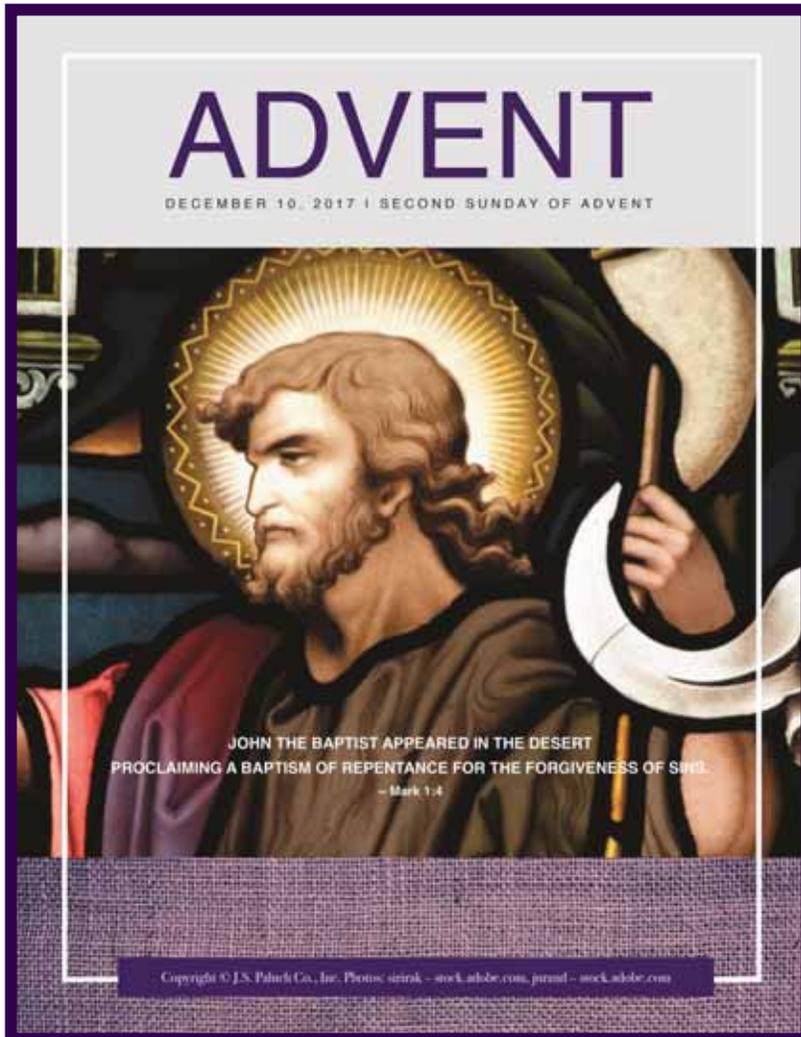


December 10, 2017 Second Sunday of Advent

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**MASS INTENTIONS**  
DEC 9TH—DEC 15TH

**SATURDAY**

5 pm **Bernard & Mary Dohn, RIP**

**SUNDAY**

7:30 am **For All Parishioners**  
9 am **Alison Pivonka, Special Intention**  
10:30 am **John Mossy, RIP**

**MONDAY**

8 am Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26  
**Feliza Rivera, RIP**

**TUESDAY**

8 am 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,  
**Michele Broyles, Special Intention**

**WEDNESDAY**

8 am Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30  
**Charles Martin Jackson, RIP**

**THURSDAY**

8 am Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15  
**June Alhering Paperman, Special Intention**

**FRIDAY**

8 am Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19  
**O.W. Hardin, Jr, Special Intention**



**The Call to Worship** is *Hark, a herald voice is calling, Christ is nigh, it seems to say; cast away the dreams of darkness, O you children of the day.* The words are anonymous 6th century, translated by the Reverend Edward Caswell (1814-1878) and set to music by William Henry Monk (1823-1889) known for the evening hymn *Abide With Me*.

**The Offertory** is from Isaiah 55:6, with music by Harrison Oxley (1940-2009): *Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.*

**The Communion** begins with a motet by Heinrich Isaac (c.1450-1517): *Rise, Jerusalem and stand on the heights: and see the joy that shall come to you from your God.* Little is known about Isaac's early life until 1484 when he became court composer at Innsbruck. He entered the service of Lorenzo de' Medici the following year, becoming court organist and choirmaster, as well as teacher to Lorenzo's children. Ten years later as the era of the Savonarola began, the Medici were banished from Florence and Isaac left the city along with many of the musicians of the Court. By 1497 he was in the employ of Emperor Maximilian I, and travelled widely in Germany, credited with having a great influence on German composers of the time. In 1502, he returned to Italy, going to Florence and then Ferrara, where he competed with Josquin des Prez for employment; a famous letter from the agent of the d'Este family compared the two composers, saying that 'Isaac is of a better nature than Josquin, and while it is true that Josquin is a better composer, he only composes when he wants to, and not when asked; Isaac will compose when you want him to.' Isaac returned to Florence in 1514, and died there in 1517.

