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**SUNDAY, December 4, 2022**

**Thank you,  
Msgr. Stan Carson**

# Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
2010 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
[www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org](http://www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org)  
**Rectory Office Hours:**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.  
**Parish Office:** 814-942-0371  
or call the Cathedral Office at 944-4603.

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

**Parish Secretary**  
Paula Hall

**Director of Music Ministry**  
Cathy McFee

**Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:**  
**Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.**

**Our Lady of Fatima Church is open**  
**Sunday through Saturday: 7:30 AM - 5PM**  
**for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.**

**Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be**  
**held at Our Lady of Fatima.**

**Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be**  
**held at the Cathedral. 944-4603**

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**  
**Parishioners wishing to receive the sacra-**  
**ment of healing may call the Cathedral Par-**  
**ish Office to make arrangements. 814-944-**  
**4603**

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF  
THE MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC  
CHURCHES OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO  
THE GREAT IN 1995.

**Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603**  
**One Cathedral Square**

**Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop**  
**Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator**  
**Paula Clemens, Secretary**  
**PH: 814-944-4603**

**Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603**  
**Catholics returning Home: 944-4603**  
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**and Grieving - 944-4603**

## **HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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**Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011**  
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**Director of Religious Education:**  
**Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317**

**Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424**  
**Director of Music Ministry**

**Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO**  
**Music Ministry Office - 944-2044**  
**E-Mail: [lthayer@dioceseaj.org](mailto:lthayer@dioceseaj.org)**

**Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday**  
**12:30 PM Saturday**

**Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11**  
**Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation**  
**First Communion**  
**Confirmation**

**Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep**  
**Marriage Prep**  
**Christian Initiation**

**Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603**

**Cathedral Eucharist:**

<b>Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)</b>	<b>Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil)</b>	<b>Weekdays: 6:45 AM</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	
<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Saturday: 8:00 AM</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>		<b>12:00 Noon</b>

THE FATIMA TOWERS

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

11:30 A.M.

**This Sunday, December 4, Second Sunday of Advent**

Mary Kay (Pufka) Billman (Ginny & Bob Reeder)

**Thursday, December 8, 6:00 P.M., Immaculate Conception**

Kathy (Wineland) Harris (Jeanne & Barry Bem)

**Next Sunday, December 11, Third Sunday of Advent**

Dave Conrad (John & Kathy Kasun)

### Cathedral Mass Intentions

**December 4, Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM +Edith & Bernie McLucas (Family)

10:00 AM +Grace Cowan (Cowan Family)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

**December 5, Monday, Advent Weekday**

12:00 PM +Carol Kepner (Cheryl Kepner)

**December 6, Tuesday, St. Nicholas, Bishop**

12:00 PM +Susan Hyle (Dr. Dennis & Mrs. Betsy Flynn)

**December 7, Wednesday, St. Ambrose, Bp. & Dr.**

12:00 PM +Geraldine Kines, Birth. (Sharon Yanchik)

**Vigil: Solemnity of Mary's Immaculate Conception-A Holy Day of Obligation**

5:30 PM +Frederick Drexler (Dr. and Mrs. Robert Budd)

**December 8, Thursday, Solemnity of Mary's Immaculate Conception-A Holy Day of Obligation**

8:00 AM Pro Popolo/For The People

12:00 PM +Susan Burkey (Sisters & Brother)

**December 9, Friday, St. Juan Diego**

12:00 PM Intentions of Carole Clemens (Mary Gene Vogel)

**December 10, Saturday, Advent Weekday**

12:00 PM +Marian & Thomas Swires (Children)

**Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent**

5:00 PM All God's People (Catholic Daughters)

**December 11, Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM +Deacon John Rys, Birth. (Family)

10:00 AM +Ann Rhodes (Tom & Beth Moore)

5:00 PM +Pro Popolo/For the People

There is Mass at 11:30 A.M. at Our Lady of Fatima Parish.



### TABERNACLE CANDLE

During the month of December, the sanctuary candle is being lit in memory of John G. Kasun, Sr. by John & Kathy Kasun. Thank you.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF

# Advent



DECEMBER 4, 2022

John the Baptist appeared,  
preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,  
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

MATTHEW 3:1

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

**Psalm** — Peace and justice will come in the day of the Lord (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

**Gospel** — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

### Thank You Very Much

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated.

The contributions for Sunday, November 27, were \$1,187.



