

Saint Patrick Church, Kankakee
~ A Viatorian Parish ~

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 6, 2020



Sometimes, O God, the world feels too silent ...
not without sound, but without any sound that makes sense.
In all the noise of human sin and pain, we miss the sound of your voice.

So, we pray for Messengers to speak again your word of Restoration,
the word that prepares us to welcome again your visitation ...

Messengers of listening and forgiveness
to silence the noise of conflict and hatred ...

Messengers of seeing and empathy
to silence the noise of stereotyping and disengagement ...

Messengers of hope and responsibility
to silence the noise of negativity and apathy ...

Messengers of faith and perseverance
to silence the noise of resignation and expediency.

In every place where people need to hear your word,
may your Messengers speak and, if need be,
give us the courage to be those Messengers.

Amen.

(John van de Laar)

Today's readings seem made to order for the tumultuous times that we are living through. From the opening line of the Prophet Isaiah ... "*Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God*" ... to the Psalm ... "*Kindness and truth shall meet*" ... and, finally, to the Gospel with Saint John the Baptist proclaiming ... "*One mightier than I is coming after me.*"

All the readings seem to be specifically crafted to address the reality of our world today. These readings can assist us as we are preparing our hearts to welcome Jesus into our world. If the events in our world are causing you grief and anxiety, read and re-read the opening lines from Isaiah about comfort. So many of us need comfort right now with the pandemic worsening and with fear about losing homes through foreclosures or evictions growing.

These are chaotic, uncertain times and I know that the only true north in my life is the peace that comes from God. What do I need to do to stay grounded in God so that I can give comfort to others and not add to their unease and worries?

In the Gospel, Saint Mark describes how people from "the whole of the Judean countryside and Jerusalem" were traveling to have John baptize them "as they acknowledged their sins." What are my sins that I need to acknowledge during this Advent season? What barriers do I need to dismantle so that I can prepare my heart for Jesus' coming? What is preventing me from becoming someone who can "*organize a world according to God's heart*"?

Lastly, and this is for all of us who are over-achievers and overly responsible, think back to what John the Baptist said in today's Gospel. John was very clear about what his role was: "*I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.*" John was preparing the world for Jesus, our Redeemer. Instead of capitalizing on his newfound "fame," John humbly continued to fulfill the mission given to him. John helps me realize that I don't have to do everything; I just need to do my part. Spending time with God will clarify my "role" in these troubled times.

I hope that you can take comfort from today's readings. Sit with them and let them speak to you. Maybe you'll find that, during this Advent season, we can all move towards becoming "the new human being that society needs."

(*Julie Kalkowski*)

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During this unusual year, with its coronavirus restrictions and procedures in place for church, the community around us is in no less need. You are asked to be generous in your Giving Tree donations, as you have always been in the past.

The Giving Tree Program will be somewhat different this year. There will be no tree and no tags. Parishioners are asked to make donations of gift cards or donations of cash to be distributed to needy families. Please leave your donations in an envelope marked "Giving Tree" in back of church in the offering box or at the Parish Office. You may also mail your donations to Saint Patrick Church, 428 South Indiana Avenue, Kankakee 60901.

The deadline for donations of gift cards or of cash is the weekend of December 12th and 13th.

Thank you, in advance, for your generous response.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 5, 4:00 P.M.
The Second Sunday of Advent
Jack Purcell

Sunday, December 6, 7:00 A.M.
The Second Sunday of Advent
Richard Rapp

Sunday, December 6, 10:00 A.M.
The Second Sunday of Advent
Father James Fanale, CSV
Rita DesMarteau
Paul Dandurand

Tuesday, December 8, 7:15 A.M.
For the Special Intentions of
Mark and Paula Hodak

Thursday, December 10, 7:15 A.M.
Shirley Gordon

Saturday, December 12, 4:00 P.M.
The Third Sunday of Advent
Patrick & Timothy Simmons
Frank C. Benoit
Eugene Riberdy
Mose Arseneau

Sunday, December 13, 7:00 A.M.
The Third Sunday of Advent
William R. Smith

Sunday, December 13, 10:00 A.M.
The Third Sunday of Advent
Catherine Lawless
Phyllis L. Masse
Phillip Hodak

MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Blessed Sacrament Candle
burns in memory of
Jack Purcell

The Holy Family Candle
burns in memory of
Richard Rapp

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, November 29, 2020

Envelopes (51) = \$3,240.00

Loose cash and checks = \$63.00

Online Giving (13 families) = \$843.00

Total Collection = \$4,146.00

Amount needed each week to have a balanced budget = \$7,673.00

Prayer Line . . . Call (815) 933-6877

PARISH RE-OPENING NEWS

By way of reminder, I will mention again that those wishing to attend Mass on Tuesday morning and Thursday morning do not need reservations. Those planning to attend Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses, however, will need reservations. Very simply stated, Weekend Mass Reservations can be made, beginning after 9:00 A.M. on Monday morning, by accessing our on-line Mass Reservations site at <https://bit.ly/StPatrickChurch> or our telephone site at 815-932-6716, Ext. 999. Reservations for Saturday and Sunday Masses officially close at noon time on the previous Friday.

**For the foreseeable future,
the church doors will be opened
twenty minutes before Mass begins.**

For the Saturday 4:00 Mass, doors will open at 3:40 P.M.
For the Sunday 7:00 Mass, doors will open at 6:40 A.M.
For the Sunday 10:00 Mass, doors will open at 9:40 A.M.

For Weekday 7:15 Mass, doors will open at 6:55 A.M.

**Effective as of November 14th
and continuing for the foreseeable future,
we will be using the church's Northwest Door
to enter for all the Weekend and Weekday Masses.**

**To leave the church after Mass,
we will continue using the church's
Southwest Door and Northwest Door.**

A reminder about face masks,
as originally announced on June 24th:
**While you are encouraged to wear your own face mask,
face masks will be available at Mass.
Except for medical reasons,
face masks are required for all those attending Mass.**

**The Parish Re-Opening Team
is always ready to welcome
additional parishioners
who wish to serve as
Greeters / Ushers
Sanitizers.**

**To volunteer your services,
please get in touch with
the Parish Office.
Thank you.**

Father John

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24, 3:00 P.M.

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24, 5:00 P.M.

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24, 7:00 P.M.

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, 10:00 A.M.

New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31, 4:00 P.M.

**Beginning at 9:00 A.M.
Monday, November 30th,
Reservations must be made
for Christmas Season Masses
at the usual on-line site
or by telephone at
815-932-6716
Ext. 999.**

SAINT ROSE OF LIMA CHAPEL

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday

1:00 - 2:00 P.M.

via Facebook

Next Monthly Mass

Friday, Dec. 18

6:00 P.M.

Mass Reservations are required.

Please call 815-573-5455

and leave your name,

number in your party,

and phone number.

DO YOU CARE FOR A LOVED ONE?
AN ILL SPOUSE, AGING PARENT OR CHILD WITH DISABILITIES?



We invite you to connect with other caregivers.
Nourish for Caregivers supports the practical emotional and spiritual needs of all who offer care for others during this time of uncertainty and anxiety.

**This online caregiver support ministry
is sponsored by the
Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary**

After the kickoff Zoom Workshop on
Monday, September the 14th,
which was repeated on
Sunday, November 8th,
Monthly Meetings are being held via Zoom
on the third Monday of every month
at 1:00 P.M. and again at 7:00 P.M.

Dec. 21, 2020 – A Season for Everything – The Ebbs and the Flows
(By way of exception, this presentation
will be given only at 1:00 P.M.)

For more information and to register, call:
Susan Amann at 815-348-9871 - or - Ruth Barber at 815-405-4553

**A complete listing of all the on-line programming
sponsored by the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary,
especially those being presented in coming days,
can be accessed via their website at:**

[Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary](#)

**Attached to this Sunday's Bulletin
you will find two "flyers":**

Monthly Taizé Prayer Service

Viatorian Province Center
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December 9th

Free Christmas Day Dinner

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in the area

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(Monday - Friday)

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Carry-outs Available Only

**Face coverings required and
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must be followed.**

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Saturday..... 7:15 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
Sunday..... 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

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