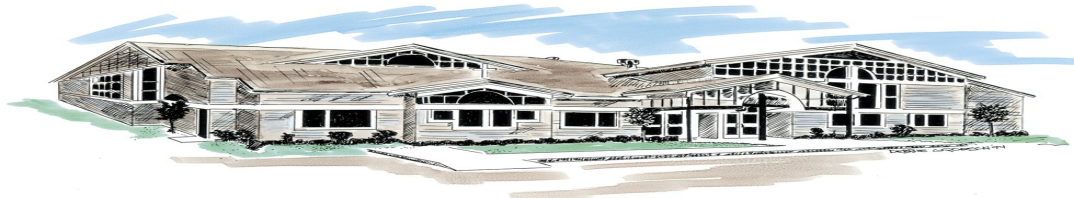


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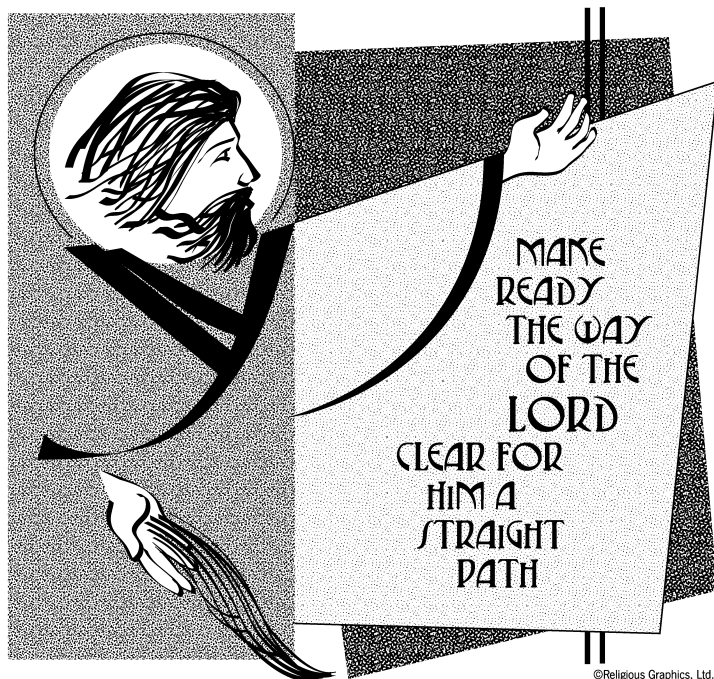
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## The Second Sunday of the Season of Advent

December 5, 2021

All flesh will see  
the salvation of our God!



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Mon- Fri, 9 am  
Sat, 5 pm  
Sun, 8:30 am & 11 am



Mass is livestreamed on Facebook  
weekdays, Sat 5 pm, & Sun 11 am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat 3- 4 pm or by appointment.

### Mission Statement

*There are different ministries, but the same Lord.  
You then are the Body of Christ.  
Everyone of you is a member of it.*  
1 Corinthians 12:5 & 27

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# This Week at Holy Cross

## Mon Dec. 6

9 am- Mass

## Tue Dec. 7

9 am- Mass

6:00 pm- Parish Reconciliation Service

## Wed Dec 8

9 am- Mass

5:30 pm- RCIA

7:00 pm- Christmas Choir rehearsal

## Thu Dec. 9

9 am- Mass

## Fri Dec 10

Parish Office Closed

9 am- Mass

## Sat Dec 11

1 pm- Legion of Mary

3-4 pm - Confessions

5 pm- Mass

6-6:15 pm- Dist. of Holy Communion

## Sun Dec 12

8:30 am- Mass

9:45-10:45am- Faith Formation & Confessions

11 am- Mass Offered for the People of the Parish

12-12:15 pm- Dist. of Holy Communion

## SAVE

## THE DATE!

Our parish's first

Synod meeting:

January 23, 2022

immediately following  
the 11am Mass



## Readings for Dec 12, 2021

### Third Sunday of Advent

#### Zephaniah 3:14-18a

*The Lord will rejoice over you with gladness.*

#### Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

*Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*

#### Philippians 4:4-7

*The Lord is near.*

#### Luke 3:10-18

*What should we do?*

## Reflection

This reading is an ancient pump-up speech that, like the first part of the gospel, give us context. We encounter today's gospel after being reminded here that God is on our side, and we are ultimately going to win. The readings are building the scene for the coming of Christ.

