

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Advent

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

God calls us to a change of heart. Prepare – for if we do not, we will be the chaff winnowed away by the baptism Jesus brings.

THE READINGS:

Isaiah 11:1-10

Forgiveness and peace will mark of the new creation in the Spirit. Even animals will be restored to their original blessing.

Romans 15:4-9

God's gift in Christ extends to Jew and gentile alike. Accept one another, therefore, the same spirit.

Matthew 3:1-12

Tradition is no claim to salvation. John calls for evidence of reform. The reign of God is at hand and our vocation is to form that messianic community.

Offertory Collection November 28, 2004 \$913.00

Next weekend the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up. Please be generous. Thank you.

If you have not done so, please pick up your offertory envelope set. They are in the last windowsill on the Blessed Mother side.

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – Charlie Gondek, 9 a.m. – John Edwards.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from November 27th – December 11th in memory of Albert Gondek.

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

Eternal rest grant to Clarence Baker and all the souls of the faithful departed.


MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	December 4,	5:00 PM (viv) Fr. Siry by Louise Meli & Toni Hebert
Sunday,	December 5,	9:00 AM (rip) Edward Drozd, Jr. by M/M Vincent DiLeonardo
Monday,	December 6,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Tuesday,	December 7,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Wednesday,	December 8,	8:00 AM (rip) Catherine Turchich by Charlie Gondek 6:30 PM (viv) Stella Zukowsky by Charlie Gondek
Thursday,	December 9,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Friday,	December 10,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Saturday,	December 11,	5:00 PM (rip) John Gann by Ruth Press
Sunday,	December 12,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)

The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are January 19, 21, and 24, 2005. **Mass stipends** are **\$10**.

Catholic Forum – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on AM 1150 WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, December 12th, tune in to learn about Bayard House with guests Megan Januszka and Fritz Jones from Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Wilmington. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Vocations – St. Paul reminds us that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises He made, so that all might glorify God for His mercy. Priests, sisters, brothers and deacons offer their lives as a witness to God's fidelity to His promises. Is God inviting you to live your life as a witness to His truth? If you think so, please call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; jcocucci@cdow.org).



Will You Change?

John the Baptizer did not mince words with the rich and powerful. He accused them of coming to be baptized only to protect their self interests, not because they were truly ready to change their lives. As you approach the Eucharist today, ask yourself, "Why am I here?" Ask for the grace to know what you need to change in yourself and for the will and means to do it.

Second Sunday of Advent December 5, 2004

