

## Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023



*John sent two his disciples to Christ*

The whole of today's liturgy is filled with the thought of Isaias (whose name means 'the Lord saves'), since he is beyond all others, the prophet who proclaims the coming of Christ the Redeemer. He foretold seven centuries before, that "a virgin" should "conceive and bear" a son, (Is. VII, 14), and that God would send His "angel"; that it is John the Baptist who should "prepare His way before Him" (Gospel) and the Messiah should come clothed with the power of God Himself to free all nations from the bondage of Satan. "The ox," says Isaias, meaning the Gentiles, "knoweth his owner and the ass his master's crib, but Israel hath not known me and my people have not understood (Is. I, 3). "The root of Jesse," he goes on, "shall rise up to rule the nations (Epistle), and the deaf and the blind, plunged in darkness, that is the heathen, shall hear the words of release and shall see (Gospel). Then shall the true Jerusalem, that is the Church, "tremble with joy" (Communion), for all the nations, sanctified by Christ shall flow unto it (Gradual).

"The Messiah," as Isaias explains, "will establish salvation in Sion and glory in Jerusalem," "Sion shall be strong, for the Lord shall be its wall and its bulwark," that is, its powerful protector.



*Saint Joseph's  
Traditional Roman Catholic Chapel  
Traditional Latin Mass*

29968 County 22  
Harmony, Minnesota 55939

**Sunday, December 10**

**Confessions 12:30 pm**  
**Holy Mass 1:00 pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
(Translation of the Holy House of Loreto)

**Saturday, December 16**

**Holy Mass 6:30 am**  
**Benediction 11:15 am**

**Advent Feria**  
(St, Eusebius, BM)

**Sunday, December 17**

**Confessions 12:30 pm**  
**Holy Mass 1:00 pm**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
(St, Lazarus, BC)

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**MASS INTENTIONS** may be submitted to Father for a stipend of \$25.00. If you wish a specific date, please submit well in advance. Mass Intention envelopes are available in the vestibule.

**MEAL VOLUNTEERS:** There is a new sign up sheet in the vestibule for the month of December to help provide Father with a meal-to-go after Mass. *Thank You* to all those who have been assisting with this Corporal Work of Mercy to feed the hungry; and supporting your parish priest.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND** for May of 2024 is being coordinated by Fr. Benedict Hughes. Please see flyer in the vestibule and contact Fr. Benedict if interested.

**CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS** – Upcoming Day of Recollection for the Confraternity of Christian Mothers will be held Saturday, December 16. It will begin with Holy Mass at 6:30 am and end at 11:30 am with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Schedule will be posted on the bulletin board.

**ORDINATIONS:** On Tuesday, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be ordinations to the major and minor orders. Please keep those preparing for ordinations in your prayers.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** – Please join us after Mass on December 17<sup>th</sup>, in the basement of the Church for our Christmas Program. All our welcome! Please bring some finger foods to share!

**CHRISTMAS** Mass will be at midnight this year at St. Joseph's and 9:00 am at Our Lady of Grace, Seneca, WI.

**CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING:** We will need help getting the Church ready for Christmas on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a 9:00 am Mass at St Joseph's that day. Thank you!

**CHRISTMAS NOVENA:** The novena in preparation for Christmas begins on Saturday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Copies are available for you to take home or you can find it online on the Mater Dei Seminary website: <http://www.materdeiseminary.org/advent-devotions/>

**FINANCIAL AWARENESS: FROM THE PARISH BOARD:**

For some time the chapel has been struggling at a deficit.  
Please give generously if you can afford to.

Average Weekly Operating Costs: \$590

Average Weekly Collection (year-to-date): \$730

**Last Four Collections: 11/12 \$957 11/19 \$962 11/26 \$657 12/3 \$651**