


 Sacrificial Giving	Weekly Calendar of Events
Recognizable Offering.....\$11,068.00	12/9 2nd Sunday of Advent VPK - 5 PREP - 9:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m. HS/MS Youth Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Loose Cash ..... \$447.75	12/10 Rosary after morning Mass
Total Weekly Offering.....\$11,515.75	12/11 Bunco - 9:30 a.m. Advent Penance Service - 6:30 p.m.
Mass Attendance Dec 1/2 319	12/12 Legion of Mary Meeting - 8:30 a.m.
	12/13 Rosary after morning Mass
Dec 10-16	12/16 3rd Sunday of Advent VPK - 5 PREP - 9:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m. SPYRIT Christmas Party - 6:00 p.m.
Monday .....Arlene Mauceri(liv)	
Wednesday.....Mercedes Livoti-Walpole(liv)	
Thursday .....Elton Rushlau(liv)	
Friday .....Greg Klesch(liv)	
<b>Saturday</b> .....Gregory M. Garcia(+)	
Sunday .....Corey Berthelette(+)(8:00 a.m.)	
..... <b>St Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)</b>	




Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

Parishioners who do not receive offertory envelopes and wish to contribute can use an envelope in the pew. If you are using electronic giving you can log on to your account and make a onetime gift or use an envelope in the pew, if you prefer.

This year our Advent Penance Service will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. We will not be serving a meal beforehand. For those who may not be able to attend this service, St. Mary Parish will have one on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. and St. Sylvester Parish will offer extended reconciliation on Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.





The Music Ministry would like to invite anyone and everyone who would like to participate in the Christmas choir to come every Sunday at noon to go over the mass parts and three or four choir songs. Singers and instrumentalists - third grade to senior citizens- are ALL welcome. O come, let us adore!

**EXPECTATION: YOUNG ADULT ADVENT RETREAT 2018**  
Saturday, December 15, 2018, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Location: Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Pensacola  
Our theme this year is "Expectation." The day includes keynote presentations, silent reflection time, lunch, creative art time, Adoration and Reconciliation, small group Bible study, and vigil Mass. If you're interested in the optional creative art time, feel free to bring painting/drawing supplies and/or an instrument if you would like to jam with friends. If you plan to attend, please go on-line to [www.ptdiocese.org/events](http://www.ptdiocese.org/events) to register by Dec. 11 so we can prepare enough food for everyone. Suggested donation (not required) is \$10/per person to cover lunch and other expenses.



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Weekend of Dec 15/16  
5:00 p.m.  
Altar Servers: Cole Armstrong  
Extraordinary Ministers: Dan Brenton, Doug Hoover, Shareen Ketchem, Joanna Farnum, Mary Van Dorn  
Lectors: Angela Zangerle, Ron Berthelette  
Ushers: Cora Podrang, Mickey Shawbitz, Eric Van Dorn  
Greeter: Lynn Brenton  
Sacristan: Patty Shawbitz  
8:00 a.m.  
Altar Servers: Rhyan Schorzman, Alina Schorzman  
Extraordinary Ministers: Victoria Ballard, Maria Bridges, Nancy Brandewie, Bruce Brandewie, \_\_\_\_\_  
Lectors: Sheri Roe, Paul Landry  
Ushers: Frank Schorzman, Cathy McKnight, Eden Carter  
Greeter: Lynn Griggs  
Sacristan: Stan Griggs  
Elijah Cup: Frank and Stacie Schorzman  
Coffee and Donuts: Stacie Schorzman  
10:30 a.m.  
Altar Servers: Celeste Clayton, Alexandra Manion, Christopher Manion  
Extraordinary Ministers: Melody Grogan, Tom Lehmann, Katherine Colwell, Teresa McClure, Becky Bittakis  
Lectors: Ana Livoti, Lisa Manion  
Ushers: Cord Grogan, Stewart Grogan, Ray Schlitt  
Greeter: John Fails  
Sacristan: Therese Sweeney  
Elijah Cup: Therese Sweeney  
Coffee and Donuts: Karen Clayton, Tom Blossman

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, contact Angela Zangerle at (808)295-2587 or email her at [stpeter.prayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:stpeter.prayerchain@gmail.com)

Hospitalized Parishioners: If you or a family member are hospitalized, please call the Parish Office, otherwise we have no way of knowing who in our parish is there.

*In Your Daily Prayers, Please Remember our parishioners who are deployed and:*

Monday Johanna Adam\*, Lois Lange\*, Carlos López, Carol Dineen\*, Anni Labatte\*

Tuesday Mary Eichler, Hiram Alaniz, Danny Labatte, Mike Kutcher, John Osborn\*

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard\*, Bette Dellner\*, Aurora Beard, Kim Glenn, Terry Bradley

Thursday Pam Bauchwitz\*, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Connie Batten, Addison Brenci


Friday Lloyd Biehl\*, Doug Babiak\*, Rick Zern\*, Chuck Gober\*, Cheryl Darby, Judy Holzschuh\*

Saturday Peter Adam\*, Mary Anyel\*, Harper Spear, Cathy Clark\*, Jane Van Dorn

Sunday Ann Hart, Samara Gillespie, Donnie Simmons\*, Serena Armstrong\*, Arlene Mauceri\*

\*Indicates our parishioners.

*Please contact the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.*



The readings for the Second Week of Advent offer both encouragement and challenge as we reflect **and prepare for the two "comings" of Christ** - His coming as a baby on the great feast of Christmas, and the anticipation of His second coming at the end of time.

