

# CATHEDRAL *Weekly*

5th Dec. 2021

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**A GUIDE TO THE  
DAILY READINGS**

6th DECEMBER  
11th December 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A section of HGC choir members singing their hearts out during a recent Sunday mass

**Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2021**  
**Or: St Nicholas**  
**(optional memorial)**  
Is 35:1-10;  
Ps 85  
Lk 5:17-26.

**Tues. 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2021**  
**St Ambrose, bishop**  
**and doctor, memorial**  
Is 40:1-11;  
Ps 96  
Mt 18:12-14.

**Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2021**  
**THE IMMACULATE**  
**CONCEPTION of the**  
**B.V. MARY, solemnity**  
Gn 3:9-15.20;  
Ps 98  
Eph 1:3-6.11-12.  
Lk 1:26b-38.

**Thur. 9<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Or: St Juan Diego**  
**Cuaauhlatotzin**  
**(optional memorial)**  
Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1  
and 9.10-11.12-13ab.  
Mt 11:11-15.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2021**  
**Or: Our Lady of Loreto**  
**(optional memorial)**  
Is 48:17-19;  
Ps 1  
Mt 11:16-19.

**Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2021**  
**Or: St Damasus I**  
**(optional memorial)**  
Sir 48:1-4.9-11b.  
Ps 80  
Mt 17:10-13.

## DUTY SCHEDULE FOR DEC. 2021

### TODAY

07:00 AM ST PETER & ST PAUL  
08:00 AM ST. MICHAEL & ST. RITA  
09:00 AM C. M. A.  
11:00AM H. G. C. W. A.  
12:30 PM ST. MATILDA & ST. BAKHITA  
5:30 PM BIKIRA MARIA & ST. LUCY

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH: C.M.A.

### 12th DECEMBER

07:00 AM HOLY SPIRIT  
08:00 AM ST. JUDE  
09:00 AM ST. MONICA.  
11:00 AM YOUTH  
12:30 PM ST. BRIDGIT & ST. AUGUSTINE  
5:30PM ALLIANCE OF TWO HEARTS  
CLEANING OF THE CHURCH 11th dec :  
ST. ANNE

## Reflection

### CALLED TO BE WITNESSES OF GOD

**M**y sisters and brothers in Christ, How many times in your life have you ever desired to be called? Maybe you waited upon a favorable response after a hopeful job interview? Perhaps you have auditioned for a play or school musical or tried out for an athletic team, and you waited on pins and needles for that affirming call from a director or coach, "You're in!" What excitement you felt when you received the call from someone who affirmed your worth!

This Sunday, too, is moment of joy and gladness. You are invited to receive a wonderful call. Advent is about the coming of Jesus as our Savior. He calls to us and reaches out to us, down to us, drawing us closer to Himself. Advent invites us to prepare ourselves to hear the glorious call and for the world to receive the Savior.

The Prophet Baruch reminds us that God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company. Probably it is difficult for us to sense this message in our hearts. We are Israel, you and I. God is calling us to follow Him, in joy by the light of His glory.

We can only know this by faith in the Lord. We Christians are invited to answer His call through belief in Jesus and to believe that Jesus has come for the salvation of the world through His Advent.

Our faith in the call, Christ's coming into the world, and that it has changed the world is challenged daily. Through news channels, the internet, and social media we absorb sometimes horrid news about pain, suffering and death and we wonder — where is God? Abject poverty, terrorism, hate crimes, and abuses of all forms shake our faith. We persevere in His Advent, our faith hard-wearing. Despite these terrible setbacks and disappointments and losses, early Christians acknowledged, and modern day Christians reaffirm, His call to the light of His Glory.

Saint Paul in his Letter to the Philippians acknowledges his confidence in the Advent glory working through those who believe in Christ. He who began a good work in us will continue to complete it until the day of His return. We are called to live in that same faith, with complete confidence.

