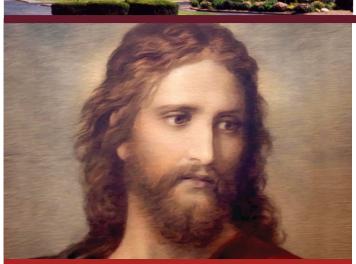
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"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Mt 24:44

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Is 4:2-6/	Is 11:1-10/	Rom 10:9-18/	Is 26:1-6/	Is 29:17-24/	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/	Is 11:1-10/
Ps 122:1-9/	Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/	Ps 19:8-11/	Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/	Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/	Ps 147:1-6/	Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/
Mt 8:5-11	Lk 10:21-24	Mt 4:18-22	Mt 7:21, 24-27	Mt 9:27-31	Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8	Rom 15:4-9/
						Mt 3:1-12

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Holy Days: As announced in bulletin Weekdays: Monday–Wednesday & Friday 8:15 AM

CONFESSIONS By Appointment Only. *Please contact the Parish Office 225-8980.*

BAPTISMS For parishioners requesting Baptism for their child, we encourage you to please contact the Parish Office at (585) 225-8980 before the birth of your child to prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Welcome!

If you are new in the parish, we invite you to become a member of our faith community where we come together to worship the Lord and celebrate the Eucharist. We want to get to know you so if you will please introduce yourself after Mass, we will be grateful. Please know that your prayers, your presence, and support of our beloved St. John's Church are appreciated. Please call or e-mail the Parish Office for registration assistance. You will find contact information on the front cover of the bulletin.

Be Prepared! Be Still!

No one needs to tell us when seasons change. We just know it. We just feel it. We can feel the signs in the trees, the bushes, the lawns and in the temperature. We all know nature moves through its cycles and seasons.

Instinctively, the animals, fish, and birds migrate so that each species survives.

As human beings-rational animals-we do not have to rely on instinct; we can logically reach conclusions. Hence, in the Gospel this weekend, John the Baptist goes throughout the whole territory of Judea, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his path." Repentance means others. As a people of faith, we are prone to limit repentance to a change of heart. We tend to see it as our personal relationship with God, but in a way that abstracts God as not really an "other." Somehow we are not prepared to include others in our acts of contrition. We'd rather say a prayer to ourselves than involve anyone else. But is this what John the Baptist meant when he wandered the Judean desert, proclaiming the need to repent? No, as we hear in our readings today, repentance means others.

John the Baptist's words about the Kingdom of God referred to God's presence and care of his



people. Repentance implied the reversal of human standards and the adoption of divine standards. Advent is a time of expectation. Already since celebrating Thanksgiving Day, our world is ablaze with lights and noisy with the clamor of commercialism. Stores and

malls ring with the fervor of the busy season. Our Advent, to the contrary, is calling us to BE STILL, as we wait in the darkness of the early dawn for the coming of the light of NEW HOPE. As a cloistered nun, Therese Martin knew that she would never be a missionary. Still, she wanted to do something great for God, so she decided to devote herself to loving other people as Jesus loved them. In the simplest ways, she found opportunities to love-from smiling at a cranky nun to silently forbearing when another sister splashed her with laundry water. Love became her "little way" to God. There is no doubt that loving one another can be demanding, but when we try to love as Jesus loves, we are blessed. Our actions not only please God, but they heal relationships, foster family unity, and



even lead others to Christ. Blessing and peace to all. Father Peter





MONDAY, November 28 Advent Weekday 8:15 AM + George & Katherine Schum by Jim & Trudy Pellman 2:30 PM Mass at The Village at Unity

TUESDAY, November 29 Advent Weekday 8:15 AM + Betty Garney by Judy

WEDNESDAY, November 30 St Andrew, Apostle 8:15 AM + Deceased members of the Sa Family by Jose Freitas

THURSDAY, **December 1** Advent Weekday

FIRST FRIDAY, December 2 Advent Weekdav 8:15 AM + Elvira, Vincenzo, and Salvatore Ragonese by Bruna 10:00 AM Benediction

FIRST SATURDAY, December 3 St Francis Xavier 8:15 AM For Fr Peter's Intentions **4:00** PM + *For the People*

SUNDAY, December 4 Second Sunday of Advent 8:00 AM + Bruce Katz by The Paoletti Family 10:00 AM + Jeff Lader by Family

Wills/Bequests/Memorials-Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3
Matthew Jones	Philip Judge	Stanley Kacprzak	Stephen Karani		Vocations & Seminarians	Salvatore
						Matano



Keep Christ in Christmas Car Magnets

The Knights of Columbus will be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets after all Masses THIS Weekend, November 26/27 and NEXT Weekend, December 3/4 or until sold out. It is a great way to spread an important message as we enter the Christmas season. The

durable and attractive magnets will last for years. The cost is \$4 or three for \$10.

This Week's Schedule

Monday, November 28

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center 2:30 PM Mass at The Village at Unity 6:30 PM Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry in Parish Center then Church

Friday, December 2 First Friday

8:15 AM Mass followed by Adoration with Benediction at 10:00 AM in Church

Saturday, December 3 First Saturday

8:15 AM First Saturday Mass, Rosary, and Prayers 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Parish Center

Following all weekend Masses KofC Magnet Sale

Advent Giving Trees



This weekend, November 26/27, our Advent Giving Trees are up and filled with angels; ready for us to take part in our annual parish spirit of giving. Unfortunately we are no longer able to use the name Angel Tree for our project due to a copyright matter.