**The second piece** is a chorus from the Advent portion of the oratorio *Messiah* by George Frederick Handel (1685-1759), a devout Christian. The work is a presentation of Jesus' life with the text taken from the King James Bible, conceived for and to be performed at Easter. Oratorio is basically opera without acting, and was performed in Georgian England during Lent when the theaters were closed. The complete *Messiah* lasts over three hours in its entirety and was written in an astonishing three weeks during a bleak period in Handel's life when he was almost bankrupt due to the failure of his operas in London, which had fallen out of fashion. Because the Church considered it too operatic (read entertaining), it was first performed in Dublin, and its success rescued Handel from financial obscurity and re-established his reputation. The text of this chorus is: *And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*

**The third piece** is by the Irish composer Charles Wood (1886-1926), born in Armagh where his father was a tenor in the choir of the nearby St. Patrick's Cathedral. The translation is: *The eyes of all look toward you, O Lord, and you give them meat in due season. Glory to you, Lord, Amen.*

**The Nativity Children's Choir** will reconvene for its annual appearance at the 4:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Your talented child in grade 2 or above who loves to sing is invited to join in, and mindful of the busy season, in lieu of rehearsals a disc containing the music along with the lyrics for the children to learn will be available in the Parish and School Offices. Please contact Paul Batchelor, music director after any weekend Mass, through the parish office at 858 756-1911, or email him at [pbatchelor@nativitycatholic.org](mailto:pbatchelor@nativitycatholic.org).

### Clergy Schedule

**Saturday, 5:00 pm** Fr. Duncanson  
**Sunday, 7:30 am** Fr. Duncanson / Deacon Walsh Preaching  
**Sunday, 9:00 am** Fr. Duncanson  
**Sunday, 10:30 am** Fr. Duncanson

### TODAY'S READINGS

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**First Reading** — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

**Psalm** — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

**Second Reading** — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

**Gospel** — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).



## Annual Retirement Fund for Religious Collection December 9/10, 2017

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I will personally be forever grateful to the Dominican Sisters from Houston, Texas, who taught me so well at Holy Rosary School and Academy in San Bernardino where I grew up. The Annual Retirement Fund for Religious Collection gives us an opportunity to express our appreciation for those religious sisters who were so generous in sharing their faith with us without ever thinking of themselves.

God bless you!

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**NATIVITY PARISH  
CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Advent Penance service at 7:00 pm

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 pm  
Sunday Mass at 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 am

**Christmas Eve**

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
Mass at 4:00, 6:00 and 9:00 pm

**Christmas Day**

Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
Mass at 9:00 and 10:30 am  
**(NO 7:30 am Mass)**

Please plan to attend two Masses during the long Christmas weekend:

- One Mass in observance of the Fourth Sunday of Advent and
- One Mass in observance of Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

(If you attend Mass and receive Holy Communion on Sunday morning, December 24<sup>th</sup>, you may also receive Holy Communion when you attend a Christmas Eve Mass later that day.)

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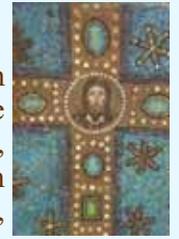


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On Dec 11th at 3:30 pm we'll be doing arts and crafts with refugee children at Bridge of Hope in City Heights, while their parents select Christmas gifts for them.

Please call Steph at 8583426445 to sign up for these Advent Service opportunities.

**From the Diocese...**



The Lutheran /Anglican /Roman Catholic “Day of Dialogue” will take place on Saturday, January 20, 2018, at The Roman Catholic Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Drive, San Diego, 92117. This year’s topic is “God Forms a People: A New Mosaic” which will focus on how the various cultures, past and present, compose and affect the body of the Church, particularly in our area. The day begins with Morning Prayer at 9:30 a.m., and concludes with lunch at 12:00 noon. The cost is \$25.00 (non-refundable) per person. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., may be taken at the door or sent with name, address, phone number, email and \$25.00 check to: Msgr. Dennis Mikulanis, 17252 Bernardo Center Drive, San Diego, CA, 92128.



