The Good News

Presentation Our Lady of Victory Parish
Detroit, Michigan
December 8, 2019

What Is Your Gift From God?

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 resume 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 Ven. 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?

Presentation Our Lady of Victory Church is an urban parish that strives to proclaim the Good News of Christ and the beliefs of the Roman Catholic faith, focuses on increasing our love for God through worship; serves as stewards in the community and continues the ministry of Jesus Christ through prayer and evangelization.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 10
Communion Service (Chapel) 12:00 pm
50 & Over meets following

Thursday, December 12
Bible Study (Convent) 1:00 pm

Friday, December 13
Just For Christ (Convent) 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 14
Sacramental Prep (Convent) 10:30 am
Concert Rehearsal (Convent) 11:30 am

Sunday, December 15
Third Sunday of Advent
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Chapel) 10:45 am
Prayer Gathering (Chapel) 10:45 am
Celebration of Mass (Chapel) 11:30 am

CHRISTMAS CONCERT @ 3:00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS
December 15, 2019

Lector
Hailey Busby

Altar Servers
Devin Busby
Isaac Propson
Rhea Sanders

Ministers of Holy Communion
Jennifer Dalley
Rolanda Heard

Ushers
Youth Ushers

Coffee & Donuts
Santa's Elves

Counters ~ December 16th
Monika Uriel

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The weekend of **December 1, 2019**
we received a total of **$1,415.00**
Thank you for your continued support!!!

WE WELCOME YOU

Are you looking for a new place to worship on Sunday?
Would you like to know more about us?
Do you want to become a member, or need contribution envelopes?
Whatever your needs, we are here to assist you.
Please complete the attached form and drop in the collection basket, mail it to the Parish Office, call 313.255.9000.

I would like more information about POLOV

Name_____

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Please contact me about (check all that apply)

Membership_____ Envelopes_____ Other_____

2020 MASS INTENTIONS

The 2020 Mass book is now available for you to reserve a Mass. Call soon to get your preferred date while many dates are open.

We also have a few Sundays available for 2019 if you wish to have a Mass said.

If you would like to request a date, please contact the Parish Office to schedule your date at 313.255.9000.

FAITH FORMATION

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 8th at 2:30 ~ 4:30 pm at St. Christopher

CONCERT REHEARSAL

Saturday, Dec 14th @ 10:30 am

DECEMBER 15TH
YOUTH SUNDAY
CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT 3:00

Puzzle

Help the baby find his way to the priest for his baptism.

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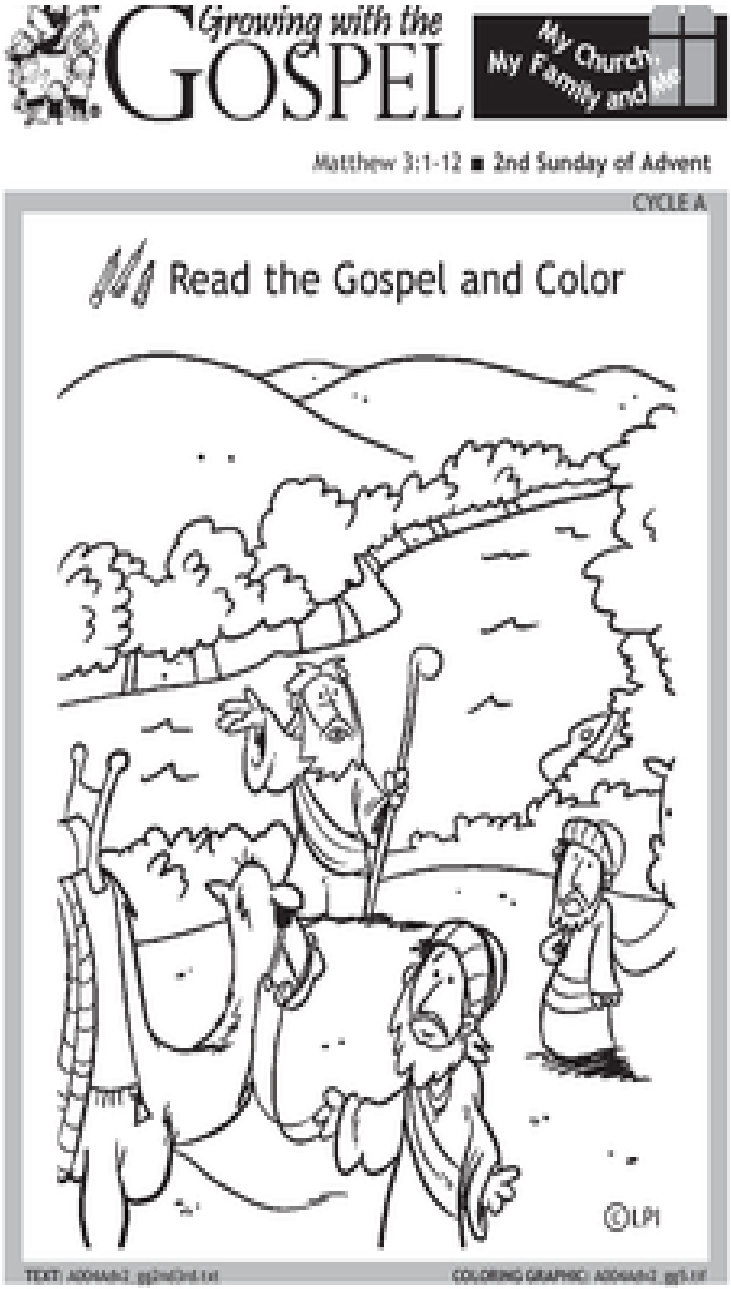
Mission for the Week

Write a prayer to God, asking him to help you stop doing those things that are bad, and start being honest, giving and kind.


