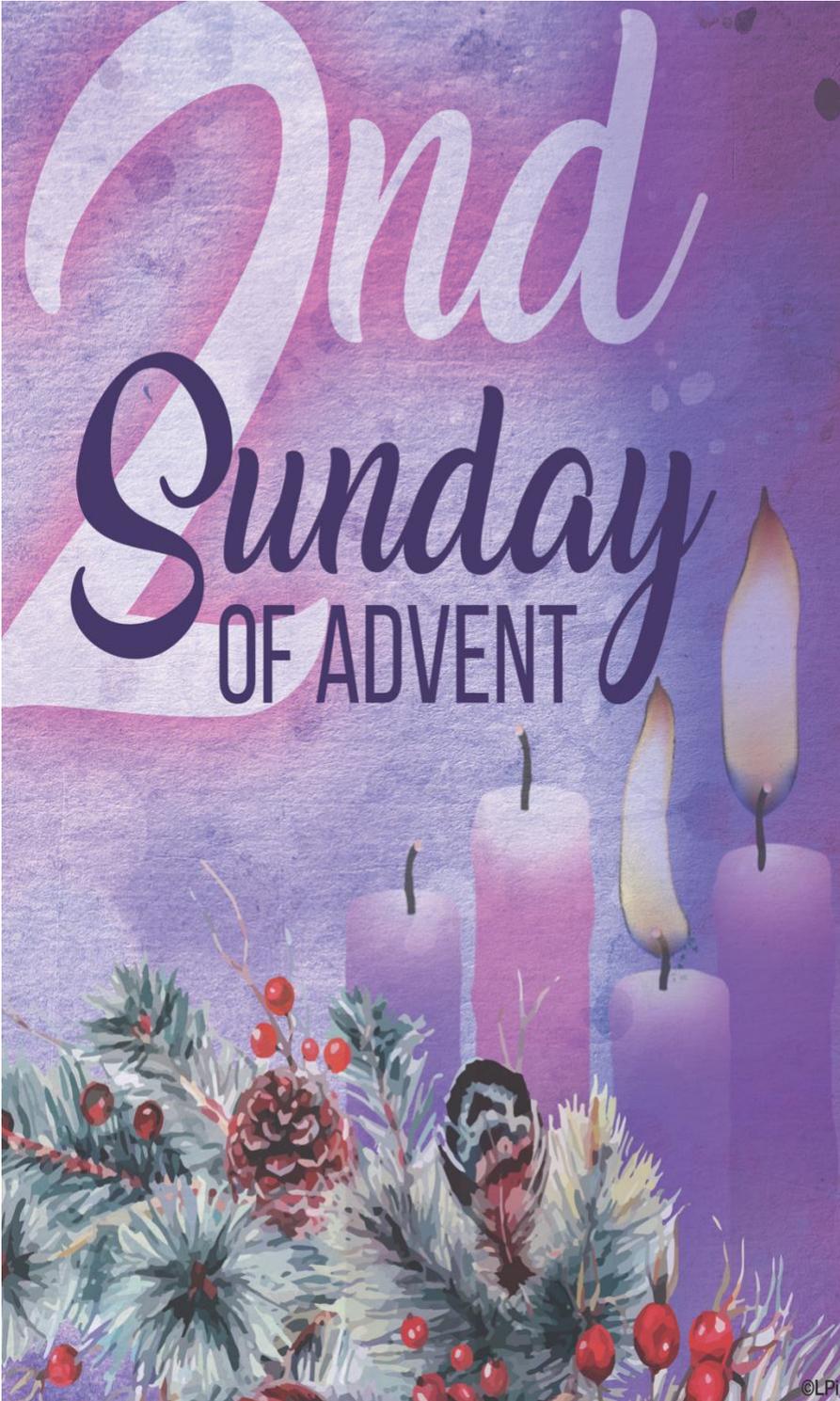


# Holy Rosary Catholic Church

## Sacred Heart Chapel

December 5, 2021



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*“A voice of one crying out  
in the desert:*

