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Mass Intentions

Dec 12th: Jason A Clutch + Eleanor Michie  
Dec 13th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina  
  
Dec 14th: Soul of Maria Nguyen Thi Hoe  
Dec 16th: Soul of Pul Mnguyen Kinh  
Dec 18th: Soul of Paul Nguyen van Sung  
by Kenny Duc Nguyen  
  
Dec 20th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

MEASURING SUCCESS

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles that one has overcome while trying to succeed.  
—Booker T. Washington

Third Sunday of Advent  
December 13, 2020

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.  
—1 Thessalonians 5:16

JOHN THE BAPTIST

At a school open house a woman could be overheard introducing her husband to some of the other parents. “Oh, Bill, I’d like you to meet Johnny’s father. And over here, this is Marie’s mom; you know, the little girl from our Ellen’s soccer team.”  
With satisfied resignation Bill introduced himself not by name: “I’m Ellen’s Dad.”  
It’s good to know who you are. Be it someone’s father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife, it’s important to embrace the full meaning of our various roles.  
John the Baptist knows who he is. And who he is not. He is not the Christ. Nor Elijah. Nor like any other prophet God’s people had ever seen.  
John the Baptist knows his mission is divine. He’s more than satisfied to be the one to announce the coming of God’s reign. The Christ is near. Make straight your paths.  
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FEAST OF FAITH  
The Shape of the Mass

In the renewal of the liturgy that followed the Second Vatican Council, the full, conscious, and active participation of the assembly was the primary consideration. By participation, the Council Fathers did not mean just joining in the singing and the spoken responses, but active engagement and prayerful understanding of the rites. They envisioned a transparent liturgy, a worship that spoke so directly to the hearts and minds of the faithful that it would require no explanation at all.  
The liturgy itself is the best possible catechesis on the liturgy. What does the liturgy teach us? It shows us the ministry of Jesus continuing in the present. He gathers a community. He calls us to prayer and repentance and praise. He teaches us with the very word of God. He does not send us away empty, but sets before us a marvelous banquet, feeding us with his very body and blood. Then he sends us forth to do what he has done—to give ourselves for others, not just in words, but in deeds. The Mass is the pattern of our Christian lives.  
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WEEKLY OFFERING	
Dec 6th	
Budget	\$2100
Actual	\$1432
Bldg.	\$532
Short	\$136



TODAY’S READINGS FOR YEAR B

**First Reading** — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).  
**Psalm** — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).  
**Second Reading** — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).  
**Gospel** — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).  
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REMEMBER IN PRAYER  
Parishioners

Gary Adams, Grant Adams, Joe Bobak, Ethel Huffman, MaryAnn Maness, Deacon Jim Moss  
**Relatives**  
Kelli Blankenship, Thomas Blankenship, Austin Ernst, Emily Ernst, Jackie Donnett, Andrew Grower, Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Nicholas Kirkpatrick, Jenny Moore, Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk  
**Friends**  
Emma Cupples, Sunny Maness, Fr Robert Ponticello

UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE

Most people are bothered by those passages in Scripture which they can’t understand; but . . . I have noticed that the passages in Scripture which trouble me most are those I do understand.  
—Mark Twain

Liturgical Ministers

**December 20, 2020**  
**Lectors** — Eleanor Michie  
**Gift Bearers** —  
**Eucharistic Ministers** —  
**Sacristans**— Don & Christine Carlson  
**Altar Linens** — Eleanor Michie, Khuyen Segerson  
**Ushers**—Men of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27  
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32  
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23  
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17  
Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25  
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25  
Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38



Mass Schedule

**Monday:** 11:30 am  
**Wednesday:** 11:30 am  
**Thursday:** 9:00 am  
**Friday:** 11:30  
**Vigil on Saturday:** 4:30 pm  
**Sunday:** 9:00 am

Special Collection

Villa Vianney  
December 24-25th

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent  
Monday: St. John of the Cross  
Wednesday: Las Posadas begins

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