

# The Second Sunday of the Season of Advent

December 9, 2018

All flesh will see the salvation  
of our God!

Con mucha solemnidad nos presenta hoy san Lucas el comienzo del ministerio de Juan el Bautista, que había venido a preparar “el camino del Señor”, predicado la penitencia (EVANGELIO). El profeta Baruc, con frases poéticas, anuncia que el Señor trazara el camino de su pueblo allanando todas las asperezas, para conducirlo a la tierra de sus padres. (PRIMERA LECTURA). San Pablo, por su parte, pide que nos dispongamos para la llegada de Cristo con una vida recta (SEGUNDA LECTURA).



## Intenciones de las Misas

<b>sáb. 08</b> 04:30 pm	<b>Vigila del II Domingo de Adviento</b> +Alice C. Gallagher (Fr. Nolasco Hinojosa) +Gilberto Martinez (M/M Alejo Ortiz, Jr.) +Margarito Requejo (Family)
<b>dom. 09</b> 10:30 am	<b>II Domingo de Adviento</b> +Manuel & Hilaria Trevino (Sus Hijos) +Virginia Carpentier Casarez (Familia) +Candido Lopez (Su Esposa y Hijos)
<b>Sun. 09</b> 12:30 pm	<b>II Sunday of Advent</b> Misa Pro Populo
<b>Mon. 10</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>mart. 11</b> 08:00 am	<b>Día de Adviento</b> Rosa Maria Cantu – Intencion Especial
<b>Wed. 12</b> 08:00 am	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> +All Souls in Purgatory
<b>juev. 13</b> 08:00 am	<b>Santa Lucia, Virgen, Mártir</b> +All Souls in Purgatory
<b>Fri. 14</b>  08:00 am	<b>Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b> +All Souls in Purgatory
<b>Sat. 15</b> 08:00 am	<b>Advent Weekday</b> +All Souls in Purgatory

## The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning in Memory of  
+Alice C. Gallagher  
(Fr. Nolasco Hinojosa)

# Good News!

December 9, 2018  
Second Sunday of Advent (C)  
Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Saint Luke loves to be precise in his Gospel, so he documents the exact time and place of the appearance of John the Baptist, the precursor to Jesus. Tiberius was the second emperor of Rome, and the fifteenth year of his reign corresponds to AD 27. Pontius Pilate was prefect from the years 26 to 36. Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, ruled in Galilee until his death in the year 39 and is the Herod who had John the Baptist beheaded. On the Jewish side, Caiaphas was high priest, and his influential father-in-law Annas was considered a leader of Jewish religious life.

These historical dates align with Luke's explanation, as well as other events described in his Gospel. Ours is a faith based on real people and events. No doubt there is a great appreciation for the supernatural in our faith, but it is never *against* nature, just *beyond* it.

Jesus praised John the Baptist (see Matthew 11:2-9) for his strong will and dedication. Humility, austerity, courage, and a spirit of prayer are also a large part of the testimony John left us. So dedicated and heroic was he in his fulfillment of the mission entrusted to him, Jesus acclaimed “among those born of women there has been none greater” (Matthew 11:11). “He was a burning and shining lamp” (John 5:35) to illuminate the path toward the true light who was coming into the world. Once that divine light arrived, John the Baptist receded into the shadows.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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# Dear Padre

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**Why doesn't the word immaculate Why doesn't the word immaculate also refer to Jesus' birth?**

According to Webster's Dictionary, *immaculate* comes from the Latin *immaculatus*, which breaks down further into *in* (meaning “not”) and *maculatus* (meaning “spotted”). It means “without stain or blemish” and is commonly associated with the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, which was solemnly defined as a dogma of the Catholic faith in 1854 by Pope Pius IX. The dogma states that Mary was conceived in the womb of her mother without the stain of original sin.

Catholics sometimes mistakenly think that this doctrine refers to Jesus' birth and not to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother. In a way, it refers to both. Everything about Mary ultimately leads to her Son—including the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. How so? The Church argues both from Scripture and tradition that God deemed it proper and fitting that humanity's Redeemer should enter the world through a womb totally unblemished by sin. Mary, in other words, was free of the effects of original sin so she could be a proper dwelling place for the birth of the Son of God.

