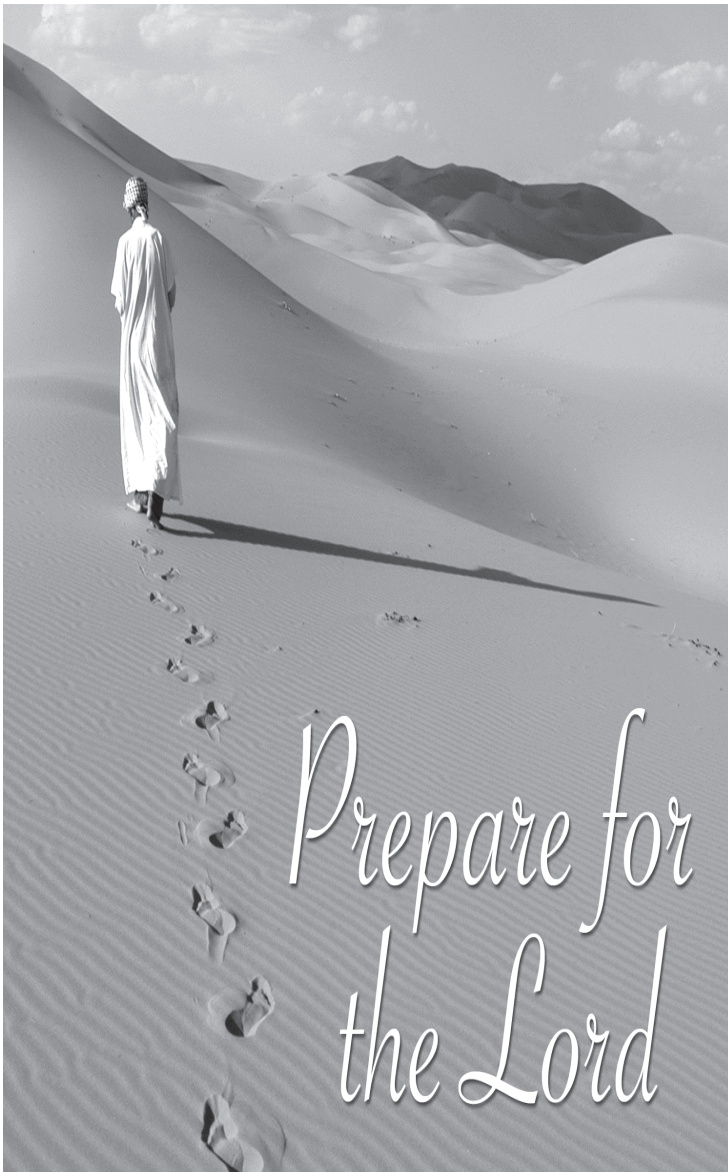


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Mk 1:4, 6-7a

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PLEASE NOTE: Just a reminder, Mary will be in the office on Mondays and Fridays. Cherie will be in the office M-Thurs. from 9am-12noon only. Bulletin announcements can be turned in on Sunday or Monday mornings.

Week 3: The Birth of Joy

In this Sunday's Gospel, Luke tells us that all the people were filled with expectation. John the Baptist leads the parade of anticipation, not of a baby but of this new Rabbi from Nazareth, this Jesus. When John the Baptist gave the people a road map for how they should act, it must have felt like a dead end to some of them. They wanted to follow his preaching, but they knew it would be hard to change their behaviors—and in some instances, their jobs—in order to live out the justice he had proclaimed. It must have also felt like a dead end when John told the crowd that he wasn't the Messiah. You can imagine some wondering if they had been following the wrong person all along! But John helped them see the magnificence of the road ahead by telling them that the Messiah was indeed coming—and that John, as great a prophet as he was, wasn't even fit to loosen the thong of his sandals.

Sometimes the road ahead looks like a dead end. Other times we may feel too exhausted to make it over the next hill. But at each juncture, the Lord is there to tell us that a pleasant downhill lies ahead. He doesn't just cheer us on; he empowers us with his Spirit. He who in you is strong and mighty. Ask for strength.

Taken from The Word Among Us-Daily Meditations for Advent 2015

Reflection: *"...do not be discouraged." (Do not lose heart.) Zep. 3:16*

Here is a prophet, in the midst of the worst failure that could be imagined telling us not to be discouraged, that the Lord our God is in the middle of the mess. The book of Zephaniah is short enough to be read in its entirety and to place ourselves in the midst of the situation. Zephaniah had led the people to know The Lord, the One True God and now they were going back to the old worship of false gods and turning away from what Moses had taught them. Where do you stand on the question of discouragement? That cloud can engulf us on many fronts. We can come to middle or older life, look back and wonder "What have I done with my life? What do I leave behind?" This kind of thinking is what A.A. calls "stinking thinking." Where does it lead? What does it produce? I have never heard of something that produces good having come from discouragement, have you?

