



PREPARE the WAY for the LORD!

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Second Sunday of Advent – “B”
Druga Niedziela Adwentu

December 10, 2023
100th year of service

Events for the week:

Sun., 12/10/23 – II Sunday of Advent

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for
+James Dean, of. by wife, Marjorie.

**Tue., 12/12/23 – Solemnity – Our
Lady of Guadalupe**

9:00AM - Holy Mass for all
Parishioners.

Wed., 12/13/23 – Advent Weekday

8:30AM – Rorate Mass, intention: for all
Parishioners.

Fri., 12/15/23 – Advent Weekday

Requiem Holy Mass for +Florence
Daniels.

**Next Sunday, December 17: III Sunday
of Lent**

Advent Penitential Service prior to Mass.

Every year on the second Sunday of Advent, the Church asks us to ponder the words and deeds of St. John the Baptist. St. John reminds us of the need to prepare for the coming of Christ with self-reflection and repentance.

I Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

II Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

GOSPEL: Mark I:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make His paths straight. and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptized by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, ‘Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of His sandals. I have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to: Organist, Mrs. Janina for cleaning and decorating the church, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

Upcoming events:

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention for:
+John David's family.

Next Sunday's Mass intentions: Dec. 17:
+John David's family.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday best wishes are
extended to: December 14 –
Angela Elsavege.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK –

especially for - James Panco – Jean Keim
– Betty Brazausky - Marjorie Dean –
Elaine Antalosky – Josephine Hause -
Shawn Matz. *H & R Center Tremont:*
Dolores Halaburda. *Luther Ridge*
Pottsville, PA – Marie Demnitski.
Rehab. & Nursing Center Pottsville, PA
– Thomas Justen.

- Sunday, December 24 – 4th Sunday of Advent, and Christmas Eve; Holy Masses: **10:00AM**,
Christmas Vigil Mass – 4:00PM; **Mass of Shepherds – 10:00PM**.
- December 25 – Christmas Day Mass at **11:00AM**.

SNOW and ICE ALERT – During winter days, please remember that we do not cancel our Worship Services. In the case of unfavorable travel conditions, please make appropriate decisions about venturing forth.

In the case of freezing rain, please use the front porch to come to the rectory, if you need it (back porch stairs are “icy” all the time in this case).

“With three things I am delighted, for they are pleasing to the Lord and to human beings: Harmony among relatives, friendship among neighbors, and a wife and a husband living happily together”. (Sirach 25:1)