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**E**we Yerusalemu, vua vazi la matanga na la uchungu; uvae kwa milele mapambo ya uzuri utokao kwa Mungu. Jifunike vazi la utakatifu utokao kwa Mungu, juu ya kichwa chako tia taji la utukufu wa yule Aliye wa milele. Maana Mungu ataonyesha uzuri wako kwa wote walioko chini ya mbingu; maana jina lako utaitwa na Mungu milele: amani ya utakatifu, na sifa ya ibada ya Mungu. Inuka, ee Yerusalemu! Simama mahali pa juu; elekeza macho upande wa mashariki, angalia wana wako toka magharibi mpaka mashariki, wamekusanyika kwa neno la

**Baruku 5:1-9**

Mtakatifu, wakifurahi kwa kuwa Mungu amewakumbuka. Maana wameondoka kwako kwa miguu, wakipelekwa na adui: sasa Mungu anawaleta tena kwako, wakiinuliwa kwa heshima, kama wana wa kifalme. Kwa kuwa Mungu ameamuru kila mlima mrefu ushushwe, na vilima vya milele pia; mabonde yajazwe hata nchi isawazishwe, ili Israeli atembeke salama katika utukufu wa Mungu. Nayo misitu, na miti yote yenye harufu nzuri, itamtia Israeli kivuli kwa amri ya Mungu; maana Mungu ataongoza Israeli kwa furaha katika mwanga wa utukufu wake, kwa huruma na haki vitokavyo kwake.

**K. Bwana alitutendea mambo makuu; Zaburi 25  
tulikuwa tukifurahi.**

Bwana alipowarudisha mateka wa Sioni, tulikuwa kama wanaoota ndoto. Hapo kinywa chetu kilijaa kicheko; na ulimi wetu kelele za furaha. K.

Ndipo waliposema kati ya mataifa, "Bwana amewatendea makuu." Bwana alitutendea mambo makuu; tulikuwa tukifurahi! K.

Ee Bwana, uwarudishe wafungwa wetu, kama vijito huko Negebu. Waliopanda kwa machozi watawuna kwa kelele za furaha. K.

Anayekwenda huku akilia, akichukua mbegu za kupanda, atarudi kwa kelele za furaha, akibeba miganda yake. K.

**Wafilipi 1:4-6, 8-11**

**N**dugu zangu Katika sala zangu zote nawaombea ninyi nyote kwa furaha, kwa sababu tangu siku ya kwanza mpaka leo mmenisaidia kuieneza Injili. Naamini ya kwamba yeye aliyeanzisha kazi njema ndani yenu ataitimiza mpaka siku atakapokuja Kristo Yesu. Naam, Mungu ni shahidi wangu, jinsi ninavyowapenda sana ninyi nyote katika mapendo ya Kristo Yesu. Basi, katika sala zangu naomba hili: mapendo yenu yaongezeke zaidi na zaidi katika hekima na ufahamu wote, muwezp kukigundua kilicho bora zaidi, hivyo mpate kuwa na mioyo minyofu isiyo na kosa kwa siku ya Kristo, huku mkiwa mmejaa wema na ukamilifu anaotujalia Yesu Kristo, kusudi Mungu atukuzwe na kusifiwa.

**Aleluya!**

*Itengenezeni njia ya Bwana, yanyosheni mapito yake, na kila kiumbe kitauona wokovu wa Mungu.*

**Aleluya.  
Luka 3:1-6**

**M**waka wa kumi na tano wa utawala wa Kaisari Tiberio, Ponsio Pilato alipokuwa liwali wa Yudea, na Herode mfalme wa Galilaya, ndugu yake Filipo mfalme wa Iturea na wa eneo la Trakoniti, na Lisania mfalme wa Abilene, wakati wa ukuhani mkuu wa Anasi na Kayafa, neno la Mungu likamjia Yohane, mwana wa Zakaria, jangwani. Akaenda nchini kote kando za Yordani akiuhubiri

ubatizo wa toba kwa maondoleo ya dhambi, kama ilivyoandikwa katika kitabu cha nabii Isaya: Sauti ya mtu aliaye nyikani: 'Itengenezeni njia ya Bwana, yanyosheni mapito yake. Kila bonde litafukiwa, na kila mlima na kilima vitasawazishwa. Njia zilizopotoka zitanyoshwa, na njia za kukwaruza zitalainishwa, na kila kiumbe kitauona wokovu wa Mungu.'" Injili ya Bwana.

