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Second Sunday of Advent



John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Mt 3:1-2)

Why Do We Do That? -Catholic Life Explained

Question: What do we know about St. John the Baptist?

Answer: We know quite a lot about John the Baptist from the Gospels and other historical sources. John was the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth through a graced post-menopausal conception (Luke 1). John would have been raised with an intimate knowledge of Jewish doctrine and religious practice, due to his father being a Levite priest. Elizabeth is a "kinswoman" of Mary. While not in the same nuclear family, the two were close enough that Mary would journey to spend several months with Elizabeth during her pregnancy. We don't know how close John and Jesus were as children, but they certainly knew of one another as cousins.

Luke 3 tells us he began his ministry in "the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberias Caesar," roughly 29 A.D. He lived as a hermit with clear ascetic practices, such as rough clothing and a simple vegetarian diet. Despite his remoteness, John's ministry was prophetic. People came from across the region to be baptized in water as a sign of repentance. John, however, continually pointed beyond himself to the one who was to come: Jesus Christ. John the Baptist's call to repentance extended to the rules of his day. John critiqued the local rulers, Herod Antipas and his wife Herodias. Previously, Herodias had been married to Antipas' brother, Herod Philip, but had betrayed him, left him, and married his more powerful brother. John was arrested for the slight and was eventually executed (Mark 6). This martyrdom prophetically anticipates the trials that awaited Christ and his followers. In life and death, John the Baptist served as the herald of the Messiah.

this week ◦ ◦ ◦

December 07 - December 15

SAT 07	4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Second Sunday of Advent		
	5:00 p.m.	Mass: Franklin Taylor
	6:00 p.m.	Young Adult Christmas Party
SUN 08	8:30 a.m.	Mass
	9:40 a.m.	Family Faith Formation/Faith Sharing
	11:00 p.m.	Mass: Elly Kozlowski
	5:00 p.m.	Mass: St. Paul's Newman Center Blessing of Engaged Couples
	6:00 p.m.	Sunday Supper
	6:15 p.m.	High School Youth Ministry
MON 09	10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting/Offices are Closed
	12:00 p.m.	Meditation
	5:00 p.m.	Mass
	6:00 p.m.	Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
TUE 10	3:30 p.m.	Caroling at the Laramie Care Center
	5:00 p.m.	Mass
	5:45 p.m.	Lady of Guadalupe Music Rehearsal
WED 11	4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	5:00 p.m.	Mass: Dennis Tomasevicz
	5:45 p.m.	Worship Committee
	6:15 p.m.	Martha & Mary Faith Sharing
	7:30 p.m.	Young Adult Ministry Game Night
	8:00 p.m.	Cowboy Catholic
THUR 12	12:25 p.m.	Mass on Campus Our Lady of Guadalupe
	5:30 p.m.	Mass Potluck Meal Following
FRI 13	9:30 a.m.	Martha & Mary Faith Sharing
	5:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
	6:30 p.m.	Posada Day 1
SAT 14	4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Third Sunday of Advent		
	5:00 p.m.	Mass: Carlos Mellizo
	6:00 p.m.	Martha & Mary Potluck Posada Day 2
SUN 15	8:30 a.m.	Mass: For the Perez-Garcia Family
	11:00 a.m.	Mass: Norma Deibert
	12:30 p.m.	Posada Day 3
	5:00 p.m.	Mass: St. Paul's Newman Center
	6:00 p.m.	Sunday Supper
	6:15 p.m.	High School Youth Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	Communal Reconciliation at St. Laurence

eucharist times & sacramental preparation info
Saturday

5:00 p.m.
Sunday
8:30, 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday
5:00 p.m.
Thursday Mass on Campus
UW Union Rm 202
at 12:25 p.m.
Thursday-Misa En Español
5:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. first Sunday of the month

reconciliation

Wednesdays & Saturdays
4:00 p.m.(or by appointment)

RCIA

Are you interested in exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic? RCIA meets Mondays at 6:00 p.m. For information, contact Fr. Rob: rob@newmancenter.org

infant baptism

Anyone interested in having their baby baptized needs to attend preparation sessions that explore the meaning of the Sacrament, explain the Rite, and support parents and godparents in the Christian role of sharing faith with their children. Email Fr. Rob for information.

sacrament of anointing

This sacrament that brings spiritual and physical strength will be celebrated following the evening liturgy on the second Saturday of every other month.



new to our parish? would you like to become a member?

Whether you are new to Laramie or new to our community, we welcome and invite you to stop by the office weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. for membership information or contact us at newman@newmancenter.org



Communal Reconciliation

Advent Communal Reconciliation is a time to come together as a community to pray and be reconciled with God and one another as we prepare for Christmas. Join us for this sacrament on Sunday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Laurence O'Toole.