Our First Reading, from Baruch, is a wonderful reminder that God has triumphed over sin and death and that we - His faithful disciples - will live in the light of His glory one day. Until He comes again, we must remain faithful to Him as true disciples and good stewards of all the gifts He has given us. While it can be tempting to give in to the materialism and calls for self-indulgence that surround us, (ironically more than ever at this time of year), this reading calls us back to the spiritual reality that this life is passing and that we are made for eternal life with God. We are called to prepare for eternal life by the way that we use our time, our talents and our treasure now.

**The Gospel reading from Luke shows us how personal and detailed is God's love for humanity as He prepared the way for Christ's coming among us. We are told the precise time, place and person, John the Baptist, He appointed to announce the arrival of our Savior. John tells us how to celebrate to the fullest this first "coming" on the feast of Christmas and how to prepare for the second coming - through repentance.**

**This Advent, let's turn away from any bad habits or sin that may have crept in to our lives and turn our hearts and minds back to Christ. This is what the stewardship way of life is all about - moving ever closer in relationship with Christ and imitation of Him, ready to celebrate His birth, with eyes fixed on eternal life with Him.**



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

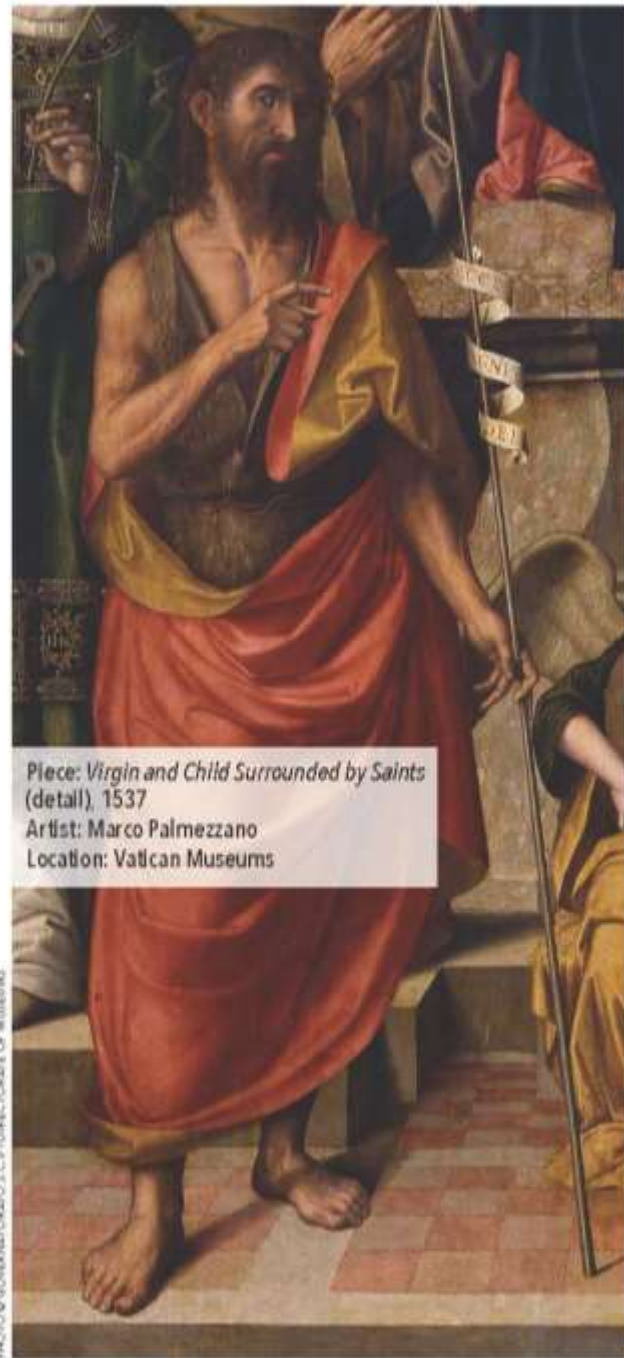
December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent (C)

Bar 5:1-9

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6



Piece: *Virgin and Child Surrounded by Saints* (detail), 1537  
Artist: Marco Palmezzano  
Location: Vatican Museums

## The Time Is Right

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. Palmezzano dresses him in the martyr's red and camel skin to accent his supreme virtue. 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 receded into the shadows.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

Do I lead people to Jesus through my dedicated testimony?  
Do I speak easily and naturally of Jesus with colleagues, family, or friends?

*He went throughout [the] whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.*

Luke 3:3

## Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 10

Advent Weekday

Is 55:1-10

Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday

DECEMBER 11

Advent Weekday

Is 40:1-11

Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday

DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;

12:1-6a, 10ab

Lk 1:26-38 or

Lk 1:39-47

Thursday

DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy,

Virgin and Martyr

Is 41:15-20

Mt 11:11-15

Friday

DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross,

Priest and Doctor

of the Church

Is 48:17-19

Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

DECEMBER 15

Advent Weekday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11

Mt 17:9a, 10-15

Sunday

DECEMBER 16

Third Sunday

of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18

# Dear Padre,

## 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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### A Word From Pope Francis

*The Immaculate Conception leads us to contemplate Our Lady who, by unique privilege, was preserved from original sin from the very moment of her conception. Even living in a world marked by sin, she was not touched by it: Mary is our sister in suffering, but not in evil or in sin.*

—Angelus, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2015



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