

DECEMBER 13 - SATURDAY

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

*Vigil Reading: See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Paul Zook*

5:00 – 5:45 PM: Confessions

6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**DECEMBER 14 – SUNDAY**

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

*Sunday Readings:*9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Louis – *Bob Wuerth*12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Louis**DECEMBER 1 – MONDAY**

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

DECEMBER 16 – TUESDAY

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; MT 21:28-32

DECEMBER 17 – WEDNESDAY

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

DECEMBER 18 - THURSDAY

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

6:00 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy**DECEMBER 19 - FRIDAY**

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Rudy – *Intention of Jonathan Richards***DECEMBER 20 - SATURDAY**

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

*Vigil Reading: See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Fr. Joe Robinson*

5:00 – 5:45 PM: Confessions

6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**DECEMBER 21 – SUNDAY**

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

*Sunday Readings:*9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Louis – *Harold and Maxine Oberjohann*12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Louis**English Mass Ministry Schedule: December 20-21****Lectors: 4:00 PM** – R. Welz**11:00 AM** – K. Gillespie**Eucharistic Ministers:****4:00 PM** – D. Mercer/H. Wesseler**11:00 AM** – L. Washam/Volunteer**Servers: 4:00 PM** – S. Heidemann/M. Sonenschein**11:00 AM** – L. Finke**Offertory Family: 4:00 PM:** LeSaint**11:00 AM:** N/A**FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION**

Due to the holy day office closure,
the financials are not available.
They will appear in next week's bulletin.
Thank you for your generosity.

Make it easy on yourself. ***Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering.*** To take advantage of this convenience, please call 513-541-1563.

FOUR GRAND CLUB: Congratulations to our week 16 winners: Linda Scheidler, Maureen Reis, and Lisa Smith. Each won \$25. It's not too late to get your entry, 513-541-1563, for details.

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Lilly Ashbrook (13), Lisa Hilton (13), Diane Hurse (14), Rick Baltes (14), Mary Juelg (17), James Hochwalt (17), Nathan Mendel (17), Phinneas Garitson (17), Linda Langer (18), Rachel Gelly (18), Tom Herbert (19).

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FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION: Apologies from the bulletin editor: The third Sunday of Advent's reflection was put in last week, so you are getting the second Sunday today.

This week, as we light the second purple candle on our Advent wreath, we meditate on a life-affirming theme that prepares our hearts for the birth of the Christ child: peace. What a lovely and hopeful word. Throughout history, humanity has longed for peace in every land, in every home, and in every heart. And yet, in a world marked by division, uncertainty, and personal burdens that weigh heavily on each of us, true peace can feel distant, fragile, and hard to grasp. The Hebrew word for peace "shalom" is used hundreds of times in Scripture. More than simply the absence of conflict, shalom speaks of wholeness, harmony, human flourishing, and the original design of God's creation before sin wounded the world. God promised through his covenant of peace (cf. Ezekiel 34:24-25) that He would restore that wholeness by sending a Savior, the Prince of Peace. Jesus confirms this gift when He tells His disciples, "Peace I leave you; my peace I give you" (John 14:27). No earthly comfort, no achievement, and no possession can secure what Christ alone offers.

The path to peace is not passive. On the Second Sunday of Advent, we encountered John the Baptist, the bold prophet crying out in the desert: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:2). His voice does not soothe; it stirs. John calls us to wake up, turn from sin, and prepare our hearts for the One who is coming with power, not only as a Child in Bethlehem, but as the Judge of all history. True peace begins when we allow God to reorder our hearts and cleanse what is broken within us.

This is the spiritual construction project of Advent by removing the obstacles that block God's presence. Pride must be humbled. Bitter grudges must be surrendered. Harsh words and divisions must soften. Indifference to the needs of others must be transformed into compassion and justice. Peace is not merely a prayer; it is a way of life shaped by ongoing conversion.

How urgent and timely is this message! God desires to dwell in every moment of our lives and in every corner of our wounded world. This is the work of Advent. This is the work of Christian peace. So as we draw closer to the celebration of Christ's birth, let us listen anew to John's voice echoing through the centuries. Let us ask for the grace to make our hearts a dwelling place for the Prince of Peace. Let there be peace on earth—and let it begin with me.

FOLLOW AND PRAY WITH ARCHBISHOP CASEY: Archbishop Casey has launched his own social media accounts! Follow him at:

- Instagram: [@archbishopcasey](https://www.instagram.com/archbishopcasey)
- Facebook: facebook.com/archbishopcasey

By following Archbishop Casey, you can pray with him throughout Advent as he has begun posting daily prayer reflections since Sunday, Nov. 30.

CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR WITH ARCHBISHOP CASEY: All are invited to join Archbishop Casey as he celebrates Mass for the Closing of the Jubilee Year on **Sunday, Dec. 28, 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains**. At the request of the Holy Father, a collection for the poor will be taken.

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