### All His Paths Make for Peace

[L]et us hear what the Voice of the Word calls to us, so that one day we may progress from the Voice to the Word. "Prepare the way of the Lord," he says, "make straight his paths" [cf. Isa 40:3]. They prepare the way who amend their lives; they make straight the paths who direct their footsteps along the narrow way. An amended life is certainly the straight road by which the Lord, who in this very conversion is already there before us, may come to us. . . . For unless he who is the Life, the Truth and the Way anticipates his own advent to us, our way cannot be corrected according to the model of truth, and so cannot be directed to the way of eternity.

By what does one correct her or his way, if not by observing the Lord's words, if not by following in the footsteps of him who made himself the Way by which we might come to him?

O that my ways may be directed to keeping your ways, O Lord, so that because of the words from your lips I may follow even difficult ways. And if they should seem hard to the flesh that is weak they will seem sweet and pleasant to the spirit if it is resolute. "His ways are pleasant ways and all his paths make for peace," says the inspired writer [Prov 3:17]. The ways of Wisdom are not only at peace, they bring peace.

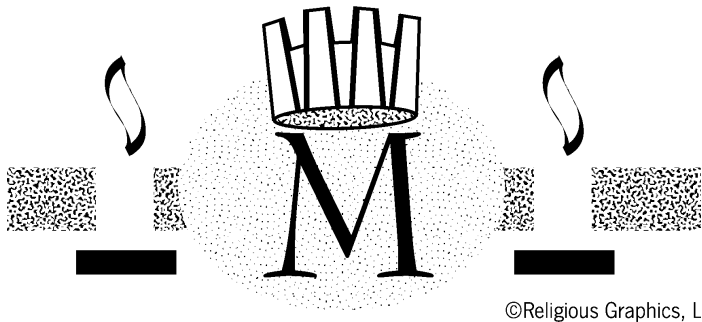
Bd. Guerric of Igny, adapted from a Sermon for Advent

*Guerric of Igny (ca. 1070–1157) was educated in the humanities and theology. An esteemed and seasoned scholar, he was encouraged to enter monastic life by Bernard of Clairvaux. He was elected abbot of Igny in 1138.*

## On the way home from Mass...

Many important people are named in today's Gospel. They correspond, in a way, to today's leaders. Who is the governor of your state? The bishop of your (arch)diocese? The priests and staff members in your parish? Like John the Baptist, we must continue to prepare the way for Jesus in our day and pray for our leader that they do the same.





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### Immaculate Conception Holy Day

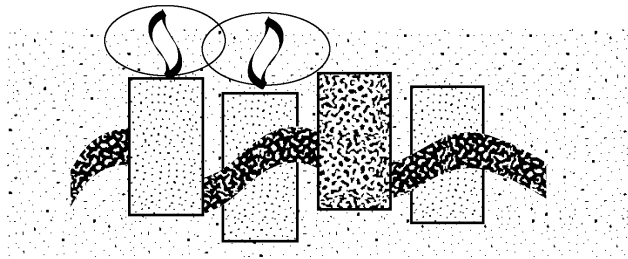
“O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!” **Mass times:** Dec. 8 at 9am and 7pm.

### Reconciliation Services

Dec. 5, 9:45-10:45am  
 Dec. 7, 6-7pm  
 Dec. 12, 9:45-10:45am  
 Most Saturdays, 3-4pm

### Parish Reconciliation Service: Dec. 7

5:30pm: Dinner & Orientation (optional)  
 6:00pm: Reconciliation Service & Eucharistic Adoration



### Christmas Mass

Dec 24, 5pm and Midnight

Dec 25, 8:30am\* and 11am

\*Covid safety precautions taken- space limited

### Service Project: Giving Tree (thru Dec. 19)

The annual Giving Tree is sponsored by three Confirmation students (Emilia, Maddie, and Cove). This year’s items include basic hygiene and household items for shelters throughout Anchorage. Please take a few ornaments and bring your donation (*unwrapped!*) to the parish by Dec. 19.