That is not to say, however, that Mary herself was not in need of redemption. On the contrary, the dogma clearly states that she was conceived without the stain of original sin *in anticipation* of the fruits of Christ's redemptive action manifested in his passion, death, and resurrection.

—Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSSR

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## SCHEDULED SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER

(2<sup>nd</sup> Sun) **Retirement Fund for Religious**-December 08 & 09;

(3<sup>rd</sup> Sun) **Christmas Charities**-December 15 & 16;

**Christmas Collection**-December 24 & 25.

1. St. Jude's Research Hospital
2. Wounded Warrior Project
3. Bethany House
4. Casa Esperanza Pro Life Center

Thank you for your generosity. Fr. Nolasco.

## Segunda Colectas Fijas Durante el Mes de diciembre

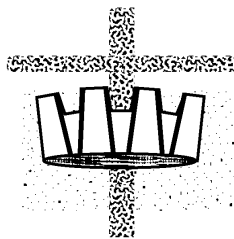
(2<sup>o</sup> dom) **Fondo del Retiro de Religiosos**-diciembre 08 & 09;

(3<sup>o</sup> dom) **Caridades de Navidad** -diciembre 15 & 16;

**Navidad Colecta**-diciembre 24 & 25.

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Gracias por su generosidad. Padre Nolasco.



Those who love  
the LORD will  
be heirs to  
the Kingdom

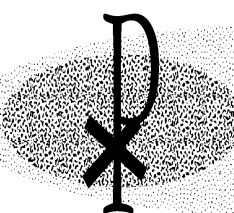
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## PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR GRAND POSADA

This year all the parish's organizations will be sponsoring a "Grand Posada." All are cordially invited to participate in our celebration. The Grand Posada will take place on December 22, Saturday at the Parish Hall at 6:45p-8:00p.

### Por Favor de Asistir en Nuestra Gran Posada

Este año todas las organizaciones de la parroquia estarán patrocinando una "Gran Posada." Todos están invitados a participar en nuestra celebración. La Gran Posada se llevará a cabo el 22 de diciembre, sábado en el Salón Parroquial a las 6:45p-8:00p.



Come  
LORD JESUS

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*Colecta de la Semana Pasada*  
Envelopes: \$ 2,061.00  
Loose: \$ 440.80  
Children's Envelopes: \$ 75.28

*Total Sunday Collection: \$ 2,577.08*

*Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 4,295.15*

## THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



On Sunday, December 30, 2018, we will be celebrating our Feast Day as a Parish—The Feast of the Holy Family. Our parish name is very special. As our name states, we are under the protection of

the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. What an honor to have the Holy Family watch over us. And what better way to thank them than to have a celebration in their honor—to say thank you for taking care of us. The celebration at the parish hall will begin at 6:00p – 8:00p. All parishioners are encouraged to be present. Preparations will soon begin to help plan this event. Please be ready to help in any way you can. Thank you. Fr. Nolasco.

### La Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia

El domingo, 30 de diciembre de 2018, nosotros estaremos celebrando nuestros patronos--La Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia. El nombre de nuestra parroquia es muy especial. Como el nombre declara, nosotros estamos bajo la protección de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José. Que honor tener la Sagrada Familia cuidándonos. Y qué mejor manera de mostrar nuestro agradecimiento que tener una celebración en su honor—para decirles gracias que hayan cuidado de nosotros. La celebración será en el salón de la parroquia empezará a las 6:00p – 8:00p. Queremos animar a todos los parroquianos que vengan esa noche. Los preparativos empezaran dentro de poco tiempo para este evento. Por favor esté listo para ayudar en cualquier forma. Gracias. Padre Nolasco.

### ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

We need parishioners to commit themselves to bring fruit salads, green salads, pasta salads, and cupcakes. Please call **Toni Palacios at 744-9005** for further information.

## LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Eva Escamilla, Ruby Ann Inocencio, Guadalupe Gonzalez, Oscar Noriega, Justin Pecina, Jorge Martinez, Fidela Ruiz, Dora Rodriguez, Pedro Malacara, Sister Thelma I. Gallegos, Ana Maria Trevino, Genoveva Ramirez, Deisy Garcia, Esther Salinas, David Riojas, Reynaldo Reyna, Victoria Carrillo, Chelo Ruiz, Camila Elen Garza, and Alan Eliseo Perez.



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