

December 6, 2020
Second – Sunday of
Advent



**Important
Announcement**

Dear Parishioners,

**St. John the Baptist Church
resumes for public worship
to Public Weekdays and
Weekend Masses.**

*** Saturday 5PM**

*** Sundays 6AM/ 8AM/**

10AM/ 12:30PM

(Spanish).

**Weekend Mass requires a
reservation;**

***You can visit**

**[http://saintjohnthebaptistkalihi.
eventbrite.com](http://saintjohnthebaptistkalihi.eventbrite.com)**

and register.

Daily Masses will begin

Tuesday, June 2 with the

following schedule (No

reservations required;

attendance will be filled as

“First -come, First-served”)



**Register
for Mass**

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

Today’s readings on this Second Sunday of Advent can be summed up as equal parts comfort and warning for the Christian steward. We serve a merciful and patient God — in His kindness, He warns us that we will be called to make an account one day for the way in which we made use of the gifts He has given us.

The most precious gift He has given us is His own Son, whose birth we are preparing to celebrate.

Our First Reading from Isaiah is filled with messages and images of the Father’s tender love for us. “Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and proclaim to her that her service is at an end.” In other words, Israel’s time of exile and captivity is over, and freedom is coming. Our freedom from the captivity of sin has come as well, through the saving power of Jesus.

In this passage we also read this description of the Father. “Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.” What tender love He has for us. And it is out of this love that we are told to “prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!”

St. Peter reiterates the loving kindness of the Father in our Second Reading today. He says that God “is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.” Yet, in the same passage we receive this warning: “The Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar... and the earth and everything on it will be found out.”

How are we to assimilate these two truths — the merciful love of God and the responsibility that comes with the privilege of living as His disciple? St. Peter tells us we should conduct ourselves “in holiness and devotion” and that we should be “eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.” Indeed, this is the goal of our Advent “reset” — to return to (or intensify) living lives focused on Christ, in gratitude for all He has done for us.

Our Gospel passage from Mark takes up the cry of Isaiah from the First Reading, this time through the prophet John the Baptist. John instructs us just as Isaiah did to “prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” In practical terms, this means that we Christian stewards must make good use of the gift of time we have been given this Advent season. Let’s be sure to get to Confession, prioritize a daily reading the of Scriptures, and reach out to someone in need with a word of comfort or an act of service.

In this way, we will honor both the mercy and justice of our God, and we will be prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ and give account for all His gifts to us. -Copyright © 2020—Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc

Stewardship Collection

Total Weekly Collection - 11/22 to 11/27	\$2,838.79
Other Offerings (Mass Offering, Funerals, Marriages, Donations)	\$2,931.00
2 nd Collection Catholic Campaign Human Dev. Not retained by the Parish	\$1,116.64
Thanksgiving Day Mass Collection	\$1,588.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$7,357.79
Weekly Offering needed for Operations	** \$6,743.00
*Unplanned expenses in our budget for This Year (Increase) Parish Assessment and Property & Liability Insurance Collection <u>not retained</u> by the Parish	\$46,699.00 \$2.00
Total Weekly Collection – 11/29 to 12/03	\$2,943.64.
Other Offerings (Mass Offering, Funerals, Marriages, Donations, candles)	\$1,712.47
Thanksgiving Envelopes	\$226.00
St. Johns School	\$240.00
2 nd Collection Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.	\$37.00
Total Offerings	\$5,122.11

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

**December 8th – The Immaculate Conception of Mother Mary

- Mass at 7:15am & at 6:30pm / **No registration needed**

* December 12th – Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day

-5am- Serenade to Lady of Guadalupe
 -5:30am- Mass Celebration by Bishop Larry Silva
-Need to register for Mass on Eventbrite

**December 15th to Dec. 23rd Misa De Gallo / Dawn Mass

- Dawn Mass at 5am & 6:30pm
- Need to register for Mass at 5am / No registration needed for 6:30pm Mass
*****Registration for all this special Mass is available on Eventbrite & Weekend Mass too.**

Rev. Diego Restrepo Serna
 Parish Administrator
Deacon Peter Soumwei
Deacon Ricardo Burgos
 Bertha Guerrero
 Secretary & Business Manager
 Renier Torres
 Pastoral Council Chair
 Ping Blas
 Finance Council Chair
 Danielle Burgos
 Religious Education Director

MASS INTENTIONS Dec. 6th to Dec.12th

For the Repose of the Souls:

- (+)Jeffrey Cuaresma
- (+)Lourdes & Eligio Machacon
- (+)Siliga Siliga
- (+)Olepa Luavai & Ifopo deceased family
- (+)Evarista Agag
- (+)Lucila Lorenza Pacheco

Blessings:

- Philomena Leota

Birthday & Thanksgiving:

- Connie B Enrico

Healing:

- Cody Cacal

