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DECEMBER 11, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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The Pope's Prayer Intention for December:

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



Cover Art:

The Lame Walk. Painting, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
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SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 4:00PM,
5:30 PM, (en español)

Sun. 8 AM, 9:15AM, 10:30AM, 11:45AM,
1:15 PM (en español), 4:00PM, 5:30PM

Weekday Masses:

Mon.—Fri. 8:00AM, 12:05PM, 4:45PM
Saturday 9:00AM, 12PM

Confessions:

Mon.—Fri. 11:15 -11:50AM, 12:45-4:15PM
Saturday 9:30 - 11:45 AM, 12:45-3:30PM

Devotions:

Tuesday after Mass: Our Lady
Wednesday after Mass: St. Joseph
Thursday after Mass: St. Jude

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon.—Fri. 8:30-11:50AM, 12:30-4:30PM;
Sat. 9:30-11:30AM, 12:30-3:30PM;
Sunday 2:30-3:30PM


Gift Shop Hours:

Monday—Friday 10:00AM - 5:30PM*;
Saturday 9:30AM - 6:30PM*;
Sunday 8:45AM - 6:30PM*
(*Closed during Masses)

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Reflection by Fr. James Doran, OMV

John was in Herod's dungeon because he defended marriage. Herod had a wife; he was married to the daughter of an Arabian king. He was also living with his brother's wife, Herodias. John the Baptist and Jesus criticized Herod's immoral life because he was a public figure, a national leader causing scandal and giving bad example. As a Jew, he should have been observing the Law; "*you shall not have intercourse with your brother's wife for that would be a disgrace to your brother*" (Leviticus 18:16).

John was in prison and he had disciples. The day after John baptized Jesus two of his disciples started to follow Jesus. However, it seems that not all of John's men were convinced that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah"; so John sends them to ask; "*Are you the One?*" ... Jesus says; "*Tell John what you see. Blind see. Lame walk, lepers cleansed deaf hear. Dead raised. Gospel announced to the poor.*" These were signs of Messiah. He was not recognized by many because they were looking for a powerful military leader, not a humble miracle worker.

I am sure John rejoiced when his followers recognized Jesus as the Messiah. This was John's mission; prepare people to receive and believe in Jesus. As he said, "He must increase, and I must decrease. I am not worthy to untie His sandals." Jesus loved John and appreciated everything John was doing for him. After his followers left, Jesus praised John. He recognized his penitential life, living in the desert. Jesus calls him more than a prophet.

St. James, 2nd reading says; "*Do not complain brothers about one another that you may not be judged. The Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord*". Those who speak in the name of the Lord must be patient. Pope Francis speaks of joy and patience. He encourages us not to give up when we have to deal with difficult people and situations. We must persevere. John did not let himself be overcome with discouragement in the dungeon. He told his followers who came to visit him: *Go to Jesus and see what He is doing. Ask Him if He is the One.*

We can all be down, but we do not have to stay there. St. Ignatius says; don't give in to spiritual desolation. Fight and know that God is with you even if you cannot feel His presence. He is with you. He permits you to suffer trials for a while for your own advancement in the spiritual life. Trials can convert us, help us grow in virtue.

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Join us for an evening of joyful expectation to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas through scripture, song and prayer.

This event is free and open to the public.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH AT 5PM
ST. CLEMENT EUCHARISTIC SHRINE**

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 11

8:00 AM +Hulda Verner

9:15 AM +Robert Ford

10:30 AM +Thomas White

11:45 AM +Virginia Terrazano

1:15 PM +Julio Carcamo

4:00 PM +Gail Barrows

5:30 PM +Mary Tran & deceased members of her family

Monday, Dec. 12

8:00 AM James and Jeanne Ooi Family

12:05 PM In honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

4:45 PM The Wu Family

Tuesday, Dec. 13

8:00 AM James and Jeanne Ooi Family

12:05 PM +Jackie Noble

4:45 PM +Michael J. Sweeney

Wednesday, Dec. 14

8:00 AM Michael Wallace

12:05 PM Brenda Madden

5:10 PM Special Intention

Thursday, Dec. 15

8:00 AM Edward Hennessy

12:05 PM +Byron Leonel Silva Carran &

+Urbano Aquino

4:45 PM +Daniel Aguilar

Friday, Dec. 16

8:00 AM Xiomara Munoz—anniv.

12:05 PM Abandoned souls in Purgatory

4:45 PM +Juanita Lemos

Saturday, Dec. 17

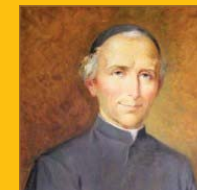
9:00 AM +Juan Pablo

12:00 PM +Claire Hooley

4:00 PM In Gratitude

5:30 PM Ricardo Paiva

Prayer Before Mass



by Ven. Bruno Lanteri

My God, I offer you this holy sacrifice to proclaim, honor and glorify your infinite greatness, and in recognition of the supreme dominion which, as the first principle and last end, you have above all created things. I give you this homage for all those who still do not know you or do not want to recognize you.

