



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 6, 2020**  
**DECEMBER 6    DECEMBER 13**  
**ISA 40:1-11    ISA 61:1-2,10-11**  
**2 PET 3:8-14    1 THES 5:16-24**  
**MARK 1:1-8    JOHN 1:6-8,19-28**

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**BAPTISMS:** By appointment. Please call for Parental Sacrament Preparation

**WEDDINGS:** Please contact at least 4 months in advance

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please call any time or by appointment

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 and by appointment

**MASSES @ ANNUNCIATION:** SATURDAY @ 4:00 PM; SUNDAY @ 10:00AM

**SPANISH MASS/COMMUNION SERVICE:** Sunday 12 - NOON

**MASSES @ ST. ANDREW:** TIPTON SATURDAY @ 5:30 PM; SUNDAY @ 8:00AM

**BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION**

*For the sons and daughters of the Church: that we may be the light of God's love for the world by our sacrificial gifts for those in need, especially the children of our world.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 5</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Annunciation Parish</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 6</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Lee &amp; Joyce Murphy</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 8</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Rose &amp; Clem Distler</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 10</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Doug Distler</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 12</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Munsterman Family</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 13</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Paul Hoellering</b>

**ANNUNCIATION PARISH**

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**OUR MOTTO: JOY**

**JESUS            FIRST**

**OTHERS        SECOND**

**YOURSELF    LAST**

**Mission Statement**

**We, the family of Annunciation Parish desire to build a community of love and service to our community and those in need as we bear witness to the teaching of Jesus Christ.**

## FROM THE PASTOR

**Confession for Children:** We have scheduled it on Sunday, December 6 & 13 for PSR and Confirmation groups during their class hour from 8:45 – 9:45 am. During Confession, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and gentle music will be played to be in the presence of Jesus and receive His mercy and forgiveness. I request the parents and teachers to encourage their children to make Confession and help them prepare by being a role model.

**Bambinelli Sunday:** It is a beautiful tradition that was started by Pope St. John Paul II. *Bambinelli* is Italian, the plural of *bambinello* which means "little baby [boy]." Bambinelli Sunday is celebrated on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. Thousands of people come to St. Peter's Square bringing the Baby Jesus figurines from their creches and nativity scenes; then, at the time of the Pope's Angelus address, he blesses all the little figures of the Child Jesus. Families also traditionally spend their Advent season making small sacrifices or doing good deeds for the Child Jesus, represented by adding a piece of straw to His manger for each good deed performed. When Christmas day arrives, the Baby Jesus is placed in the empty creche made comfortable by these acts of charity.

Following this tradition, I request all parents and teachers to encourage their children to get a nativity scene ready at home and then bring the image of baby Jesus for blessing to be placed back in the manger. After doing a good deed, adding a straw to the manger will make baby Jesus comfortable and happy which will radiate joy in their lives. The blessing will be done at the weekend Masses on December 12 & 13.

**Parish Family Drive:** Last weekend, we started our family prayer drive in the Parish. I was glad to learn that people who attended weekend Masses took more than one name to pray for the families during Advent Season. Now the left-over names are placed at the foot of the altar and they will be prayed at every Mass. After the third Sunday of Advent, I would like to have some generous volunteers to supply Christmas cards and stamps to mail them to the families that have been prayed at all Masses.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary:** It falls on Tuesday, December 8 which is a holy day of obligation. On this day, we have Mass at 8 am and 7 pm; The 7 pm Mass will be bilingual.

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe:** OLOQ is the Patroness of Americas declared by Pope Pius XII. It is a very special day for the people of both North and South America. We are celebrating this feast with a bilingual Mass at 6 pm after the 4 pm Mass on Saturday. All are cordially invited.

**Santa workshop:** It is all being set for December 12 to provide opportunities for poor children from the neighborhood communities ranging from age 4 – 14 to do shopping for their family members so that each one has something special on this Christmas. Helping hands are still needed and so please contact Letitia.

**Resignation:** Dan Hemmel, the part-time employee of the Parish resigned from his position with effect from November 30,2020. On behalf of the Parish, I thank him for over 6 years of his wonderful service. Now on, the cleaning of the church, hall, classrooms, and office will be done by Mint Professional Cleaning, a crew from our Hispanic community that does a very good job. And, the maintenance needs will be looked after by the Building & Ground Committee and coordinated by Tim Forck. I thank him for coming forward to do this special service for our Parish. His contact phone number is 573 634 3791. However, if you have noticed anything that needs to be fixed urgently either in the church or hall, please contact him or the Parish office. The best way to get the works coordinated is to write a note and drop it in the box kept at the entrance of the church. Your kind cooperation in this regard will be highly appreciated.

