

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



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Second Sunday of Advent

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SUNG MASS

10:00 am

Voluntary: "Saviour of the nations, come" (BWV 659)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit: *Populus Sion*

Isaiah 30:19; Psalm 80:1

O people of Sion, behold the Lord is nigh at hand to redeem the nations: and in the gladness of your heart the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard. (Psalm) Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel: thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. *Gloria Patri*. O people...

Kyrie eleison (Communion Service on Bach Chorales)

Lord, have mercy upon us. (*thrice*) Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Collect of the Day (*congregation kneeling*)

First Reading (*congregation sitting*)

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting. For God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For your name will for ever be called by God, "Peace of righteousness and glory of godliness." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height and look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went forth from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

At the end of each reading the People respond: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: *Ex Sion*

Psalm 50:2, 5

Out of Sion hath God appeared: in perfect beauty. **V.** Gather my Saints together unto me: those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Brethren: Always in every prayer of mine for you all I make my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. For God is

my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruits of righteousness which come through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Acclamation: *Laetatus sum* (congregation standing)

Psalm 122:1

Alleluia, alleluia. **V.** I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. Alleluia. *Before the Gospel:*

V. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. **R.** Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, in the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness; and he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." *After the Gospel reading:*

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon (congregation sitting)

Nicene Creed (congregation standing)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, (genuflect) and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; (stand) and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People (*congregation kneeling*)

Confession, Absolution and Comfortable Words

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Antiphon: *Deus tu convertens* (*congregation sitting*)

Psalm 85:6-7

Wilt not thou turn again, O God, and quicken us; that thy people may rejoice in thee? Show us thy mercy, O Lord; and grant us thy salvation.

Anthem at the Offertory: "And the glory of the Lord" (from *Messiah*) George Frideric Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. (Isaiah 40:5)

Offertory Hymn 10: "On Jordan's bank"

Winchester New

After the altar is prepared the priest says,

Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable unto God, the Father almighty.

The People stand and respond:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands, for the praise and glory of his Name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up unto the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

R. It is meet and right so to do.

Preface of Advent

Sanctus and Benedictus (Communion Service on Bach Chorales)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts,

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer *The People kneel.*

After the Elevations:

Priest: The mystery of faith.

The People with the Priest:

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us: save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Our Father (*congregation standing*)

Hymnal 722

The Priest continues: "Deliver us ... and safe from all distress." *The People respond:*

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Peace and Fraction

The Priest offers a prayer for the peace of Christ, and then says:

V. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **R.** And with thy spirit.

Those who wish to exchange the Peace may "offer the sign of peace to those nearest and in a sober manner." The exchange is optional, and those who prefer not to exchange the Peace should kneel.

All kneel after the exchange of Peace.

At the Fraction:

V. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

R. Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei (Communion Service on Bach Chorales)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

The People respond thrice:

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon: *Jerusalem, surge*

Baruch 5:5, 4:36

Jerusalem, haste thee, and stand on high: and behold the joy and gladness that cometh unto thee from God thy Saviour.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Those in full communion with the Catholic Church are welcome to receive Communion. Others are welcome to come for a blessing (crossing their arms over their chest), and join us in praying for the day when our Lord's prayer "that we all may be one" will be fulfilled. It is not possible to receive Communion by intinction at this Mass.

Motet: "Comfort, comfort ye, my people"

Louis Bourgeois

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.
Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near,
Calling us to new repentance since the kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.
Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token that his word is never broken.

(from Isaiah 40:1-5 by Johann Olearius, 1671; trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1864)

Ablutions Hymn 8: "O Word, that goest forth on high"

Verbum supernum

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*said by the congregation kneeling with the celebrant*)

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

Blessing and Dismissal

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

The Priest gives the blessing. The Priest dismisses the People, and they respond:

Thanks be to God.

The Last Gospel (*congregation standing*)

John 1:1-14

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

V. The Beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John. *R.* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel reading: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 440: "Watchman, tell us of the night"

Aberystwyth

Voluntary: Prelude on "Aberystwyth"

T. Tertius Noble



Cover: Domenico Ghirlandaio (1448-1494), *John Preaches in the Wilderness*, c.1487, fresco, Tornabuoni Chapel, Santa Maria Novella, Florence.

Saint John the Baptist is a Catholic parish of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter, using the Divine Worship Missal, authorized by the Holy See for use in the Ordinariate. Those interested in instruction about the Ordinariate, and those interested in entering the full communion of the Catholic Church are invited to speak with Fr Ousley. The Saint John's Rectory (and parish mailing address) is at 502 Ford Street, Bridgeport, PA 19405. The telephone is 215-247-1092. The web site is: www.sjbbidgeport.org.