Growing with the GOSPEL

My Church, My Family and Me

Matthew 3:1-12 ■ 2nd Sunday of Advent

CYCLE A

Read the Gospel and Color

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WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday, December 8
Second Sunday of Advent
Is 11:1-10
Rom 15:4-9
Mt 3:1-12

Monday, December 9
Gn 3:9-15, 20
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 10
Is 40:1-11
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 11
Is 40:25-31
Mt 11:28-30

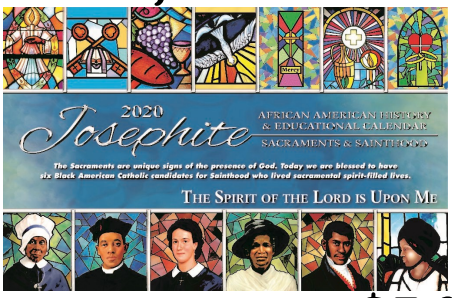
Thursday, December 12
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
Lk 1:5-25

Friday, December 13
Is 48:17-19
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 14
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 15
Third Sunday of Advent
Is 35:1-6a, 10
Jas 5:7-10
Mt 11:2-11

2020 Josephite Calendars



Cost per calendar is $3.00

See Anthony Timbers following Mass

NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTION
December 15, 2019

In Loving Memory ***Josephine & Samuel Timbers***

Requested by Anthony Timbers

† PRAYER LIST †

AT HOME

Lindsay Bond, Cynthia Carter, Donald & Barbara Carter, Theora Carter, Sarah & Thomas Diggs, Ruth Donaldson, Wesley Duggan, Emily McGhee, Doris Robinson, Deacon Sanders, Alexander Stubbs Jr., June Sutton, Janice Wilson

OTHER

Wayne Bradley, Mary Elizabeth Robinson

Please help us keep our information up-to-date by calling the Parish Office at 313.255.9000

Prayer to Unleash the Gospel

God our Father, you have called us to be witnesses to Jesus and have commissioned us to lead all people to encounter him. Send your Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds so that your will may be clear to us and that we may accept it. Dwell within our souls and make our hearts your own. Transform us into a band of joyful missionary disciples embracing the fruits of Synod 16 so as to share the good news of Jesus Christ in Southeast Michigan through joyful evangelization and service. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Amen.

Take the time to visit the Trinity Vicariate website

www.trinityvicariatedetroit.org

What are your plans to grow in faith and discipleship this Advent?

Do you want to learn how you can follow Christ more totally?

We all love a good adventure story. This Advent Sacred Heart Major Seminary is offering a free short interactive online course called "The Adventure of Discipleship." Based on his new book, seminary professor Dr. Daniel Keating invites you to look at your Christian journey as an adventure that far surpasses all other adventure stories. Dynamic and engaging, each week of the course features short videos, film clips from epic adventures such as Lord of the Rings, scriptural meditations, and interactive learning activities, and online discussion.

The course starts December 1st, the First Sunday of Advent.

Register for this wonderful opportunity to grow by visiting the Sacred Heart website homepage, shms.edu.

Have you ever thought of following Jesus Christ as the greatest adventure you could ever experience?

MONTHLY THANK YOU

A special thank you to the Ladies of Peter Claver for hosting Coffee & Donuts during the month of November!!!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 15th
@ 3:00 pm

Join us for an afternoon of Christmas music that will surely get you ready for the season!!

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Sunday at 10:45 am

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

December 14, 2019
11:00 am ~ 2:00 pm
Registration and a Light meal begins at 10:30 am

Workshop is hosted by
St. Mary's of Redford Parish
Located in the Fellowship Room
14601 Mansfield | Detroit, MI 48227

Participants will be taught to identify situations that could leave a child vulnerable, the signs that a child may have experienced abuse, and critical steps to help prevent abuse.

The program is required for all clergy working in the Archdiocese of Detroit, all adult paid employees of Central Services, Parishes, and Catholic Schools and all adult volunteers who have regular and/or unsupervised contact with minors.

To attend, please sign up online at this link. https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?