Diocean News

Wyoming Catholic Ministries Foundation (WCMF) and our parish invite you to make a Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD) tax free out of your retirement account if you are over 70 1/2 years of age and are required to take distributions. If you have not taken all your Required Minimum Distribution, you can make a direct contribution to a charity. By making a QCD, you will avoid paying income tax on the distribution and the 50% excise tax penalty from the IRS. But this must be done before December 31.

If interested in making an end of the year contribution to WCMF or have any questions regarding WCMF, please contact Esther McGann at emcgann@bresnan.net or 307-745-7039.

Gatherings

You are invited to join the students for **Caroling at the Care Center**. Meet at the Newman Center on Tuesday, December 10 at 3:30 p.m.

Join **YAMs** for board game night. We gather every 2nd Wednesday of the month at Emmaus House from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Bring your favorite board game and a friend. For questions, please email Hope Quade at everyoneelsesadhead@gmail.com.

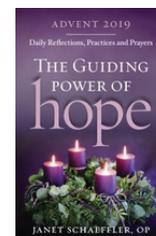


The **Martha & Mary Women's Group** invites all members and women of the parish for a Merry Little Potluck, Saturday, December 14, 6:00 p.m. at the Emmaus House. At our holiday celebration, we'll enjoy delicious food, fellowship, a short review of our accomplishments this year and some fun holiday games! Check the Martha & Mary Bulletin Board in Bishop Newell Hall to sign-up or just show up with a dish to share. New members are always welcome.

Faith Sharing Group resumes Friday, December 13 at 9:30 a.m. Groups meet at the Emmaus House. New members are welcome to join at any time.

Catholic Extension Calendars

Hope is the theme for the 2020 Rejoice O' Earth. Grow your faith with hopeful images, scriptures and prayers. Proceeds from calendars strengthen the presence and mission of the Catholic Church in under-resourced Catholic communities across the United States. We invite you to pick up a copy of the 2020 Catholic Extension Society Calendar. Calendars are also available in Spanish.



Advent Reflection Booklets
Take time this Advent to pause for prayer and rekindle the power of hope. Pick up your Advent booklet in the entryway of the worship space. Copies are also available in Spanish.

Observances for the week of Dec 8, 2019

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent
Monday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Damasus I, Pope
Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday: St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
Saturday: St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent ©LPi



Hispanic Ministry

Día de los Muertos Photos

Those who brought pictures of their deceased friends and family for the ofrenda or altar for the Day of the Dead can pick those up in the Parish Library.

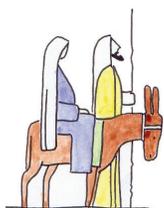
Folleto de reflexión de Adviento Tómelo tiempo en este Adviento para hacer una pausa para orar y experimentar el consuelo de Dios, de quien proviene todo el gozo. Recoga su folleto de Adviento en la entrada del espacio de adoración.



Posadas December 13-21

Únase a esta tradición latina mientras procesamos con María y José conmemorando su búsqueda de refugio en Belén. Habrá canciones y lecturas tradicionales. Botanas y actividades para los niños serán parte de cada noche. Los horarios varían cada noche y estarán publicados en todo el edificio. Para apuntarse como anfitrión busque la hoja en Bishop Newell Hall.

Join in this Latino tradition as we process with Joseph and Mary commemorating their search for shelter in Bethlehem. There will be traditional songs and readings. Refreshments and an activity for the children will be a part of each evening. Times vary each evening and are posted throughout the building. Sign-up to host receptions is in Bishop Newell Hall.



Thank You

Sunday, November 24, Gift Offerings \$3543 including our tithe (\$354) for our sisters and brothers in need

Thanksgiving for Interfaith \$500

Last Sunday, December 1, Gift Offerings \$8,165 including our charity outreach tithe (\$817)

*Honor the Lord from your wealth
And from the first of all your produce; – Proverbs 3: 9*



"In honor of the Lord, your God, and the measure of your own freewill offering shall be in proportion to the blessing the Lord, your God, has bestowed on you."
Deuteronomy 16-17

Every financial commitment and gift is needed and appreciated!! Thank you, in advance, for all the ways each of you support and participate in the ministry of St. Paul's Newman Center.

We are so grateful for everyone who has made a pledge of financial support. If you have not yet filled out your Pledge of Gratitude, please do so today. There are pledge cards throughout the building. Blessings upon you and yours!

**Live in a Spirit of Abundance
and an Attitude of Gratitude!**



Thursday, December 12, 2019
Jueves 12 de diciembre de 2019

St. Paul's Newman Center
Liturgy of the Eucharist
Liturgia de la Eucaristía
5:30 p.m

Followed by a Potluck Meal
Enseguida habrá un
Convivió

(bring a dish to share)
(Trae un plato para compartir)

The Laramie
Hispanic Ministry

"Cor ad Cor loquitur."