## Reminders

**Time and Talent Survey:** By this time, you would have received a set of time and talent survey forms with synopsis on different ministries/services. Once again, I request you to sign up your names for the ministries/services that God inspires you to give your time and talent for the good and growth of our Parish Church. Please remember that it is a family-based survey that includes our children. The filled-in forms may kindly be returned either to the parish office or dropped in the collection basket. Your prompt response will be highly appreciated.

**Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2021:** As of today, our Parish families have contributed \$11,945.00 toward CSA. We still need to turn in \$7,815.00 to arrive at the set goal of \$17,000.00. Once again, I request all those who have not contributed till this date to come forward and help our Parish reach the goal so as to get a rebate from the diocese.

**Prayers & Sympathies:** On behalf the Parish, I extend prayerful sympathies to Aquado family on the sudden death of Juan Carlos Aquado Vasquez. He died in a car wreck on November 24. May God grant him eternal rest and his family comfort and consolation.

**The Catholic Stewardship Appeal** -- We thank all you that have given generously to the annual Catholic Stewardship Appeal. As we look at our lives and the many blessings God has given us, let us give a portion to the CSA as a way of saying thank you to the Lord. Through the CSA, we make known the Kingdom of God by helping each other to live our faith and share our Gospel belief. Our gifts to the CSA and its ministries are our grateful offerings to God.

Parish Goal:	\$17,000.00
Pledged	11,945.00
Diocese Goal	\$2,450,000.00
Pledged	\$1,789,386.43



Donations can be made in memory of your loved ones for flowers for Christmas. Drop in envelope marked Christmas flowers at the Church office or collection basket.

**Immaculate Conception:** Holy Day of Obligation  
Mass will be at 8:00 AM and a bilingual mass will be at 7:00 PM

**Angel Tree:** Deadline for delivery of both the Food certificates and the Angel Tree gifts will be Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Drop off at the Annex basement. Thank you for participating in the Angel Tree program again this year!

PSR and Confirmation classes will resume this weekend December 6<sup>th</sup>.



## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1<sup>st</sup> week: \$ 2,470.09  
3<sup>rd</sup> week: \$ 1,030.00  
5<sup>th</sup> week: \$ 2,122.42

2<sup>nd</sup> week: \$ 7,158.59  
4<sup>th</sup> week: \$ 1,153.00

Candles: \$ 148.05  
Human Dev: \$ 20.00  
Seminary: \$ 35.00

Spanish: \$ 297.00  
Dioc Reimb: \$ 13.40

## MINISTRY LIST – DEC 12-13

### Saturday, December 12

Lector: Russell Anderson  
Servers: Volunteer Needed  
Song Leader: Larry Dahler  
Organist: Ruth Ann Jobe

### Sunday, December 13

Lector: Youth Mass  
Servers:  
Song Leader:  
Organist: Ruth Ann Jobe  
Rosary: Ruth Ann Jobe

**Project Share**, the resale clothing store which benefits less fortunate people in our county, is in need of people willing to volunteer once a month. California staffs the store on Thursdays and Saturdays. Shifts are about two to three hours long. Volunteering at Project Share is a rewarding way to “feed the hungry” or “clothe the naked”. Proceeds from Project Share help to fund the Food Pantry. Please contact Ruth Ann Jobe ([rjobe82782@aol.com](mailto:rjobe82782@aol.com)) or 573-239-6625 for more information or to sign up for a shift once a month. We are in dire need of workers!! Ask a friend if they would be willing to share a shift with you.

### Santa's Workshop

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Letitia.Sangster 573-576-0300

## Prayer List

Please Pray for these and all who are in need of prayer. Call the office to add someone or take someone off.

**Kim Haisemeyer; Ron Frank; Roger Borgmeyer; David Schepers; Tim & Carol Baker; Norbert Kolb (Kristy Gump's father); Don & Loretta George; Kurt Oidtman (brother of Sherrie Walter); Thomas Imhoff (son of Jim and Lita Imhoff); Hazel Boss (mother of Pauline Forck); Frankie Bolinger; (mother of Jake Bolinger) Diane Munsterman; Guy Newkirk; Sandy Crawford; Keith Connell; Fr. Mike Coleman; Fr. Aubuchon; Loretta Brauner; Misty Distler; Cody Schmidt; Amanda Imhoff; Diane Offerman; Connie Sack; David Schubert; Jeff Johnson; Gary Fleischmann; John & Barbara Reichl (parents of Bill Reichl); Parker Wood (grandson of Tim & Pauline Forck); Terry Carlson; Melissa Cox; Bob Winkler; Gary Rackers (Margaret Reynolds son-in-law); Raymond Bieri; Special Intention; Rachael Frank; Abe Baepler; Andrea Tilbury; Delores Bardwell; Carol Rackers; Carol Baker; for all those affected by the Corona Virus.**

