

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Advent



WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

The children of Jerusalem rejoiced that they were remembered by their God, who delivered them from exile. Their experience previews the fullness of God's redemption for all peoples with the coming of Jesus. Let us prepare ourselves for this coming.

THE READINGS:

Baruch 5:1-9

A joyful and grateful people praise God for their deliverance from the exile. Their joy becomes the vision of the coming reign of God that we all await.

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-9

Paul encourages his churches to live blameless lives as they await the coming of Jesus.



Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist, final prophet of the Old Testament, heralds the dawn of the New Age that begins with Jesus. He calls all to repentance and new way of living. Be prepared!

Offertory Collection

November 30, 2003

\$977.00

Next Sunday, a second collection will be taken up for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please help "Share in the Care" of those priests, Sisters, and Brothers who ministered to the needs of others all their lives.

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – Jean Beldyk-Byers, 9 a.m. – Michael Spinella.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from November 29th – December 13th in memory of Joseph Watson by Jane Mitchell.

Eternal rest grant to Rose (Curlett) deCheine and all the souls of the faithful departed.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	December 6,	5:00 PM Gondek & Kleamski Families (living & deceased)
Sunday,	December 7,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Monday,	December 8,	8:00 AM (rip) Mary Allen by MaryJune Peterson
		6:30 PM (rip) Joseph & Edward Plunkett by Family
Tuesday,	December 9,	8:00 AM (rip) Tom & Jody Schlipf by David Smith
Wednesday,	December 10,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Thursday,	December 11,	8:00 AM (rip) Carl & Ella Jorgensen by David Smith
Friday,	December 12,	8:00 AM (rip) Margaret Townsend
Saturday,	December 13,	5:00 PM (rip) John E. Gann by Ruth Press
Sunday,	December 14,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)

The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are: February 20, 23, and 24, 2004. **Mass stipends** are **\$10 per Mass** per Diocesan changes as of January 1, 2003.

Monday, December 8th, is the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**. Holyday Masses are at 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.



The Knights of Columbus will be selling **Religious Christmas Cards** after Masses this weekend.

Catholic Forum – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on AM 1150 WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, December 14th, hear about the Solidarity Partnership between the Diocese of Wilmington and the Diocese of San Marcos, Guatemala when Andy Zampini, Director of Parish Social Ministry from Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Wilmington is interviewed. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Vocations – John the Baptist went through the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming "Prepare the way of the Lord!" Is God calling you to help prepare His way by serving as a priest or as a religious brother or sister? If you think so, call Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Vocations at (302) 573-3113.

Diocese of Wilmington – Recently, the Diocese of Wilmington switched brokerage firms from Morgan Stanley to Dreyfus Service Corporation/Mellon Global Securities. The decision to move forward with this change was after several months of researching our options and confirming that such a move would be beneficial to the diocese and its donors.

Effectively immediately, parishioners who wish to provide contributions through stock or mutual funds will want to obtain information from the Diocesan Development Office which will include the Dreyfus account #, DTC #, contact persons, and telephone numbers.

Should you be interested in obtaining this information, please contact Deborah Fols, Diocesan Development Director at 573-3120 or dfols@cdow.org.