"Heart Speaks to Heart"

Our Mission

As a Catholic community of Christian disciples filled with gratitude and the Holy Spirit, St. Paul's Newman Center celebrates and lives the Sacraments. We bring the Gospel to the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Wyoming through vibrant liturgies, hospitality, authentic stewardship, education, formation, empowerment, and support.

upcoming events

December 8

Family Faith Formation/Shared Learning

December 12 at 5:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 13-21

Posadas

December 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Advent Communal Reconciliation
at St. Laurence O'Toole

December 16-20

UW Finals Week

December 22 at 9:40 a.m.

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Live the Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

World, church, and local events continue to challenge our faith. This is all the more reason to continue to come together and find encouragement and hope in God's word, sacraments, and our faith community. We are people of hope who are called to persevere, even in the midst of confusion and darkness, as we wait for what is to come. We are asked to repent, especially from our tendency to fall into doubt and despair. We are asked to repent and place our trust in Isaiah's words that God's world of innocence will be restored. We need to hear John the Baptist's words today more than ever: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is a hand!" Rather than being disappointed by what human beings and world cannot give, let us commit anew to what God can and will provide.

Vivir la Liturgia - Inspiración de la Semana

El mundo, la iglesia y los eventos actuales continúan desafiando nuestra fe. Esta es una razón más para continuar uniéndonos y encontrar ánimo y esperanza en la palabra de Dios, los sacramentos y nuestra comunidad de fe. Somos personas de esperanza llamadas a perseverar, incluso en medio de la confusión y la oscuridad, mientras esperamos lo que está por venir. Se nos pide arrepentirnos, especialmente por nuestra tendencia a caer en la duda y la desesperación. Se nos pide arrepentirnos y confiar en las palabras de Isaías de que el mundo de inocencia de Dios será restaurado. Necesitamos escuchar las palabras de Juan el Bautista hoy más que nunca: "¡Arrepiéntanse, porque ya está cerca el Reino de los cielos!" En lugar de estar decepcionados por lo que los seres humanos y el mundo no pueden dar, comprometámonos de nuevo a lo que Dios puede y en verdad proporcionará.

Liturgical Ministers are needed for the 4 Christmas Liturgies, 4:00, 7:00, & 10:00 p.m. on December 24 and 10:00 a.m. on December 25. Please take a moment to go to Ministry Scheduler Pro to sign up for ministry on these days.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

<p>Dec. 14-15</p> <p>Lector</p> <p>Altar Server</p> <p>EMoHC</p>	<p>5:00 p.m.</p> <p><i>R. Peak/J. Peak</i></p> <p><i>J. Vaske</i></p> <p><i>M. Swoboda</i></p> <p><i>S. Beck</i></p> <p><i>T. Scherden</i></p> <p><i>M. Vaske</i></p> <p><i>A. Meyer</i></p> <p><i>Vaske Family</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m.</p> <p><i>K. Burkhart/M. Belser</i></p> <p><i>N. Burkhart</i></p> <p><i>J. Kennedy</i></p> <p><i>K. Kennedy</i></p> <p><i>R. Sax</i></p> <p><i>T. Strube</i></p> <p><i>J. Murray</i></p> <p><i>M. Burkhart/D. Mercil</i></p>	<p>11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>A. Coulter/S. Amundson</i></p> <p><i>C. Krueger</i></p> <p><i>A. Eicke</i></p> <p><i>A. Hayden</i></p> <p><i>C. Miller</i></p> <p><i>M. Covington</i></p> <p><i>S. Villasenor</i></p> <p><i>M. Dwyer/S. Nordquist</i></p>	<p>5:00 p.m.</p> <p><i>B. O'Flannigan/J. Russo</i></p> <p><i>R. Blackburn</i></p> <p><i>T. Dahl</i></p> <p><i>H. Adams</i></p> <p><i>S. Blackburn</i></p> <p><i>M. Jones</i></p> <p><i>E. Barnett</i></p> <p><i>Blackburn Family Eucharistic</i></p>
<p>Hospitality</p> <p>Bread: B. Huston</p>				





Bringing Home the Word +

Second Sunday of Advent (A)
December 8, 2019

Preparing Ourselves

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

John the Baptist was a prophet who fully embraced his mission in Israel. He was so good at delivering his message that some people thought he was the Messiah. He preached with authority, and people traveled from all over Judea to hear his words.

His mission was to prepare the way, but not just for any man. As any pope, king, or president announces his intentions in advance so preparations can be made, John was sent to announce the coming of the Son of God and to tell the people how to prepare.

