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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Daily Mass

Monday | 8:30 am St. Joseph's  
Tuesday | 8:30 St Francis  
Wednesday | No Mass today  
Thursday | 8:30 am St Francis  
Friday | 8:30 am St Joseph's

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4 pm St Joseph's  
6 pm St Francis (7/6/23-9/1/24)  
Sunday | 8:30 am St Francis  
10:30 am St Joseph's

#### Confession

Saturday | 3:15 pm St Joseph's  
Sunday | 8 am St Francis

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### Our Mission

We, the Roman Catholic community  
of St. Francis of Assisi and  
St. Joseph's are called to live  
the Gospel message of Jesus through Hospital-  
ity, Worship, Faith Formation and Service to  
others.

### St. Joseph's Mass Intentions

#### Sat (9) 4 pm

Concetta & Thomas Zeppieri + Tony & Teresa Russell  
Michael & Ellen Brady + Brady family

#### Sun (10) 10:30 am

Deceased Rosenzweig & Palmer family members  
+ Rick & Cheryl Palmer

#### Mon (11) 8:30 am

Rev. Patrick H McDermott, Rev. Richard Testa

#### Fri (15) 8:30 am

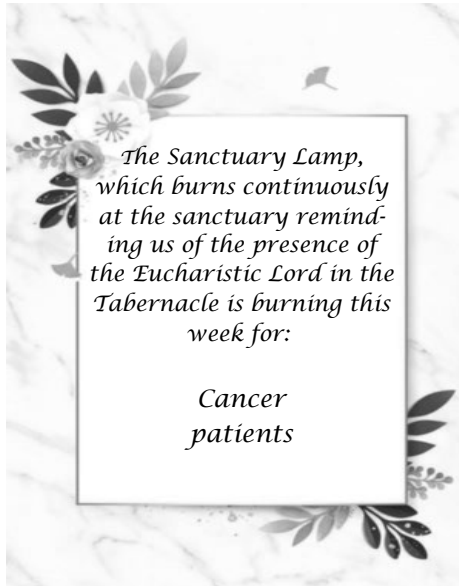
Kathleen & Joseph Weafer + Tony & Teresa Russell

#### Saturday (16) 4 pm

George Lockyer + Marylou Lockyer  
Karen Santos + Linda Dickson & Christine Famiano

#### Sun (17) 10:30 am

Rose Lyons + Myrna Lyons  
William Bidanset + Anne Frasier



### St. Francis Mass Intentions

#### Sun (10) 8:30 am

Jane Locke + Rick Koval  
Richard Paul Henriques + Amelia Henriques  
Manolito Cadiz Algenio + Amelia Henriques

#### Tuesday (12) 8:30 am

Kimberly Snyder + Carl & Kitty Ingalls

#### Thursday (14) 8:30 am

Kimberly Snyder + Chuck & Jan Swatling

#### Sun (17) 8:30 am

Maureen & Kimberly Koval + Rick Koval  
Daniel Mochrie + Rosenzweig family  
Marianne Bianco + Rob & Judy Morrison

**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY** ~ "Make straight his paths," Isaiah cried out, prophesying that the LORD would come to rescue and comfort the people of God. Centuries later, Mark quotes this call at the very beginning of his Gospel, presenting John the Baptist as the prophet who took this to heart, preparing the way for the Lord. Now, two millennia later, during this season when we prepare for the Lords coming into our lives and into our hearts, how can we "make straight his paths?"

**WORD OF LIFE** ~ "O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free." USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita"

#### **ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE** ~

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side - by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives - however it comes - we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "**The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**" It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus - not the Roman emperor - is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers - especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors. Father John Muir ©LPi

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK** ~ Christ is making a journey into each of our hearts this Advent. Clear away whatever blocks his way. Make straight the path. Invite him in. ©LPi

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2023:** Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8; Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26; Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47; Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30; Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15; Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19; Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13; Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 1:10b)/1Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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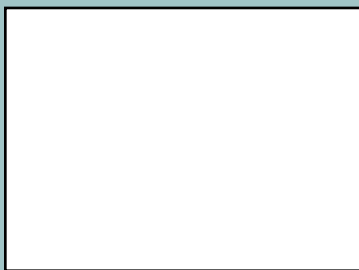
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