*“Prepare the way of the  
Lord,  
make straight his  
paths.*

*Every valley shall be  
filled  
and every mountain  
and hill shall be made  
low.*

*The winding roads shall  
be made straight,  
and the rough ways  
made smooth,  
and all flesh shall see  
the salvation of God.”*

**The Gospel of Luke**

## 2nd Sunday of Advent

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. "You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him." When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the



*Second Sunday  
of Advent*

Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear

God's gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God's promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts' doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the

paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God's simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before. ©LPi

## Advent Readings

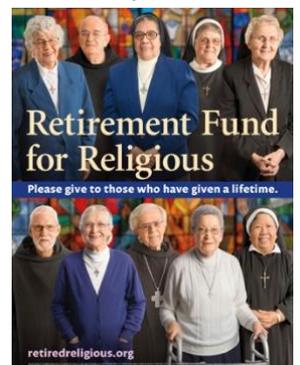
Don't forget to pick up your "Daily Reflection for Advent and Christmas: Waiting in Joyful Hope 2021 - 2022" which will be available the first Sunday of Advent. This little book contains short readings and reflections for the entire season of Advent. What a great way to prepare for the birth of our Lord. Living Faith and the Word Among Us booklets will be available by the doors as well.

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holyday of obligation, will be celebrated at Holy Rosary Parish on Wednesday, December 8 and 12:05 and 7 p.m. Please join us for this special feast.

## Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

Elderly religious need your help. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes—often for little to no pay. Now, many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your gift to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.



## Advent Penance Service

With regard to the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession, Fr. James O' Connor, the pastor of St. Brendan's Catholic Church in Elkins, will hear Confessions in our Holy Rosary parish on Saturday, December 11, 2021, from 5pm to 6:45pm. He also will be the main celebrant for that

Saturday's Vigil Mass at 7 pm. Fr. John and Fr. Ed will be available any day/time to hear confessions

Holy Rosary Church's listening sessions for Pope Francis' Synod on Synodality are set for:

Questions 1-5: 6:30, Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Questions 6-10: 6:30pm, Thursday, December 9, 2021

Questions 1-5: 1pm, Tuesday January 11, 2022

Questions 6-10: 1pm, Thursday, January 13, 2022

Snow Day Makeup Sessions: 1pm, Tuesday, January 18, & January 20, 2022

All sessions will be held in the Holy Rosary parish hall.

Questions are available on the HolyRosaryWV.org website, in your Flocknote email, in the bulletin, and in the church vestibule. You may attend any or all the sessions.

**REMEMBER: Decisions are made by the ones who show up! Your opinions are important and will be documented for the Diocese.**

also. Please just call the Parish center at 304-472-3414 to make an appointment.

### Mass at WVWC

We will be celebrating mass at West Virginia Wesleyan College on Sunday evenings beginning on December 5. This 8 p.m. liturgy will be held in the Meditation Chapel at the college. This mass is based on the WVWC schedule and will not be held when the students are on breaks. Masses are scheduled for December 5 and 12, then not again until January 9, 2022. Father Ed and Father John will begin the college campus ministry soon.

### Looking for Couples to Lead

We are looking for one or two couples to lead a marriage program at Holy Rosary Parish. We are just in the planning stages, and this program will be based on the program: "Together in Holiness." This diocesan program could be carried back to the parish as an important ministry to our couples here. Give it some thought, and talk to Father Ed if you are interested.

### Praying the Rosary Before Mass

We will begin saying the Rosary before the weekend masses starting the first weekend in Advent. The rosary will begin at 6:30 pm before the Saturday Mass, and 8:30 am before the Sunday Mass. We are still looking for volunteers to lead the Sunday Rosary once a month. If you are interested in helping, please contact Diana Thompson, 304-

4721947, or email

[dianathompson222@hotmail.com](mailto:dianathompson222@hotmail.com).

We hope to continue this practice throughout the year.

### Need Quiet Time for Prayer in the Church?

Please, if you need quiet time with the Lord in the Church, do not hesitate to call the Parish Office or Father Ed.