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## Second Sunday of Advent

Prepare the way of the Lord,  
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— Mark 1:3

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Lord, let us see your kind - ness and grant us your sal - va - tion.



### NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



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### MEN OF NATIVITY

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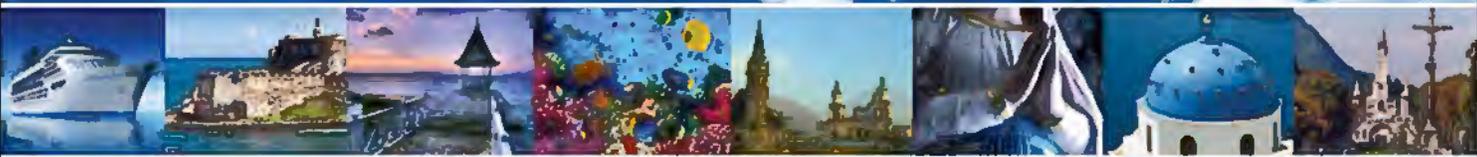
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**Altar Servers:** Bill Hearne at [bhearne@weoneil.com](mailto:bhearne@weoneil.com)

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[mimijohns78@gmail.com](mailto:mimijohns78@gmail.com)

**Mental Health Ministry:** Lisa James at 858-367-0049.

**Ushers & Hospitality:** Corbitt Kerr at  
[ckerr@davlyninvestments.com](mailto:ckerr@davlyninvestments.com)

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism:** Celebrated on the 4th Sunday, after 10:30 am Mass  
 Please contact the Parish Office 858-756-1911 or  
[jmoore@nativitycatholic.org](mailto:jmoore@nativitycatholic.org).

**Anointing of the Sick:** Encouraged for anyone critically ill,  
 for the elderly, or prior to major surgery

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 4:15 pm in the Chapel

**Eucharist:**

Weekday Mass: Monday - Friday, 8 am in the Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Friday after 8 am Mass

Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesdays, after 8 am Mass

Rosary: Weekdays, after 8 am Mass in the Chapel

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

Classes meet September through June

**PRESCHOOL THROUGH 8TH GRADE**

**Preschool - 6th Grade:**

Sundays, 8:50 am - 10:05 am at The Nativity School

**Junior High 7th /8th:**

Sundays, 5pm - 6:15 pm in the Parish Commons

If your child is receiving the sacrament of 1st Holy Communion in spring 2018, you must send to us a copy of his/her baptismal certificate by the end of Nov 2017. Please send a scanned copy to [faithformation@nativitymail.org](mailto:faithformation@nativitymail.org). Important information re 1st Holy Communion details will be sent out in late Nov to only those who have submitted baptismal certificates to us.

**Dates to Remember:**

12/10 - Class 12 - Caroling Practice - Drop off to HFAC/Gym

12/17 - Class 13 - Bake Sale & Caroling after 9AM Mass

12/24 and 12/31 - No Class - Christmas & New Year

Email Wendy Campbell or Sandra Escalante-Smith at

[faithformation@nativitymail.org](mailto:faithformation@nativitymail.org) for more information.

**HIGH SCHOOL: 9TH - 12TH GRADE**

Contact: Mike James, 858-756-1911, ext. 5

**Youth Group:** Sundays, 5pm to 6:15pm

Sunday's meeting will be a Service Project sorting out the Parish Giving Tree Gifts and preparing them for delivery. All freshmen-seniors meet from 5-6:15pm in the Commons.

Refreshments are by the Hinrichs family.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION**

Contact: Mike James, 858-756-1911, ext. 5

R.C.I.A. Class meets on Sunday from 11:30-12:30 in the Parish Office Classroom.

There will be no class on December 24 or December 31. We resume on January 7.

The Rite of Election is February 18 in the afternoon.

**PARISH GIVING TREE**

**Giving Tree Gifts are due back to the parish by Sunday December 10th.**  
**If your gift will be late, please donate it to another charity so there is time to get it to a person in need by Christmas.**



**The Nativity Children's Choir** will reconvene for its annual appearance at the 4:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Your talented child in grade 2 or above who loves to sing is invited to join in, and mindful of the busy season, in lieu of rehearsals a disc containing the music along with the lyrics for the children to learn will be available in the Parish Office and the School office. For more information, please contact Paul Batchelor, music director after any weekend Mass, through the parish office at 858 756-1911, or email [pbatchelor@nativitycatholic.org](mailto:pbatchelor@nativitycatholic.org).