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### Mass Intentions:

December 8th: Parishioners of  
St Andrew and St Regina  
December 9th: Brad Elliott +  
by Mr & Mrs Mark Bartel  
December 15th: Parishioners of  
St Andrew and St Regina  
December 16th: Bennie Scott +  
by Mr & Mrs Mark Bartel

### WEEKLY OFFERING

Dec 2nd	
Budget	\$2300
Actual	\$2262
Short	\$38

December 16, 2018

**Lectors** — Kathleen Kirkpatrick

**Gift Bearers** — Susan Booth  
and Elaine Doner

**Eucharistic Ministers** — Mary Alyce  
Fiechtl, Petra Vargas, Deacon Moss

**Servers** — Dafine Perez, Stephanie  
Gutierrez

**Sacristans** — Mary Alyce Fiechtl

**Altar Linens** — Eleanor Michie & Khuyen  
Segerson



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### December 9, 2018

God has commanded  
that every lofty mountain be made low.  
— Baruch 5:7

### AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

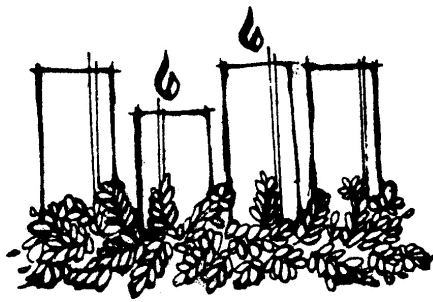
It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistery, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three nativities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angel's announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her. Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing.

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### TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR C

**First Reading** — Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).

**Psalm** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

**Second Reading** — I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Gospel** — The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

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### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### Parishioners

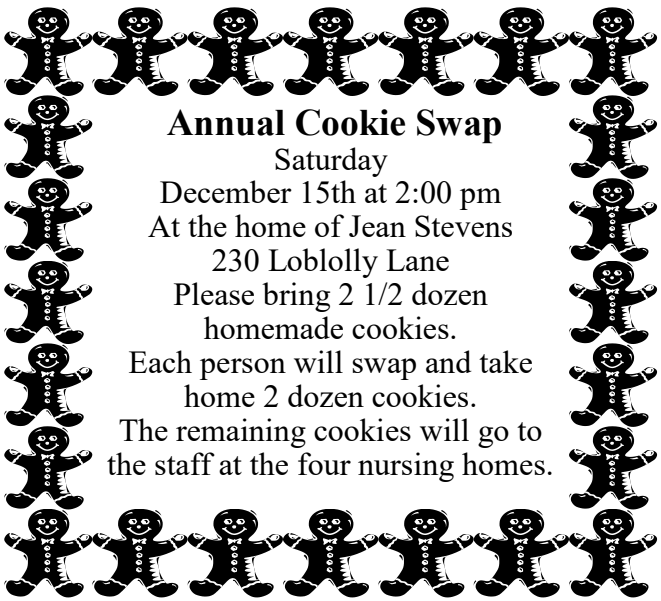
Grant Adams, Jody Adams, Mark Green,  
Ethel Huffman, Jacob Palomino, Khuyen Segerson,  
Ted & Jeanette Thiele, Joe & Stella York

#### Relatives

Thomas & Kelli Blankenship, Zula Doyle,  
Nancy Gambino, Fiona Green, Christine Hart and the  
twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Lisa Michelle  
Kirkpatrick, Nickolas Kirkpatrick, Asa McCarty,  
Paul Montgomery, Andrew Morlan,  
Emily Ernst Royal, Richard Scran, Kevin Young

#### Friends

Susi Bickerstaff, Emma Cupples, Frank DeLuca,  
Emily Evans, Eddie Michaels,  
The Jeff Melton Family, Joseph Smile,  
Dr. Laurie Pearlman, Fr Robert Ponticello



### Annual Cookie Swap

Saturday  
December 15th at 2:00 pm  
At the home of Jean Stevens  
230 Loblolly Lane  
Please bring 2 1/2 dozen  
homemade cookies.

Each person will swap and take  
home 2 dozen cookies.

The remaining cookies will go to  
the staff at the four nursing homes.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;  
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-  
47, or any readings from the Common of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-  
15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16,  
18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7;  
Lk 3:10-18



### Mass Schedule

**Monday:** 11:30 am

**Wednesday:** 11:30 am

**Spanish Mass for Feast of Our  
Lady of Guadalupe:** 6:30pm

**Thursday:** 9:00 am

**Friday:** 11:30 am

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:30 pm

**Sunday:** 9:00 am

### Comin Events

**December 9th:** After Mass, will the men of  
the parish please help with bringing down the  
trees from the attic and setting up the Nativity  
set outside.

**December 12th:** Our Lady of Guadalupe  
with a Spanish Mass at 6:30 pm

**December 16th:** PRE Christmas Program  
followed by our Christmas Potluck brunch.  
For the potluck, you may bring breakfast or  
lunch items. Looking forward to sharing the  
holiday season with our church family.

### RICHES

Riches are the instrument of all vices, because  
they render us capable of putting even our worst  
desires into execution.

—St. Ambrose