

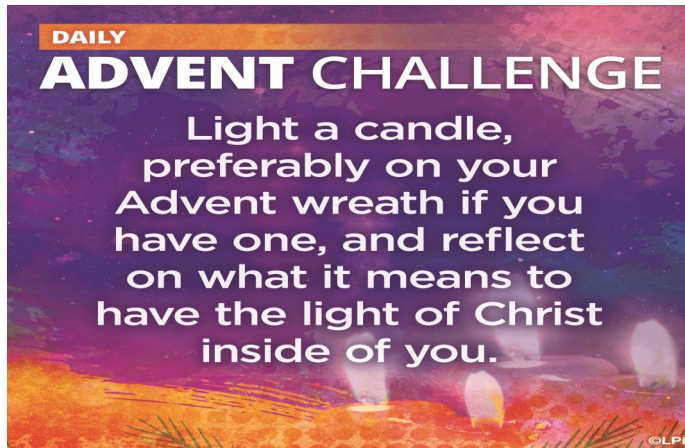
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a second collection on today for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Envelopes are provided. Please give generously.

Two more volunteers are needed to form an Evangelization Committee for Intentional Discipleship as set forth by our Bishop. There will be a workshop in Long Beach in February. Please email Fr. Ken or Fr. Lalo or see Charo to sign up or leave a message and either will send you the packet and get you registered for the workshop.

Please note the Christmas Mass Schedules for Sacred Heart and Holy Rosary in the vestibule.

*Parish Center remains under renovation. December plans deferred until completion.*



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### *November Collection Report*

November 4: \$2248.00  
November 11: \$2241.57  
November 18: \$638; \$20 Human Dev, \$250 Building Fund-Catholic Charities  
November 25: \$359.05

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 9, 2018



Luke borrows the imagery from Isaiah as he introduces us to John the Baptist, the cousin of Jesus and the one who begins preparing people for the coming of the Prince of Peace. He is a pioneering figure, hearing God's word and springing into action, going out in the entire region to proclaim baptism for forgiveness of sins. The list of important persons of the day that starts this Gospel passage situates John within the culture and the age.

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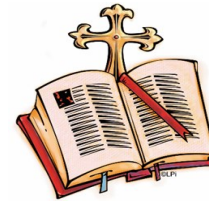
**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**  
*December 9, 2018 2nd Sunday of Advent*

"In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar...and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee...and Lysanias was tetrarch of..." Did you need to pinch yourself awake during the first few lines of this Sunday's Gospel? John the Baptist received quite a prelude today as Luke described the religious and political leadership of the time period. Scripture is divinely inspired, and we believe that everything that made it into the Bible is there for a reason. These lines remind us of an important truth. The Christmas story isn't a fairy tale or nursery rhyme. It's not a parable we say to give meaning to the holiday. At Christmas, God's presence is made tangible in a precise moment in time. The birth of Christ is a historical event. As precursor to Jesus' preaching, the ministry of John the Baptist is also a historical event.

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John's call to repentance and the forgiveness of sins happened in a particular time and place. But that does not mean it is limited to first century Palestine! God continues to move in our daily lives. What we hear in today's Gospel - and what we anticipate at Christmas - occurs in our daily lives. God works in concrete ways in time and space. He did that 2,000 years ago, and He continues to do so today!

This Sunday, examine your own Christmas preparations. Is there anything you need to repent of before the Christmas season? Are there low points in your life, valleys to "be filled" by the love of God? Are their mountainous obstacles in your spiritual life? How can they be "made low"? Are you making decisions that have moved you away from God? This Advent season is the time for them to "be made straight and ? made smooth." Prepare the way in your heart for Christ today!

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## Readings for the week of December 9, 2018

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6  
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26  
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14  
Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15  
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19  
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18



**December 9, 2018**  
**Holy Rosary Parish**  
**December 11, 2018**  
**Catholic Extension-Donor**

Date	Commentator	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
DEC 09	Nikki	Dominique	Shirley, Arthur
DEC 16	Shirley	Charo	Voncille, Dominique
DEC 23	Dominique	Nikki	Nikki, Shirley

### Alter Servers

DEC 09	Townsend, Adam
DEC 16	Raider, AJ
DEC 23	Ameze, Townsend

