa Leonard, Emily McGhee, John Peavy, Marsha Price, Priscilla Propson, Giovanni Rankin, Jerry Rankin, Nellie Richards, Doris Robinson, Sharon Stevens, Alexander Stubbs Jr., Arline Timbers, Pocahontas White, Gwendolyn Worthy

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Rita Carpenter wishes to thank everyone for their support during the loss of her sister Ilene McFadden-Jimenez. She also thanks the Parish for the care package she received with the thoughtful gifts and sends her love to all.

## GOD'S PERSONAL ASSISTANTS

If you have ever planned a large-scale event, whether it's a musical performance or a religious conference, you may have dealt with someone's personal assistant. Possibly this person would be a representative of the keynote speaker or the master of ceremonies for the local bishop; perhaps it's even the staffer of a local politician or the lackey of a well-known musical act.

Personal assistants are masters of stewardship — overseeing things in their boss' absence. They prepare the way. This person's job is to get everything ready for the person in charge, so that when he or she shows up — whoever he or she is — it's smooth sailing for them to do whatever it is they need to do: sing, speak, pray,

mingle, what-have-you. It's usually a big job full of little things, a gig where attention to detail is key.

God is the guest of honor in our life, the keynote speaker, the main event. And what He wants — what He needs — to do is to change our hearts. Constantly, over, and over, and over again.

We are all His personal assistants in this endeavor. We need to prepare the way of the Lord, to make straight His paths. We need to make everything ready so that when He shows up — however He shows up, whether it's in the form of a neighbor in need or a burning bush right in front of us — everything is ready for Him to do His job.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## WITH CHRISTMAS FAST APPROACHING, CAN YOU GIVE ME SOME PRACTICAL TIPS TO PREPARE MYSELF AND MY FAMILY THAT WILL HELP US STAY GROUNDED IN WHAT THIS HOLIDAY IS REALLY ABOUT? WITH ALL THE COMMERCIALISM, IT'S EASY TO STRAY.

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the

Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.



# Kids Corner

READ THE  
GOSPEL &  
COLOR



At a river close to your church, John the Baptist says, "Turn back to God and be baptized." After your baptism, he gives you a backpack that says, "I Am a Forgiven

Child of God." Inside it are wisdom, love, and forgiveness. Wisdom shows the difference between good and evil roads. Love makes you strong enough to say, "Yes" to good, and "No" to evil ways. Be happy. God's love and forgiveness will welcome you into heaven.

## PRAYER

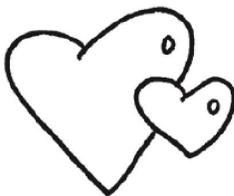
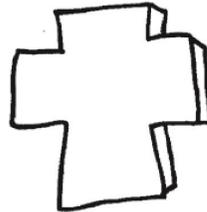
Father, thank you for wisdom love, and forgiveness of baptism.

## MISSION FOR THE WEEK

If I hurt others, I will say, "I am sorry. Please forgive me."

# Puzzle

Circle the picture that is the same as the first one. Then color in all the pictures.



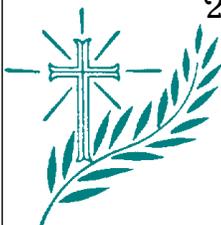
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Belinda Danzy, Stacey Dick, Jesse Goodwin, Monika Uriel**FINANCE COUNCIL**

Jonathan Sanders, Chairperson ~ Stacey Busby, Anthony Timbers, Michael Vincent

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Monday-Friday 11am† Kresta in the Afternoon-Al Kresta  
Monday-Friday 4pm-6pm† EWTN Global Catholic Radio Open Line  
Monday-Friday 3pm† Catholic Answers  
Monday-Friday 6pm-8pm  
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