I offer this too in thanksgiving for the benefits that I and all the world have received and will receive from your infinite goodness; in satisfaction for my sins and those of the whole world; to implore the graces that are necessary for my eternal salvation and for all mankind. Oh, my God, I offer to you the merits of Jesus Christ; grant me at this Holy Mass a profound adoration of him.

My God, my Creator, I implore you to grant me the grace of final perseverance. I know by faith that I do not deserve it, nor can I deserve it, but your Divine Son deserves it for me with all his virtues and with all the wounds he shows you in his Most Holy Body, on behalf of my wounded love. Amen.

The Jesse Tree: Advent Tradition

Day 15: Scripture: 1 Kings 8:17-18 **Theme:** Solomon **Symbol:** The Temple
Now it was in the heart of my father David to build a house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel. But the LORD said to my father David, 'Because it was in your heart to build a house for My name, you did well that it was in your heart.'

Reflection: Though it would be Solomon who would build the Temple to God, it was first in the heart of David to do so. The Temple is the place of sacrifice, the place where God and his people come close and exchange gifts of intimacy and fidelity. The true Temple is always the heart. It is in a heart filled with the Holy Spirit, following Jesus, that true sacrifice is made to God. The true sacrifice is your self, your destiny, your plans. Share them with God. Let the doors of your temple open for God that he may have room in your heart to share his designs for all he wishes to build within you.

Day 16: Scripture: 2 Kings 2:9-11 **Theme:** Elijah **Symbol:** Chariot of Fire
When they had crossed over, Elijah said to Elisha, "Request whatever I might do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha answered, "May I receive a double portion of your spirit." He replied, "You have asked something that is not easy. Still, if you see me taken up from you, your wish will be granted; otherwise not." As they walked on still conversing, a fiery chariot and fiery horses came between the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.

Reflection: Elijah was the greatest of the prophets who defended the honor of the Lord on Mt. Carmel. It is in his spirit that the precursor of the Lord was to come. And Elisha dared to ask for a *double* portion of his spirit. Elisha's request was very bold. Do you ask bold things of God? Do you have the confidence to ask big things of God? The Lord is generous and wants a heart big enough to ask for things in accord with his desire to grant them.

Day 17: Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-7 **Theme:** Isaiah **Symbol:** Burning Coals
In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above; each of them had six wings: with two they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they hovered. One cried out to the other: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke. Then I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember which he had taken with tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth with it. "See," he said, "now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged."

Reflection: The glory of the Lord shines forth in the depth of things. Whenever we can see deeper than the mere appearance we can experience God's glory, as in the Eucharist or in the smile and laughter of a baby. The glory of the Lord indeed fills the earth, are you looking for it today?

Day 18: Scripture: Matthew 12:39-40 **Theme:** Jonah **Symbol:** Whale

[Jesus] said to them in reply, "An evil and unfaithful generation seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. Just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights."

Reflection: Most of us know what it is like to be swallowed up in some darkness. Whether grief at the loss of friends and family, failure at a job or project, or the pain of a relationship lost, or a loved one who has abandoned us, the darkness may well feel like being caught in the belly of Jonah's whale. How did we get here, and how do we get out? Jesus knows this darkness too. He descended into the heart of the earth and descends into any heart experiencing darkness to bring his life, his light, his resurrection. Do you call out to Jesus in times of darkness, doubt or confusion? Jonah's time in the darkness led him to greater wisdom and understanding. Might your times of darkness be the same?

Day 19: Scripture: Jeremiah 14:17 **Theme:** Jeremiah **Symbol:** Tears
Therefore thou shalt say this word unto them; Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease: for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow.

Reflection: Tears manifest the disposition of a person. When Peter heard the cock crow after he had denied Christ three times he shed tears. He was contrite of heart. This was practically missing in Judas who went and committed suicide. Christ's coming is so near, the demand for sincere and heart felt tears night and day is high. Christ needs a living tabernacle in which to dwell. He was denied at the inn and animals accepted and shared with him their abode. He is asking for a suitable dwelling place.

Day 20: Scripture: Luke 1:57 **Theme:** Elizabeth **Symbol:** Mother and Child
When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son.

Reflection: To every event or problem that exists on earth, there is usually an appointed time for the event to occur or for the problem to be solved. To many that doubt the power of God, a baby in the hands of the elder and infertile Elizabeth could be at best described as a dream or a mirage. But it is real, God has done it; her shame is gone. Those who were laughing at her, now have no choice but to laugh with her. To many who are in agony waiting on God for a favor, your appointed time will come. It calls for patience and an attentive listening to God.

Day 21: Scripture: Matthew 3: 1-3 **Theme:** John the Baptist **Symbol:** Sea Shell
In those days John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea [and] saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: "A voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'"

Reflection: Before a major event takes place or special guest comes to visit, there is usually some form of preparation to be done. Our long expected Visitor is close by. He is comfortable with places that are low. He yearns to be accommodated in hearts that stay low. John the Baptist is therefore asking a room for him, because we have a lot to gain if he finds a suitable abode in us. A critical self examination is needed to check areas in our spiritual life that need finishing touches in preparation.