As we have done the past few years, we have created angels with the different organizations that will receive our gifts of generosity to help them sustain their important ministry work throughout our community. Please take an angel of your choice for you and your family to **place your** donation into the envelope and return it to St. John's on or before Sunday, December 11. This is a great way to include children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews in the spirit of giving and at the same time learn more about the different organizations and how they help those in need. The following organizations will be supported through our generosity:

Daystar Kids Focus Pregnancy Friendship Center House of Mercy

Mary's Place Refugee Outreach St. Michael's Workshop Families in Need at St. John's Nazareth Elementary Mother Teresa Missionary Center at Holy Apostles

Our desire for God can only grow when we place ourselves in His presence.

- Pope Francis



Sunday, November 27 First Sunday of Advent

First Reading Is 2:1-5

This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come, the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall come and say: "Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Responsorial Psalm Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the LORD." And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Jerusalem, built as a city with compact unity. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

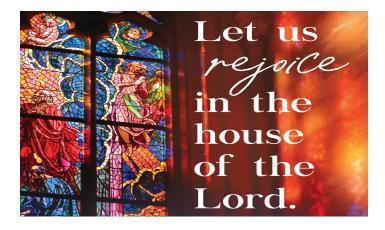
According to the decree for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD. In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May those who love you prosper! May peace be within your walls, prosperity in your buildings.

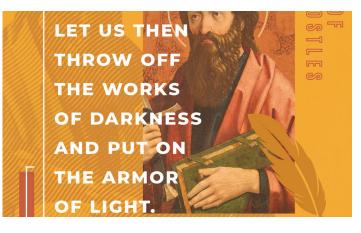
R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Because of my brothers and friends I will say, "Peace be within you!" Because of the house of the LORD, our God, I will pray for your good.



Second Reading Rom 13:11-14

Brothers and sisters: You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.



Alleluia Cf. Ps 85:8

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mt 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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For those who have already made a pledge/donation, we are very grateful! As of Tuesday, November 15, 198 households have pledged \$41.176 taking us to 49.61 of our \$83,000 goal.

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November 27, 2022



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BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL **s**ewardship

November 12/13 ATTENDANCE	407
BUDGETED Sunday Offering\$	9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering\$	6,395.90
ONLINE Giving\$	862.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering\$	7,257.90
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING(\$	2,448.10)

2nd Collection Boiler Fund Collection

Sunday Offering\$	1,758.00
ONLINE Giving\$.00
TOTAL Offering\$	1,758.00

Fiscal Year 2022-23 as of November 13, 2022

YEARLY BUDGET\$	495,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE\$	194,120.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED\$	186,386.25
SHORTAGE TO DATE(\$	7,733.75)

With sincere gratitude, Fr. Peter thanks all who continue with their financial assistance in support of the many needs in our parish.



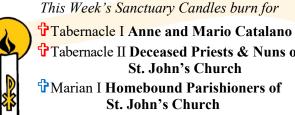
Due to an early bulletin deadline for the Thanksgiving Day Holiday, our November 19/20 Mass attendance and contributions will be noted in NEXT Weekend's bulletin. Thank you!

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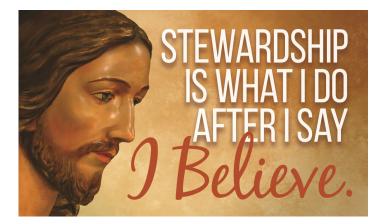


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electronically, from your own computer. It is easy, safe and secure! A link to Online Giving can be found at our Parish Home Page www.stjohngreece.org. Contact the Parish Office, 225-8980 for details or assistance with Online Giving.



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Reminder on Qualified Charitable

Distributions (QCD) (sometimes referred to as "IRA Charitable Rollovers) as a Way to Donate to St. John's Parish

In December, 2015, the IRA QCD Legislation was signed into law permanently.

Under the legislation, donors aged $70\frac{1}{2}$ or older can contribute up to \$100,000 from their IRA's directly to qualified charities without having to pay income taxes on the money.

Here is a quick recap of the IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution rules. Gifts qualify under the law if:

- The donor is age 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ or older on the day of the gift.
- The donor transfers up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA to one or more qualified charities (i.e. St John's). This opportunity applies only to IRA's and no other types of retirement plans.
- Since a QCD can potentially reduce a donor's Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), please discuss your situation with your Financial Advisor.
- The donor does not receive any goods or services in return for the rollover gift in order to qualify for tax-fee treatment.
- The gift/check must be dated on or before Dec., 31, 2022 to qualify this year.
- The gift needs to be sent directly to the charitable organization which also has to be the payee for the gift.
- The official name and address to use for the receiver of the St. John the Evangelist Church donation is: 2400 W Ridge Road

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If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact your financial advisor. If you have other questions, please call or email Joe Spurrier: Business Office at St. John's, at 585-225-8980, or joseph.spurrier@dor.org



Christmas Poinsettias

During the Christmas season, remember a loved one or honor someone by making a donation for a poinsettia to add to the beauty of our beloved St. John's Church. Please complete the order form at right.

Make checks payable to: ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH *Write Poinsettias in the Memo;* and Send your order form and donation to:

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Place your order and donation in an envelope marked "Poinsettias" and drop this into the collection basket.

Please print
Print your name as you want it to appear in the bulletin.
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Would like to donate poinsettias for the holiday season. in memory/honor of:
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Senior Home Communion Service Ministers, November/December 2022

HAMILTON NURSING H	OME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE	ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE		
November 27, 2022	Steve and Mary Ann Donato	November 27, 2022	Dan & Melissa Kabasin	
December 11, 2022	Ron La Force	December 4, 2022	Carolyn Kerhaert	