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Mass Intentions This Week:



Steve Castle

Contact Elizabeth to schedule a Mass or if you have any questions. Please give Mass intentions to Father.

Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
 Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
 Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

LECTOR SCHEDULE

12-06 Elsie Moleno
 12-08 Toni Ferris
 12-13 George Seif
 12-20 Fred Maldonado
 12-25 George Seif
 12-27 Elsie Moleno
 01-01 Toni Ferris

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People will stay on the prayer list for the sick for 1 month. If you would like your loved one to go back on the list for the following month please call the office and let Elizabeth know. We encourage parishioners to use this list during their daily prayer time to pray for those who are sick. May we all lift one another up in prayer during times of need: Steven Goellner, Earnest Thomas, Franklin Epps, Rosemary Buskirk & Norma Vacca.

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES:

SUNDAY: 10:30AM
SPANISH MASS:
Wednesday: 6:00PM
ROSARY: 10am Sunday
CONFESSIONS: 10am Sunday
 Holy Days - As Announced.

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We welcome all visitors and guests to our parish family and wish you safe travels and a happy visit to Emporia.

Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 2020



Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases: way of the Lord, John the Baptist appeared in the desert, he will baptize you the Holy Spirit

To the point: In the gospel we are admonished to prepare the "way of the Lord." What is this "way of the Lord"? It is a life of "holiness and devotion" ([Second Reading](#)), a life of "repentance" and "forgiveness" ([Gospel](#)), and a life of hearing the "glad tidings" of God's salvation and announcing this "good news" ([First Reading](#)) to the world. This is the way John the Baptist

lived; this is the way of life into which Christ baptizes us with the Holy Spirit.

Connecting the Gospel ...

... to First Reading: The "way of the Lord" announced by Isaiah and John will only be fully realized when Christ's second coming ushers in a "new heavens and a new earth." What we do now—how we prepare for the coming of the Lord and live every day—is hastening what is to come.

... to experience: Regularly we hear news reports about people who do extraordinary things: a firefighter saves a child from a burning building, a parent goes without food to feed the child, or a missionary gives her life for the poor of a third world country. John the Baptist was surely an extraordinary man—from his miraculous birth through his desert living to his being precursor of the Messiah. Most of us are not so extraordinary or different, but nonetheless, we are called to announce the coming of the Lord through our manner of faithful living.

Centrar el Evangelio

Palabras y frases clave:

camino del Señor, Juan el Bautista apareció en el desierto, él te bautizará el Espíritu Santo

Hasta el punto:

En el Evangelio se nos exhorta a preparar el "camino del Señor". ¿Qué es este "camino del Señor"? Es una vida de "santidad y devoción" (segunda lectura), una vida de "arrepentimiento" y "perdón" (Evangelio), y una vida de escuchar las "buenas nuevas" de la salvación de Dios y anunciar esta "buena noticia" (Primera Lectura) al mundo. Así vivió Juan el Bautista; este es el camino de la vida en el que Cristo nos bautiza con el Espíritu Santo.

Conectando el Evangelio...

... a la primera lectura: El "camino del Señor" anunciado por Isaías y Juan sólo se realizará plenamente cuando la segunda venida de Cristo dé inicio a un "cielo nuevo y una nueva tierra". Lo que hacemos ahora — cómo nos preparamos para la venida del Señor y vivimos todos los días— es apresurar lo que está por venir.

... para experimentar:

Regularmente escuchamos noticias sobre personas que hacen cosas extraordinarias: un bombero salva a un niño de un edificio en llamas, un padre se va sin alimentos para alimentar al niño, o un misionero da su vida por los pobres de un país del tercer mundo. Juan el Bautista era sin duda un hombre extraordinario, desde su milagroso nacimiento a través de su vida en el desierto hasta su ser precursor del Mesías. La mayoría de nosotros no somos tan extraordinarios ni diferentes, pero sin embargo, estamos llamados a anunciar la venida del Señor por medio de nuestra forma de vivir fielmente.

Calendar of Events & Special Announcements



There is a special collection this weekend for Christmas flower donations. Donations can be made in memory/honor of loved ones which will be posted in next week's bulletin.

There will be mass Tuesday, December 8th at 6:00 pm for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Parish Advent Reconciliation Service will be December 10th at 7 pm at St. Peter the Apostle.



There will be mass Saturday, December 12th at 1:00 pm for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Habrá misa el sábado 12 de diciembre a la 1:00 pm para la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.



Don't forget to bring the Baby Jesus from your Nativity scent to mass on Dec. 13th for the Baminelli blessing.

Please pick up your 2021 contribution envelopes and calendars after mass.

Advent and Christmas Schedule

11/29 1st Sunday of Advent
Blessing of Advent Wreath

12/6 2nd Sunday of Advent

12/8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Mass at 6 pm

12/10 Parish Advent Reconciliation Service
7pm at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church-Lake Gaston

12/12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Mass at 1 pm

12/13 3rd Sunday of Advent
Baminelli Blessing

12/20 4th Sunday of Advent

12/25 Christmas Day
Mass at 10:30 am

January 1, 2021 Solemnity of the Motherhood of Mary
Mass at 10:30 am

Weekly Offerings:

November 22nd

Offertory: \$525
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Diocesan Collection: \$55

November 29th

Offertory: \$1091
ParishSoft Egiving: \$0

Mass Attendance for 11/29:
Adults 18
Children 7

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14th Maribel Garcia
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Vanessa Carillo
28th Luz Zapanta
29th Magdalena Alston
31st Eli Henry Smith



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