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Tuesday - Friday 12:05 noon

Saturday 10:00 am

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:30 am

Holy Hour:

Friday 11:00 am

Confessions:

Saturdays 4:30 - 4:55 pm

Sundays 8:30 - 8:55 am &

11 - 11:25 am

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Sunday 11:30 am

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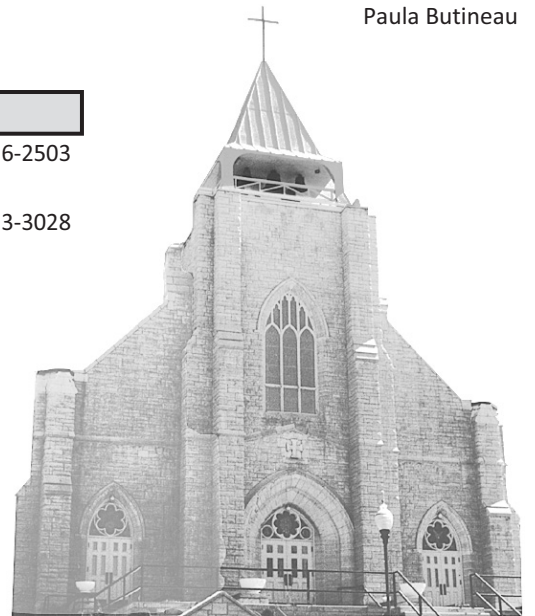
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Appearing today at the center of the Advent stage is John the Baptist, that strange figure, who came out of the desert to announce the coming of the Messiah and to call on all of us to prepare for the King. The Gospel writers believed that John the Baptist fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament about God's messenger, who would announce the coming of the long-awaited Messiah, the Savior.

So, John's appearance in this Sunday's reading is linked with a prophecy from the Old Testament: "As it is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: `the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord. Make his path straight. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" "

John the Baptist preaches a fiery message of a "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sin." This baptism is different from Christian baptism that we have, which is a sacrament of God's grace. John's baptism is a sign of repentance, which for us is our response to God's call to receive Christ into our lives.

The Greek word for repentance is metanoia, which literally means "turning around facing another direction. It is an honest and thorough and often painful soul-searching change of direction of one's life. It is a deep awareness of the need for God's cleansing power in our lives. It means new priorities and values, a new way of looking at the world. God wants to change us -- to bring us joy and peace and fulfillment. Because we continue to fail, repentance is a daily experience for the Christian. God's faithful love and mercy reach out to us every day. No wonder we begin our Sunday worship with confession and absolution. This is the only way we can approach a holy and gracious God.

"Prepare the way of the Lord!" John the Baptist calls out to each one of us – to stop in the middle of our frantic preparations for Christmas to hear the message of Advent. We are called to examine ourselves, to repent and turn daily in a new direction – towards God. God calls us to "prepare," but not only in the ways of modern society. Parties and family gathering and the exchanging

Tuesday, Dec. 10th

Our Lady of Loreto

12:05pm + Joe Caddell

Requested by Charles & Dolores Maguire

Wednesday, Dec. 11th

St. Damasus I, Pope

9:45am School Mass

12:05pm + Angelo Ingriselli Sr.

Thursday, Dec. 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe

12 :05pm Special Intentions for Anne Houston

Requested by Charles & Dolores Maguire

Friday, Dec. 13th

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

11:00 am Holy Hour

12:05pm + Claude Moreau

Requested by Peter & Marie Lacroix

Saturday, Dec. 14th

St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

10:00 am Private Intention

**The Third Sunday of
Advent**

Saturday, Dec. 14th

5:00 pm + Brenda McCusker

Requested by Charles & Dolores Maguire

Sunday, Dec. 15th

9:00 am + Sister Anne Rooney

Requested by Charles & Dolores Maguire

11:30 am Mass for the People

Pope's Prayer Intention for December

For pilgrims of hope

Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

of gifts are part of the joy of this season. But let us commit ourselves to celebrating Advent properly with its message, "Prepare the way of the Lord."

Grace and peace,
Father R C R A

Rite of Christian Initiation for Youths at St. Margaret's

Are You Someone or Do You Know Someone Who...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- A teenager who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation

We offer an opportunity to come together to learn more about our faith. Join us for ten sessions focusing on the teachings and experience of the Church and preparing individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. Sessions will be held after the 9 am Sunday Mass in the Knights of Columbus Room. The first session will be held on December 15, 2024. For more information, please contact the parish office at 705-526-6313 x1 or email

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Parish Givings Report for Sunday*

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Please pray for our recently deceased relatives and

friends: Aileen Cadeau, Esther McCallum, Claude Vanin

2024 Christmas Mass Schedule

Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Eve

No Noon Mass

Tuesday December 24th

5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 11:00 pm

(5:00pm Living Gospel)

Christmas Day

Wednesday December 25th

10:00 am Mass Only

Feast of the Holy Family

Vigil Mass—Saturday, December 28th

5:00 pm

Sunday December 29th

9:00 am, 11:30 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass—Tuesday December 31st

5:00 pm

Wednesday January 1st, 2025

10:00 am

Epiphany of the Lord

Vigil Mass—Saturday January 4th

5:00 pm

Sunday January 5th

9:00 am, 11:30 am

Baptism of the Lord

Vigil Mass—Saturday January 11th

5:00 pm

Sunday January 12th

9:00 am, 11:30 am

I am confident of this, that the One who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6



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Dec. 1 – Dec. 8

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