

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 2009

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Deceased of the parish
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	People of SJF
	6:00 p.m.	People of SJF
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	SJF Altar Guild
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Poor Souls
Friday	NO MASS	
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Dan Abell +
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Isolda Pleier +

Please pray for our deceased priests:

Sunday	Fr. Stephen T. Connolly, OP	1965
Tuesday	Fr. Ervin Vandehey	2001
Wednesday	Fr. Benjamin V. Kelly	1946
	Fr. Gabriel Morrisroe, OSB	1962
Thursday	Fr. Michael J. Hourican, SJ	1938
Saturday	Fr. Martin Bohrofen	1964

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

TODAY:	Child Lit/Word	9 & 11 a.m.
	Christmas Fest	8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
	RE Classes	10:15 a.m.
Monday:	Senior's Breakfast at Dennys	9 a.m.
	Mom's Group	9:45 a.m.
	PTC Exec. Board Mtg	
Tuesday:	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	
	Masses at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.	
	Music Rehearsal	7 p.m.
Thursday:	RCIA	7 p.m.
	SJF Choir Practice	7 p.m.

SERVER & GREETER SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 12th:

4:30 PM	Annie Cartasegna Chris Cartasegna
GREETERS:	The Boileau Family

Sunday, December 13th:

9:00 AM	Jana Amparo Michael Fitzgibbon
GREETERS:	The Rosick Family
11:00 AM	Audrey Zerr Jake Gianola
GREETERS:	The Gardner Family

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

December 8th, Tuesday, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and we will have Masses at 9 am and 6 pm.

MEN'S CLUB DINNER

Come celebrate a St John Fisher tradition and join the men of the entire parish community, young and old, new and long-standing. Chef Mark Timoney will be back again to provide succulent mouth watering prime rib. In addition to our own gift giving shenanigans, we will once again work with St Vincent de Paul to provide gifts to the SJF sponsored migrant camp families. Please join us as we welcome in this Christmas season together among friends and support this wonderful cause. All of the men of SJF parish are encouraged to attend.

Date: December 10th, 7:00 PM

Location: SJF Cafeteria

Cost: \$55, seniors: \$35

Note that the \$55 is a suggested donation; we would love for all to attend for any donation.

RSVP REQUIRED! <http://www.sjfmensclub.com/rsvp> (or call Tom Lenth 503-452-3686)

Family Faith Sharing Questions:

We encourage parents to reflect on these questions at home each week with their children. Start talking, share the Faith!

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Luke 3:1-6

God spoke to a man named John who was living in the desert. After hearing God's Word, John went around the whole area of Jordan telling people to turn away from sin and prepare a path for Jesus to come into their hearts. Sin is like a roadblock on our path to God and can keep us from fully inviting Jesus into our hearts. Fortunately, we have a loving and merciful God who offers us forgiveness and healing from sin.

What are some things that are in the way of our path to God? What would you like Jesus to forgive in you? Who can you offer forgiveness to? Go to your parish penance service as a family this Advent!

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our Advent Reconciliation Service will be on December 15th, Tuesday, at 7 pm in the church. Receive the grace of God in this beautiful sacrament.

FAITH CAFE

Our turn to host and serve at the Faith Cafe is quickly approaching on December 20th. We need help in cooking, serving, greeting and cleaning. Contact Scott in the parish office if you can help.

Future Faith Cafe dates for 2010: February 7, March 28, May 16, July 4, August 22, October 10 and November 28.

A SACRED ADVENT CONCERT

The combined choirs of St. John Fisher, St. Luke Lutheran and First Immanuel Lutheran present "A Sacred Advent Concert" on **Sunday, December 6th at 4 pm in our church**. This concert will feature "The Magnificat" by Giovanni Pergolesi, an 80-voice chorus, soloists, and chamber orchestra. There will be additional Advent anthems, Scripture reading and congregational singing.

A free will offering will be taken that benefits the Oregon Food Bank.

JESUIT HIGH PLACEMENT TEST

All interested eighth grade students should plan to take the Jesuit High Placement Exam on Friday evening, December 11th at 4:30 pm (doors open at 4:00) or Saturday, December 12th at 9:00 am (doors open at 8:00). There will be a \$20 fee for the test. Refreshments will be served. There is no obligation to enroll after taking this test. Visit our website www.jesuitportland.org for more information.

POPE BENEDICT REFLECTS ON ADVENT

Let us reflect briefly on the meaning of this word [Advent], which can be translated as "presence," "arrival," "coming." In the language of the ancient world it was a technical term used to indicate the arrival of a functionary or the visit of a king or emperor to a province. But it could also indicate the coming of the divinity, which goes out of concealment to manifest itself with power, or which is celebrated as present in worship. Christians adopted the word "advent" to express their relationship with Jesus Christ: Jesus is King, who has entered into this poor "province" called earth to visit everyone; he brings to participate in his advent those who believe in him, all those who believe in his presence in the liturgical assembly. With the word *adventus* an attempt was made essentially to say: God is here, he has not withdrawn from the world, he has not left us alone. Although we cannot see or touch him, as is the case with tangible realities, he is here and comes to visit us in multiple ways.

The meaning of the expression "advent" includes therefore also that of *visitatio*, which means simply and properly "visit"; in this case it is a visit of God: He enters my life and wants to address me.

The Christian Advent thus becomes an occasion to reawaken in ourselves the true meaning of waiting, returning to the heart of our faith which is the mystery of Christ, the Messiah awaited for long centuries and born in the poverty of Bethlehem. Coming among us, he has brought us and continues to offer us the gift of his love and of his salvation. Present among us, he speaks to us in many ways: in sacred Scripture, in the liturgical year, in the saints, in the events of daily life, in the whole of creation.

-Pope Benedict, November 28, 2009