Jesus came into the world when he

was born in Bethlehem and walked the earth. He will come again at the end of time. And—importantly—he comes to us whenever we invite him in and always in the sacraments and liturgy. Preparing for his arrival is not a matter of fixing roads, painting houses, or organizing a parade. Our king desires a transformed spirit: “Not by appearance shall he judge (Isaiah 11:3). John warns that we cannot hide behind the faith of another; each one of us needs to show the fruits of our own faith. Yet we need not fear, for he who comes has every intention of saving us. He appears as Lord and invites us to accept his kingdom. He is also a teacher who shows us the way to the Father. Above all he is a friend who forgives unconditionally and accepts our sincere yet feeble efforts.

This week, reflect on the life of John the Baptist, heed his words, and imitate him: cry out for repentance, cleanse others of their sins, and prepare the way to God. +

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A Word from Pope Francis

It is the mystery of Christ’s flesh: one doesn’t understand love for thy neighbor, one doesn’t understand love for thy brother if one doesn’t understand this mystery of Incarnation. I love my brother because he too is Christ, is Christlike, is the flesh of Christ.

—Visit to Pentecostal Church of Reconciliation, July 28, 2014



Sunday Readings

Isaiah 11:1–10

He shall judge the poor with justice, and decide fairly for the land’s afflicted.

Romans 15:4–9

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Matthew 3:1–12

[John the Baptist said,] “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- How does John the Baptist’s call to repentance challenge me?
- Where do I need to ask for God’s mercy?

A Christian Perspective on Time

By Jim and Susan Vogt

Have you ever: ...texted a coworker during the family meal? ...tried to drive while putting on makeup? ...raced out of the house and then remembered you forgot to turn off the iron? These are symptoms of our hurried lives.

The Bible passage Susan recalls when tempted to pack too much into too little time is Jesus' "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part" (Luke 10:41–42). Mary had chosen presence—to sit with Jesus and attend to him.

The irony is the Church calendar asks us to slow down during Advent—the very time that cultural demands press us to hurry up and crowd more into Christmastime. Advent should be calm and reflective, not hectic and stressful. Jesus makes it clear that attentiveness to the person next to us always trumps Martha's to-do list.

So how do we sort it all out when our lives are filled with the expectation to do more and do it faster? Let's look at time through the prisms of saving, wasting, and ignoring.

Saving Time

Saving time sounds virtuous, especially when it frees us from mundane chores



in order to spend quality time with our family. Some examples: multitasking allows us to fold laundry while watching TV, catch up on kids' news while driving them to school, listen to a podcast while exercising. Timesaving technology allows us to skip commercials when watching a recorded TV

program or shorten time-consuming chores by using home appliances.

These things are good when they free us to do more important tasks, especially those that focus on those around us. But doing tasks faster and more efficiently can be like a hamster running around a wheel. Sometimes we don't really get anywhere.

Wasting Time

Wasting time sounds inherently bad, but consider these ways that it can enhance your life:

Time for reflection, prayer, or savoring a sunset may seem unproductive unless you realize that spending time with God isn't a waste. These times keep us centered on what is important, calming our weary and stressed-out spirits.

Sabbath time. Sunday as a day of rest has become an American anomaly. Too often, Sunday is a catchup day, filled with shopping and household chores. At times, accomplishing these tasks reduces

stress. But a day of rest with focus on God and family refreshes our spirits, pulling us back into what's important.

Recreation. Yes, some people fritter away hours before the TV, at parties, or playing sports. Recreation, however, isn't only fun, but it's also a way to build marriage, parenting, and friendship bonds. Besides, it can double as networking and relationship time, which puts it in the category of multitasking.

Ignoring Time

Is ignoring time irresponsible? There are deadlines to meet, kids to feed, a dish to make for the potluck. But sometimes it's healthy to ignore time. Children often prompt us to ignore time when they interrupt us. Think of it as Jesus breaking into your life and saying, "Pay attention to me. I'm only here for a short time."

Which brings us back to Advent—the season of waiting. Sometimes it's good for the soul to wait—in line, for a birthday, for marriage, for Christmas. It's a pause that gives us a chance to take a deep breath and remember what's really important, to listen to Christ speaking in the silence. +



Lord, you have created me for goodness, love, compassion, and peace. Help me to make use of the gifts you have given me to make a difference where I am at this moment of my life.

—From *Joyful Meditations for Every Day of Advent and the 12 Days of Christmas*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

December 9–14

Monday, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Gn 3:9–15, 20 / Eph 1:3–6, 11–12 / Lk 1:26–38

Tuesday, Advent Weekday: Is 40:1–11 / Mt 18:12–14

Wednesday, Advent Weekday: Is 40:25–31 / Mt 11:28–30

Thursday, 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

Friday, St. Lucy: Is 48:17–19 / Mt 11:16–19

Saturday, St. John of the Cross: Sir 48:1–4, 9–11 / Mt 17:9a, 10–13

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