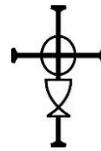


SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2020



St. Leonard
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Thank you for continuing on this Advent journey with us! This year, the second week of Advent is chock full of special liturgical celebrations. December 6 is traditionally the feast of Saint Nicholas, and we will honor Mary by celebrating the Immaculate Conception on December 8 and the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. Let us keep one another in prayer!

Reflection for the Second Sunday of Advent

This week's reflection was composed by Patti Nash and Barbara Trompeter.



During this season, we can prepare ourselves with an Advent wreath that has three purple candles and one pink candle. We pray over this wreath nightly prior to having dinner with the family, asking God to help us recognize and to accept Jesus as our Lord. We ask to be made perfect in holiness as we prepare our inner selves for accepting the baby Jesus who is coming into our hearts at Christmas.

As children, we prepared our hearts by going to Confession during the Advent season. By attending Confession, we were cleansing our souls and opening our hearts to the love of Jesus who comes into this world to save us from temptations. Even though this year we are currently unable to attend a communal Penance service as a Saint Leonard family, we can ask for forgiveness in our daily Advent prayers and seek opportunities for individual Confession.

Additionally, we prepare our homes with the more traditional decorations, filled with lights and candles, to draw our attention for what is to come. These decorations may include a manger with Joseph, Mary, various animals, shepherds, and an angel overlooking the manger. Some may have a Yule log that depicts the fire that Christ will bring forth. These decorations are important during these times to uplift our spirits and to remind us that Advent, most importantly, is a time of preparing our heart, mind, body, and soul for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Opportunities for individual Confessions at our parishes this Advent

Father Lou will be available in the church for private Confessions on the following dates:

- Saturday, December 5 at Saint Leonard from 3:00 – 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, December 9 at Saint Frances of Rome from 12:30 - 2:00pm
- Sunday, December 13 at Saint Frances of Rome from 12:30 - 2:00pm
- Wednesday, December 16 at Saint Leonard from 6:00 - 7:30pm

Every effort will be made to keep everyone safe: masks are required, temperatures will be checked, and social distancing will be maintained in the confessional and throughout the church. No appointment is necessary – please stop by at your convenience! Parishioners are also always welcome to make a private appointment for Confession by calling the parish office at 502-897-2595.

Prayer Intentions

These prayer intentions were submitted by members of our parish community, and more will be coming in future weeks. If you would like to share an intention of your own, call the parish office at 502-897-2595 and we'll be happy to include it!

Throughout this second week of Advent, let us pray...

- For the growth and development of all students, especially those who learn differently
- For the Parola family, hoping that Arthur Parola continues to improve
- For the President
- For Mark, that he may know God's healing and blessings during his pancreatic cancer journey
- For the special needs of the most vulnerable, that they may be touched – physically, emotionally, and spiritually – by the hand of God
- For the recovery of Ciel Iler
- For those suffering from addiction, that they may be led to light, recovery, and healing
- For the healing of my mother's leg
- For our children and grandchildren, that they may use their gifts to serve the Lord
- For the Metry and Monsour families
- For inspiration and hope for parish priests, deacons, pastoral associates, ministers, and all who serve in our spiritual communities to deepen our faith
- For a special intention
- For my wife, who has Meniere's disease
- For those who don't have anyone to pray for them
- For the health of our families, and for the reunion of family members being kept apart by the pandemic
- For extra protection for healthcare workers, especially those working directly with COVID-19 patients
- For the sick, especially those with COVID-19, and for all of those on our parish sick list, that they may experience healing and God's loving presence
- For our deceased friends and loved ones, that they may know eternal peace

Let us pray for all these intentions, and for one another! With love from the Saint Leonard Worship Committee,

Katie Garbarino (Chair), Deacon Ralph Bartley, Mike Gandolfo, Jo-Dee Jackson, Ashley Logsdon, Father Lou Meiman, Patti Nash, Carol Sexton, and Barbara Trompeter