### Celebrate December Birthdays

Will Baxa IV	December 5
Tracy Murphy	December 9
Mariann Jack	December 10
Anthony Murphy	December 13
Harrison Walker	December 15
Andrea Ellis	December 27
Grant Murphy	December 27
Mike Wilson	December 28
Mike Ellis	December 31

### ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

**Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?** Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season or whenever they are ready. Sessions started on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, in the parish hall at 6 p.m. but you are welcome to join anytime. Additionally, more sessions will be held in the parish center

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at 10:30 am on Wednesdays.

**The Year of St. Joseph** is almost over. Have you placed your rock in our St. Joseph Garden yet? We would like everyone to place their rock by December 8. We hope to have a special dedication soon. Thanks for participating!

**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Donna and Joe Broslawsky! They welcomed a sweet new granddaughter into the world on November 17. Little Kennedy Faye Sutton is a gift from God and we offer prayers and good wishes to her entire family!

**Please remember in your prayers:**

Bertha Small, Kate Deasy, Rosemary Austin, Phil Halligan, Randy Trent, Macyah Riley, Karen Trent, Matthew Linger, Seth Poling, Cathy Lipscomb, Freddy Caimotto, James Barton, Darell Hyre, Diane Hyre, Vicki Dibble, Eric Harkness, Pat Daigneault, Duane Lohr, Jeff Ball, Jane Baxter, Shaelyn Posey, P.T. Garton, Jalen Welcome, Dennis Cortes, Kay Sienkiewicz, Danny Morgan, Gene Zara, Paula Ball, Janine Robinson, Elaine Katai, Terry McKisic and Tori Odom, Andrew Schmidt, Gay Little, Denise Karlen, Jim Hawkinberry, Sandy

**You are Invited**

Chapel Hill Methodist Church invites you to their Christmas Cantata "The Road to Bethlehem." This event will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in Chapel Hill Church. All are welcome.

	Dec. 4	Dec. 5	Dec. 11	Dec. 12
Lectors	Rachel W.	Virginia C.	Roseann W.	Andrea E.
Greeters	Mary B.	Charlie M.	Cheryl & Jerry	Tracy M.
Servers	volunteers	volunteers	volunteers	volunteers

Derico, Tim Dewitt and Family, Ellie McCarthy, Linus Deasy, Shanna Ericsson, Linda Coyner, Donnie Cox.

December 12 at West Virginia Wesleyan College

**Please pray for men and women in the military.**

Please pray for our Homebound: Mary Stump, Anna Stalnaker, Ron Frye, Rocena Asbury, John Sneberger, Lorraine McLean, James McCartney, Nancy Beverlin, Shirley Linger, William McLean, Anna Powell, Barbara Elmore, Helena Bessinger, Virginia Cerullo, Alan and Jimmie Jo Simmon, Barbara Hillberry.

**Eucharistic Liturgies**

**Saturday, Dec. 4** – 7 p.m. – +Katherine Jack (Holy Rosary)

**Sunday, Dec. 5** – 9 a.m. – Parishioners (Holy Rosary)  
Noon – Kaitlyn Luterek (Sacred Heart)

**Monday, Dec. 6** – no mass

**Tuesday, Dec. 7** – 7:30 a.m. +Grace Lafferre, +Patsy Ricottilli (Holy Rosary)

**Wednesday, Dec. 8** – **12:05** +Anna Derico (Holy Rosary) **7 p.m.** – John Egress (Holy Rosary)  
6 p.m. Holy Hour (We pray for all expectant mothers)

**Thursday, Dec. 9** – 7:30 -+Kimberly Moore (Holy Rosary)

**Friday, Dec. 10** – 7:30 a.m. +Freda Cawthon  
+Amelia Derico (Holy Rosary)

**Saturday, Dec. 11** – 7 p.m. +Joseph Lanham (Holy Rosary)

**Sunday, Dec. 12** – 9 a.m. Parishioners (Holy Rosary)

Psalm Response: The Lord has done great things for us we are filled with joy.”



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