Prayer: *Faithful God, keep giving me courage. Guard me from discouragement. Do not let me lose my heart just because it didn't work out the way I wanted. Give me the courage and wisdom to listen again to how you lead me.*

Personal challenge: *I will try to keep an amount of tentativeness in my "projects," leaving plenty of room for God's input. Then it's "ours" not "mine".*

Taken from "2015 Winter's Wisdom (Advent) Published by Ministry of the Arts, Congregation of St. Joseph, La Grange, IL

Mass Intentions

- Dec. 12 5:30pm Mahlon Christman requested by Jim & Linda Reed
- Dec. 13 8:00am Katherine Gordon requested by Martine Gordon
- 10:30am Manny Juarez requested by Phil and Cindy Schroeder
- Dec. 14 8:00am Peter & Maria req. by Hoa Nguyen
- Dec. 18 8:00am For the People
- Dec. 19 5:30pm Virginia Blaine req. by Danuta Drej
- Dec. 20 8:00am St. Joseph req. by Lilia Hernandez
- 10:30am Peter & Maria req. by Hoa Nguyen
- Dec. 21 8:00am For the People
- Dec. 24 5:30pm For the People
- 11:00pm Lucile & George Mauer requested by Phil & Cindy Schroeder

Liturgical Roles

December 19-20, 2015 4th Sunday of Advent

	Lector /Server	Communion Minister
5:30pm	Juan Martinez Ixtlaly Maciel	Juan Cruz Alfredo Arias
8:00am	Liz Vincent Lake Jacobs	Dave Luse Martine Gordon
10:30am	Susan Espinoza/ Julio Palomino Alma Martinez	Chad & Trina Jarvis Marcela Ramos

December 24-25, 2015 Nativity of the Lord

5:30pm	Pat Pawlus Diego Martinez	Terry Hampton, Pat McGrath Juan Cruz, Jose Maciel
11:00pm	Juan Ortiz Matt Gordon	Millie Ortiz, Mary Frias Liz Vincent
10:00am	Dominic Knee Brett Knee	Jose Hernandez, Cecilia Corona

Now that Christmas is drawing near, this is just a reminder that Fr. Blaine has dietary restrictions. He is unable to eat many of the Christmas goodies, like candy, breads, snacks, etc. that people generously gave in the past. Please keep this in mind for this year. Thank you!!



Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24, 2015

Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Vigil Mass: 5:30pm
 Mass at Night: 11:00pm
 Musical Prelude and Ceremony of Light beginning at 10:30pm

Friday, December 25, 2015

Christmas Day

Mass during the Day: 10:00am

No Confessions Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

December 26-27, 2015

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph- Masses at 8:00am and 10:30am

Thursday, December 31, 2015

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Mass at 5:30pm
 Exposition till 7:30pm



Upcoming Events

Christmas Flower Collection Dec. 12-13

Mon. Dec. 14	5:30pm	Cub Scouts
Mon. Dec. 14	7:00pm	Penance Service
Tues. Dec. 15	7:00pm	Boy Scouts
Wed. Dec. 16	7:30pm	Knights of Columbus
	7:30pm	MJM
Thurs. Dec. 17	7:00pm	RCIA
Sat. Dec. 19	6:30pm	Posada

Advent as Countercultural- I believe Advent is the most countercultural season for Christians. People worry about what kind of decorations to put up and what kind of gifts to buy. They're afraid of feeling guilty if the gifts they give are not as nice as those they receive. Isn't that ironic? We have so much fear and guilt over the birth of the One who came to take away our fear and guilt. So the Church offers us a whole other way to move through this season.

Consider Advent's symbols: Quiet, as opposed to noise. Take time to read from the Bible or another spiritual book, and reflect in quiet. **Darkness**. Nights are longer, reminding us of the darkness and cold of a world without Christ. **Waiting**, as opposed to rushing around. We can redeem the moments we spend in traffic or in line by being cheerful with the people in line, helping others with packages or offering a quiet prayer for those around us. After all, the whole purpose of Christ's coming is to make us more peaceful and more loving. Fr. Martin Pable, O.F.M. Cap.
Taken from Living Faith, Daily Catholic Devotions October-November-December 2015



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Our Homebound:

Rosemary White, Nancy Fowler, Lilia Hernandez, Sarkis Barakat, Josie Torres, JoAnn Minter.



Readings for the Week of December 13, 2015

Sunday, December 13, 2015-Third Sunday of Advent-

Zeph 3:14-18, Isaiah 12:2-6, Phil 4:4-7, Luke 3:10-18

Monday, December 14, 2015- St. John of the Cross

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17, Ps 25:4-9, Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 15, 2015- Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13,

Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23, Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 16, 2015- Isaiah 45:6-8, 18, 21-25,

Psalm 85:9-14, Luke 7:18-23

Thursday, December 17, 2015- Genesis 49:2, 8-10,

Psalm 72:1-4, 7-8, 17, Matthew 1:1-17

Friday, December 18, 2015- Judges 13:2-7, 24-25,

Psalm 71:3-6, 16-17, Luke 1:5-25

Saturday, December 19, 2015- Judges 13:2-7, 24-25,

Psalm 71:3-6, 16-17, Luke 1:5-25

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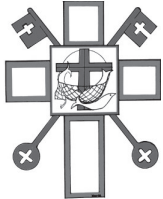
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Saint Peter's will be holding a 'Posada' which is an Advent celebration originating in Latin America that tells the story of Joseph and Mary searching for lodging in Bethlehem before Jesus was born.

It will be held on Dec. 19th at 6:30pm in the Dowling Center Social Hall.



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