CALENDAR

Monday, December 10
 Tuesday, December 11
 Wednesday, December 12
 Thursday, December 13
 Friday, December 14

 Saturday, December 15
 Sunday, December 16

Advent Feria
 St. Damasus I, *pope*: Mass, 6 p.m.
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: Mass & Healing, 10 a.m.
 St. Lucy, *virgin & martyr*: Mass, 6 p.m.
 St. John of the Cross, *priest & doctor*: Mass, noon
 Evensong and Benediction: 7:30 p.m.
 Advent Feria: Mass, 9 a.m.
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Sung Mass, 10 a.m.

LESSONS FOR MORNING & EVENING PRAYER

ADVENT II	Morning		Evening	
Sunday 12/09	Isaiah 5:1-16	Matthew 24:29-end	Isaiah 5:18-end	II Timothy 3:14-4:8
Monday	17	Mark 4:21-end	18	Revelation 12
Tuesday	19:1-17	5:1-20	I Chronicles 17:1-15	Galatians 4:4-7
Wednesday OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE	Genesis 12:1-7	Luke 11:27-28	Zechariah 2:1-13	Ephesians 1:3-12
Thursday	Isaiah 24	Mark 6:1-13	Isaiah 28:1-13	Revelation 15
Friday	28:14-end	6:14-29	29:1-14	16
Saturday	29:15-end	6:30-end	30:1-18	17
Sunday 12/16	25:1-9	Matthew 25:1-30	26:1-13	I Timothy 1:12-2:8

Collect for Sunday & Ferias: BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Collect for Our Lady of Guadalupe: O GOD, who hast willed that under the special patronage of the most Blessed Virgin Mary of Guadalupe, we should receive an abundant measure of unceasing favours: grant us, thy suppliant people, that as we rejoice to honour her on earth, so we may enjoy the vision of her in heaven; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.. *Amen.*

INTERCESSIONS

Sick: Delbert, Vanessa, Patricia, Samuel, Hyacinth, Delores, Terraine, Martha, Charmaine, Angela, Joanna, Philomena, Charles, Kevin, Joy; Marion, Timothy, Murray, Jacob, Hannah, Martha, Bob, Marlon, Kathy, Lisa, Sally, Victoria, Martha, Kathy, Chris, Tony, Pam, Andrew, Louise

Clergy: Francis, Benedict, Steven, Charles, John, David, Thomas

In Formation for Priesthood: Matthew, Nathan, Nicholas; & for Diaconate: Roger

Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St Peter; the unity of the Church; Sacred Heart (Swedesburg)

Persecuted Christians

Pursuing higher education: Janice, Elizabeth, Cheryl, Eliza, Bruno, Michael, Lisa, Alexis, Aloysius

Those with child: Lindsey, Victoria

Seeking employment: Joanna, Joshua, Philomena, Chelsea, Steven, Elena, Aldo, Joann

Birthdays: Becky Wilhoite, Elio Shiffman, Charlotte Finegan, Angela Johnson, Joseph Smith, Jemimah Mbugua

R.I.P.: Mary Ewing

NOTICES

All are invited to a stay for **coffee hour/breakfast** next door in the parish hall after Mass. No Sunday School today so that the kids can help with the neighborhood outreach. For the benefit of families with small children, a **family (“cry”) room** is open at the front of the lower church during Mass.

After coffee hour, the more mobile are invited to help hang **Christmas cards** on the doorknobs of Bridgeport. Bill Finegan is organizing and has a map and will be assigning blocks. Volunteer!

Advent **Evensong and Benediction** of the Blessed Sacrament with the choir *this Friday*, December 14, 7:30. Reception following. Invite guests!

The **Patricians** adult discussion group meets this Wednesday, December 12th. This being the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the discussion will focus on the origin and significance of Our Lady of Guadalupe. All are welcome.

Thanks to all who helped with the church cleaning and “**greening**” in preparation for Christmas yesterday.

The **Wednesday Bible study** meets at 11:05. This week: Psalms 8 & 32. The Tuesday Skype **class** on the Christian life (this week: dynamics of the Christian life) meets at 7:30.

The **Thrift Shop** is open Tuesday & Saturday 10-3.

Copies of the “**O Antiphons**” are available this morning. These are used beginning December 17th as an antiphon for the Magnificat at Evening Prayer, or for other devotions the last days before Christmas. **Offering envelopes** for 2019 are also available this morning. If you do not see a box with your name on it and would like them, please speak with Fr Ousley.

Fr Ousley hears **confessions** on Sunday 9-9:45 and Thursday 5:30-5:45 p.m., and at other times by appointment.