### THIS WEEK AT ANNUNCIATION

<b>Saturday</b> , Dec. 5	
‡Mass 4:00 PM	Annunciation Parish
<b>Sunday</b> , Dec. 6	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
‡Mass 10:00 AM	Lee & Joyce Murphy
‡ 8:45-9:45AM	Individual Confessions for PSR & Confirmation Groups
<b>Monday</b> , Dec. 7	<i>Saint Ambrose</i>
‡ 5:45-6 PM	The Holy Rosary
‡ 8:00 PM	AA-ALNON
<b>Tuesday</b> , Dec. 8	<i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception Of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
‡Mass 8:00 AM	Rose & Clem Distler
‡Mass 7:00 PM	Bilingual Mass
<b>Wednesday</b> , Dec. 9	<i>Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin</i>
‡	Mustard Seed
<b>Thursday</b> , Dec. 10	<i>Our Lady of Loreto</i>
‡Mass 8:00 AM	Doug Distler
‡ 7-8:00 PM	Confession for Hispanic Community
<b>Friday</b> , Dec. 11	<i>Saint Damasus I</i>
<b>Saturday</b> , Dec. 12	<i>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
‡ 10:00 AM	Santa Workshop jointly w/ Tipton
‡Mass 4:00 PM	Munsterman Family
‡Mass 6:00 PM	Bilingual Mass
<b>Sunday</b> , Dec. 13	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>
‡Mass 10:00 AM	Paul Hoellering
‡ 8:45-9:45 AM	Confessions for PSR/Confirmation

### Reflection on the Second Sunday of Advent, December 6,2020

Homecoming is the central theme of the Scripture readings for the Second Sunday of Advent. All three readings focus on the absolute necessity of our getting ready for Christ's "Homecoming" into our hearts and lives by true repentance, reparation, prayer and the renewal of our lives. They also remind us that the past coming of Jesus 2000 years ago, the present daily coming of Jesus into our lives through the Eucharistic celebration, through the Scriptures and through the praying community, and his future coming (the *Second Coming*) are actually the fulfillment of God's saving plan for us all, from all eternity. (An anecdote may be added here)

**Scripture lessons:** The first reading, taken from the prophet Isaiah, tells us about the Babylonian exiles coming home to their native country, Judah, and their holy city, Jerusalem. Isaiah assures his people that the Lord will lead them in a grand procession to their homeland and take care of them as a shepherd cares for his sheep. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 85) describes how *shalom* or perfect peace is coming home with the Lord's coming. The second reading, taken from the second letter of St. Peter, invites us to get ready to go home to Heaven with Jesus at his *Second Coming*. Peter tells those who doubt the Second Coming of Jesus that God's way of counting time is different from ours and that God has His own reasons for delaying the Second Coming of Christ. The Gospel tells us through John the Baptist how we should prepare to receive Jesus our Savior's "coming home" into our lives during the Advent season by repentance and the renewal of life. John preached that the appropriate behavior for those preparing "the way of the Lord" was to be baptized "as they confessed their sins." He wanted the Jews to prepare their lives for the Messiah by filling in the valleys of prejudice, leveling the mountains of pride and straightening out their crooked paths of injustice and immorality. John recommended a baptism of repentance in the river Jordan to the Jews who were familiar with ritual and symbolic washings. The most amazing thing about John's baptism was that, as a Jew, he was asking fellow-Jews to submit to the baptism of repentance which only a Gentile was obliged to undergo.

**Life message:** 1) We need to prepare for the rebirth of Jesus: We are invited by the Church to prepare for Christmas by repenting of our sins and renewing our lives so that Jesus may be reborn in us. Let us ask with Alexander Pope the challenging question, "What do I profit, if Jesus is born in thousands of cribs all over the world unless he is born in my heart and in my life?" 2) We need to allow Jesus to be reborn in our lives. People around us should recognize Jesus' rebirth in our lives by our sharing love, unconditional forgiveness, compassionate and merciful heart and spirit of humble and committed service. 3) Let us accept the challenge of John the Baptist to turn this Advent season into a real spiritual "homecoming" by making the necessary preparations for the fresh arrival of our Lord and Savior