Tolton Prayer

*God, * we give you thanks for your servant and priest, Father Augustus Tolton, * who labored among us in times of contradiction, *times that were both beautiful and paradoxical. *His ministry helped lay the foundation for a truly Catholic gathering in faith in our time.*

**We stand in the shadow of his ministry. * May his life continue to inspire us * and imbue us with that confidence and hope * that will forge a new evangelization for the Church we love.*

*Father in heaven, *Father Tolton's suffering service sheds light upon our sorrows; * we see them through the prism of your Son's passion and death. * If it be your Will, O God, * glorify your servant, Father Tolton,*

**by granting the favor I now request through his intercession *(mention your request) * so that all may know the goodness of this priest * whose memory looms large in the Church he loved.*

*Complete what you have begun in us * that we might work for the fulfillment of your kingdom. *Not to us the glory, *but glory to you O God, through Jesus Christ, your Son * and our Lord; * Father, Son and Holy Spirit, * you are our God, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen*

Let's Save the Earth One K-Cup at a time!

I believe it's true when I say, that most of us love a good cup of coffee at some point during the day. And with the help of a Keurig coffeemaker, making that cup is pretty easy. But have we really thought.....AT WHAT COST?

"It is said that all of the K-cups sold in 2013 (8.3 billion) would wrap around earth 10.5 times". In 2014, it shot up to 9.8 billion. Whoa.....that made me stop and think..... *"no more throwing them in the garbage".*

I hope you'll join me on a quest to make our earth a beautiful place for all generations. **How can you help?** Start by saving all of your used K-cups. Put them in a bag (preferably paper) and dispose of them in the container located at the entrance every Sunday. I will personally prepare them to be recycled. If you wish to be a part of this endeavor, please call me at 313.255.9000. Thank you in advance for caring about this awesome gift given us.

MAKING A REPORT OF SEXUAL ABUSE

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others – no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Archdiocese of Detroit by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. In addition, the Michigan Attorney General's Office can be contacted at its toll-free reporting hotline at(844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or by email ataginvestigations@michigan.gov. More information about the Archdiocese's efforts to address abuse may be found atprotect.aod.org.

Join Msgr. Daniel Trapp & Fr. Stephen Burr on Pilgrimage

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST THROUGH THE HOLY LAND
June 22 ~ July 1, 2020

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Monday, June 22 •
Departure from USA

Tuesday, June 23 •
Arrival in Israel | Galilee | Tiberias

Wednesday, June 24 •
Mount of TransFIguration | Cana | Tiberias

Thursday, June 25 •
Mount of Beatitudes | Tabgha | Tiberias

Friday, June 26 •
Sea of Galilee | Capernaum | Jerusalem

Saturday, June 27 •
Bethlehem | Jerusalem

Sunday, June 28 •
Via Dolorosa | Calvary | Mt. Zion | Jerusalem

Monday, June 29 •
Gethsemane | Western Wall | Jerusalem

Tuesday, June 30 • Free Day
Optional Dead Sea Excursion | Jerusalem

See Fr. Burr for more information or to get a flyer with detailed information.

ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

Helping every soul within our reach to attain eternal life in Jesus Christ.

Powered by prayer and the Holy Spirit, with roots dating back to 1701, the Archdiocese of Detroit forms disciples and builds Catholic community in southeast Michigan. We administer Roman Catholic parishes and schools within the city of Detroit as well as Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, St. Clair, Monroe and Lapeer counties. We serve with a spirit of gratitude and joy, going forth with apostolic boldness to *Unleash the Gospel*.

The archdiocese is under the care of the Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit.

Hispanic Ministries

Bishop Arturo Cepeda will celebrate Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral this Wednesday, December 11, in honor of an important feast day to our Hispanic Catholic community.

The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego, a native Mexican, twice in 1531 on Tepeyac hill near Mexico City.

We celebrate the feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. St. Juan Diego's feast day is December 9.

Gifts to the CSA help fund Hispanic Ministries, which include conferences for men, women, and youth, as well as religious education, adult faith formation, leadership, and catechist formation programs for Hispanic families. The celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will begin at 5 p.m. with the Rosary followed by singing and dancing. Bishop Cepeda will celebrate Mass at 7 p.m.

For information about CSA–funded ministries, programs, and services, go to aod.org.

Christian Stewardship

Earlier this month, the Department of Development and Stewardship distributed weekly reflections for the readings in the Sunday Liturgy of the Word in Cycle A, which parishes can begin including in their bulletins this weekend.

These Stewardship Thoughts are designed to encourage reflection on the grace God gives to each of us through His gifts of time, talent, and treasure, and how we are called to "steward" those gifts to serve Him in advancing His Kingdom on earth.

Your CSA gifts allow the Archdiocese of Detroit to provide materials and guidance on Christian stewardship education, including the Department of Development and Stewardship's award–winning stewardship education manual, *Called by Christ, Gifted by the Spirit.*

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St. Vincent de Paul Society: Ms. Monika Uriel
50 & Over Group: Mrs. Gail Bond/Mrs. Wesley Duggan
Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, Court #189: Ms. Monika Uriel

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Youth Ministry, St. Vincent DePaul, Junior Daughters, Knights & Ladies of Peter Claver

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: One half hour before Sunday Mass or by appointment
Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office **Marriage:** Weddings must be arranged at least six months in advance

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†Catholic Connection—Teresa Tomeo
Monday~Friday 8am~10am

† Christ is the Answer~Fr. John Riccardo
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
990 am / 130 Sirius XM Satellite Radio