**Previous  
Bible Trivia**

**Answers:**  
Humility is not a gift  
of the Holy Spirit.

Peter was named  
the rock

**Today's  
Bible Trivia**
**Question 1.**

Jesus healed a Blind Man and told him to go and wash his face in the pool of ?

- A) Siloam                      C) Tiberius  
B) Jordan                      D) Salom

Find out the Answers  
in our next issue.

Trivia Questions by:  
Jannis - Loreto





**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 splendour 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 towards 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.

**R. What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Psalm 126**  
*Indeed, we were glad.*

When the LORD brought back the exiles of Sion, we thought we were dreaming.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter; on our tongues, songs of joy. R.

Then the nations themselves said, "What great deeds the LORD worked for them!"  
What great deeds the LORD worked for us!  
Indeed, we were glad. R.

Bring back our exiles, O LORD, as streams in the south.  
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. R.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, bearing seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back with a song, bearing their sheaves. R.

**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.

**Alleluia**

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight: all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.*

**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."

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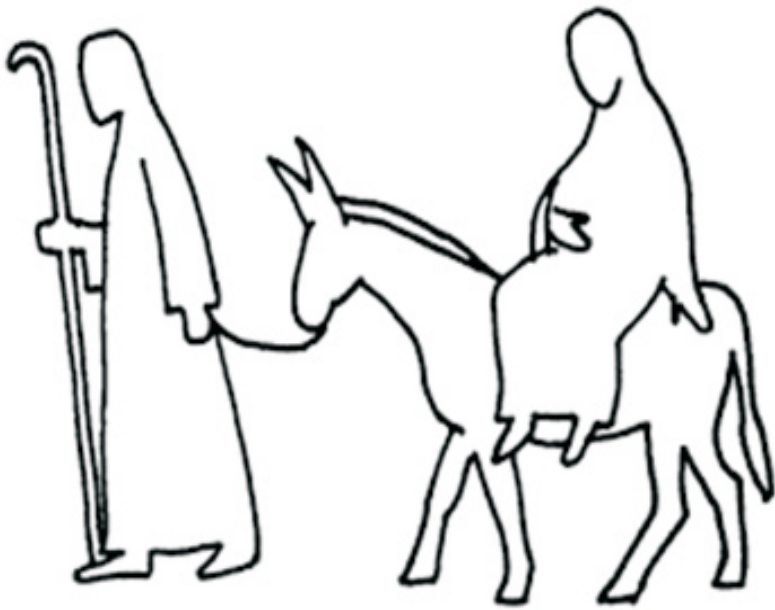
The Gospel today from Saint Luke puts the figure of John the Baptist in front of us. John calls us to repent and await the coming Messiah. Like John, you and I are called to be a "voice crying in the wilderness," calling out that God is present and that God is here for the salvation of the world. We should be able to proclaim from the depth of our hearts: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

My sisters and brothers, we are called to be witnesses that God has touched our lives and has come expressly for the salvation of our world. The call of salvation is here in our midst. Let us live in faith and confidence: God will complete His work. And, let us live our lives in this Advent season, and beyond, in a way as to more fruitfully receive His call.





# Advent colouring



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### STREET FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

On 22nd of December the church will host Christmas party for the street families. Christians are requested to donate either cash, food stuffs or clothes to the parish office for the success of the event.

### TITHING SUNDAY

Next Sunday being the first Sunday of the month will be Tithing Sunday. Envelopes are available near the doors of the church.

### INFANT BAPTISM

All those parents who have registered for their infant Baptism are requested to meet on Sunday 5th December, after 9:00am Mass at the Nursery School

### DINNER CARDS

Dinner cards at 1000/ at the tent or parish office