# NAME CALLING

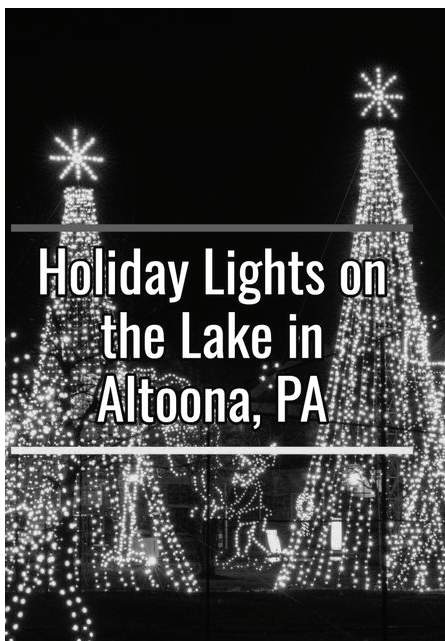
We often change our tone of voice and vocabulary when we really want to get somebody's attention. Parents will add a middle name to indicate a child is in trouble (a middle *and* last name when the child is *really* in trouble). Change of tone and words invites attention, demanding a response. Today John the Baptist does a bit of name-calling: "You brood of vipers!" Even for someone like John, who regularly used potent vocabulary, this way of addressing the holy men—the Pharisees and Saducees—this level of name-calling stands out. Snakes were commonly understood as a representation of evil, and a poisonous snake in the ancient world held the power of life and death, as the holy men thought they did. Instead of thinking about their own power, John tells them to produce good fruit. We still get ourselves in trouble today when we think that we truly hold any type of power over others, when it's a power that belongs only to God.

Words like John's might cause fear in us, or may hold us back, hesitant. Words like these can also invite us to change our lives. When we do so, we open ourselves to a core virtue of the Advent season: hope. Changing our lives can also open us up to a more vigorous presence of the gifts of the Holy Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and fear of the Lord—named in Isaiah today. Recall that it was in that very Spirit we were named for Christ at Baptism. Open your ears and heart to the voice of God, who knows the name given to you on that day. Respond not out of fear, but in love, to the ways that God is calling to you today; calling you to change what needs to be changed, and to welcome Christ today, as you will once again on Christmas day.

Today's Readings: Is 11:1–10; Ps 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17; Rom 15:4–9; Mt 3:1–12

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Two buses to Lights on the Lake will leave from the cathedral, one on Tuesday, December 6, and one on Tuesday, December 13. Meet in the parking lot at 5:30 P.M. It will be a fun time for adults and for-parents with children. Call the cathedral rectory 814-944-4603 to reserve seats. There is no charge.

Our parish is selling **SaveAround** coupon booklets for the Altoona/State College & Surrounding Areas. The cost is \$25.00 per booklet. The parish makes a \$12.50 profit on each booklet sold. They are available in the vestibule on Sunday at Mass time and in the office during the week.



**Since this Thursday, December 8, is a holy day of obligation as we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary's Immaculate Conception, the Eucharist is scheduled for 6:00 P.M.**

## OUR FASCINATING FAITH

### The Immaculate Conception (December 8)

December 8 we celebrate the patronal solemnity of the United States and the greatest of Mary's Advent festivals. On that day we remember Mary's conception in the womb of her mother (and nine months later, on September 8, we celebrate Mary's birth). In this liturgy, we affirm our belief that God prepared Mary to be the mother of the son of God by allowing her a share, from the moment of her conception, in the salvation that would be won for all by Christ.

Five mothers make their presence felt on December 8. The first is Eve, the mother of all the living. The second is Mary's mother, who conceived, brought to birth, and nurtured an "immaculate" daughter who would become the mother of the Word made Flesh. The third is Elizabeth, who conceived her son John "in her old age." The fourth, of course, is Mary herself. Finally, the letter to the Ephesians and the texts of the Mass for this feast remind us that the Church has been "chosen" to be a spiritual mother. We pray: "The image of the Virgin is found in your Church . . . Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts her readiness of faith."

In this Advent time, we are called, as Mary was, to make room for Christ in our hearts. What will it take, what will be the cost for us to become, as Mary became, real "bearers of the Word?" Let us be open to the intercession of Mary on our behalf, that we may become more and more like her beloved Son. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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