

# *St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church*

*December 5th, 2021 - 2nd Sunday of Advent*



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This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

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## **November 28th:**

Sunday Offerings	\$ 3,020.00
Loose	\$ 215.00
Building	\$ 40.00
Snow Removal	\$ 30.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 130.00
Candles	\$ 32.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 3467.00</b>

*Thank  
You*

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### ***Weekday Masses:***

Tuesday to Friday at 12:00 pm

### ***Weekend Mass Times:***

Saturday at 4:30 pm  
Sunday at 10:00 am

### ***Office Hours:***

***Tuesdays to Thursdays***  
8:00 am -12:00 pm  
***Mondays & Fridays***  
Closed

## Mass Intentions

**Friday, December 10**

*Rosa Lemon by Anna Ferreria*

**Saturday, December 11**

*David and Frank Hayes by Thelma Hayes*

*Iolanda & Raffaele Contini by Ann & Gino Contini*

**Sunday, December 12**

*Missa Pro Popolo*

*Nina Verilli by Rosetta Riccio*

*Sylvia Drago by Joe, Lisa, Evan, Alexa, Zoe, Deana, Dean, Marika and Mia*



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### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS MASS TIMES

**Friday, December 24th:** 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm

**Saturday, December 25th:** 9:00 am and 11:00 am

**Sunday, December 26th:** 10:00 am (Feast of the Holy Family)

**Friday, December 31st:** 4:30 pm (Mary, Mother of God)

**Saturday, January 1st:** 10:00 am (Mary, Mother of God) and 4:30 pm (Epiphany)

**Sunday, January 2nd:** 10:00 am (Epiphany)



*All Masses are incense free and please note we are a fragrance free environment. No reservations are required to attend Christmas or New Year's Masses*

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### **2022 Envelope Boxes**



They are now ready to be picked up on your way into Mass. Please do not take anyone else's envelope box unless you have spoken to Stephanie. **DO NOT USE** the new envelopes until 2022. ANY donations received after January 1st, 2022 will count towards your 2022 donations.

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### **John was filled and led by the Spirit:**

John's prophetic calling and mission preceded his conception and birth. The angel had announced to Zechariah that his barren wife will conceive a son, and "you shall call his name John," and "he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb" (Luke 1:13,15). When John received his name shortly after birth, his father prophesied that he would be "called the prophet of the Highest who will go before the Lord to prepare his ways" (Luke 1:76). John was called to be a prophet, a spokesman for God.

How can we, like John the Baptist, prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus Christ - today and every day and when he comes again to bring us fully into his everlasting kingdom? John the Baptist tells us that the first step is conversion and repentance (Matthew 3:2; Luke 3:7). Conversion involves receiving God's word into our heart and mind and allowing his Word to change our attitudes and wrong ways of thinking and judging. Repentance is the deliberate turning away from sin and turning to God to receive his pardon, healing, and strength to do what is good and reject what is wrong.

John saw from a distance what Jesus the Messiah would accomplish through his death and resurrection - pardon for our sins, healing and restoration, and eternal life for all who would believe in the Lord Jesus.

*Fr. Denis Vaiz*