### Outreach Project (hosted by Youth Ministry)

Open to all parishioners! Dec. 14: dinner at 5:30pm (optional; RSVP by noon on 12/14 via call/text to 306-9363). 6-7pm: gift wrapping & cards for visitors and new members of our parish at Christmas Mass.



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### Faith Formation

**Dec. 12:** K-5 and parents in Family Session, 6+ in classrooms

**Dec. 19:** Christmas Party (all grades in Family Session)

### Poinsettia Season!

Art & Environment members will sell \$10 coupons for Bell’s Nursery poinsettia plants. These poinsettias are beautiful and reasonable. Visit either Bell’s store to choose your plants.



Profits fund flowers for our sanctuary for Christmas. Coupons are on sale after all Masses or call Marilyn Kerr at 441-3082.

Ministry Schedule for next week (Dec 11/12)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM of Communion	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Anna Schulten (musicians & choir walk-ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Shannon Moorhead Dave Alzheimer	Julie Spalding	Duane Roering Jess Manaois Jerica Manaois
Sun 8:30 am	Lead instrumentalist needed. To volunteer, call Sheila: 250-6234	N/A	N/A	Alice Garrod	Isty Hlasny	Robin Wittrock Marie Wittrock
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (musicians & choir walk-ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Joslyn Childs	Gigi Gueco	Theresa Mitchell Teresa Cortes Mary Anne Green



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- Altar Servers** - Jess Manaos: 230-9418
- Art & Environment** - Marilyn Kerr: 346-1624
- Baked Goods** - Joan Karcz: 344-0168
- Blessed Sacrament Monastery** - Sandon Broek: 947-9168
- Clare House** - Leslie Holland: 770-0847
- Faith Formation** - Anna Schulten: 306-9363
- Church Maintenance** - Mike Likar: 529-9015
- Eucharistic Ministers** - John Hoppe: 350-7580
- Finance** - Greg Magee: 575-3197
- Habitat for Humanity** - John & Anita Roberts: 344-7144
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- Knights of Columbus** - James Hogins: 229-3163
- Lawn and Garden** - Kirsten Hoppe: 248-1653
- Legion of Mary** - Mercy Acheson: 223-4822
- Library** - Debi Wickler: 952-1879
- Music Ministry** - Sheila Soukup: 250-6234
- Prayer Chain** - Joan Gillis: 346-3147
- Readers** - Jason Hlasny: 242-6655
- RCIA** - Sandon Broek: 947-9168
- Sacristan** - Matthew Williams: 562-0188
- Snow Plowing** - Vince Garrouette: 522-3647
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**Online Giving**

To sign up for consistent online giving please visit [holycrossalaska.net/give](http://holycrossalaska.net/give)

<b>TITHING UPDATE</b>			
<i>How did we do last week in meeting our weekly offertory goal?</i>			
Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$	6,577	
Weekly Tithing Period:		11/22-28/2021	
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	1,962	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-	
Online Giving:	\$	2,856	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,818</b>	
Over /(Under) Goal:	\$	(1,759)	
Actual vs. Goal (%):		73.3%	
<b>Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison:</b>			
<i>Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY22 YTD Period</i>			
FY22 YTD Period: 7/1/2021 to 09/30/2021			
FY22 YTD Complete (%):		25.0%	
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2022:	\$	342,000	
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	86,210	
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	85,500	
Over /(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	710	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):		25.2%	
<b>Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY22 YTD Period</b>			
FY22 YTD Period: 7/1/2021 to 09/30/2021			
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	46,831	54.3%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	100	0.1%
Online Giving:	\$	39,279	45.6%
2021 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates):	\$	-	0.0%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>86,210</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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