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| SATURDAY | DECEMBER 7 |
| 9:00AM | St. Mary's |
| 4:00PM | Hugh and Edna McLaughlin & family |
| SUNDAY | DECEMBER 8 |
| 7:30AM | Mass of Thanksgiving for the Semexant Family |
| 9:00AM | Parishioners of St. Bernadette |
| 11:00AM | Jared Castillo Chavez (15th Anniversary) |
| MONDAY | DECEMBER 9 |
| | Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| TUESDAY | DECEMBER 10 |
| 9:00AM | Marguerite Frazier (3rd Anniversary) |
| WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 11 |
| 9:00AM | St. Mary's |
| THURSDAY | DECEMBER 12 |
| 9:00AM | St. Mary's |
| FRIDAY | DECEMBER 13 |
| 9:00AM | Joanne and William Dutczak, Sr. |
| SATURDAY | DECEMBER 14 |
| 9:00AM | St. Mary's |
| 4:00PM | Jim Donahoe (12th Anniversary) |
| SUNDAY | DECEMBER 15 |
| 7:30AM | Mass of Thanksgiving for Joseph Giovanni Lefils |
| 9:00AM | Mary Tien Vu |
| 11:00AM | Raymond Van Tassel, Jr. |

COLLABORATIVE LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

St. Bernadette Parish

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
 Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am (Vietnamese), 11:00am
 Daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Friday at 9:00am

St. Mary Parish

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
 Sunday Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am, 11:30am
 Daily Mass: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday at 9:00am

December 9th -

Feast of the Immaculate Conception:

Since December 8th is on a Sunday this year, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on Monday, December 9th. It is not a Holyday of Obligation this year; however, Mass will be at 9:00am at St. Bernadette Chapel.

Given the importance of our Blessed Mother Mary in salvation history, it would be wonderful to attend Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and pray to Mary in a special way on this day for world peace and other prayerful concerns.

For your spiritual reflections —

The meaning of Advent:

Advent is an invitation to set things right with God and to prepare ourselves for God. Advent is a time when we try to respond to God's Plan for us. Advent is a good time to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. Advent is a season to ready ourselves to receive the divine light by concentrating on ways to focus on the Lord and help others to do the same.

Parish Support

Collections

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| 4:00PM | | \$ 2,215.90 |
| 7:30AM | | \$ 791.75 |
| 9:00AM | | \$1,692.15 |
| 11:00AM | | \$ 617.45 |
| | Total | \$5,317.25 |

Capital Improvement \$1,971.90

The Collaborative Annual Report is available on the Parish website. Please take the time to see the progress we are making.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - DECEMBER

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| 12/08/19 | Monthly Maintenance |
| 12/15/19 | Energy Needs |
| 12/22/19 | Parish Outreach |
| 12/29/19 | Catholic Schools Assistance |

Christmas Flower Envelopes . . .



can be found on the tables at the entrances to the church for anyone who would like to donate to our Christmas flower/wreath fund in memory of a loved one.

Drop in any collection basket, or send it to the Parish Office. Names will be published in a special Christmas flower booklet. Please send in your donations by Sunday, December 15th.



Please remember the souls of

*Mary Cardile
 and
 Laura E. Smith*

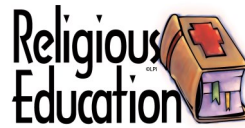
May they rest in eternal peace.

Pastor's Message

Reflections on the Second Sunday of Advent:

The call of Isaiah the prophet for justice and the call of John the Baptist for repentance point to the power and the righteousness of the baby Jesus born at Christmas. Please notice how both the Old and the New Testament speak about the importance of repentance. How ready are we for the coming of Jesus, the Prince of Peace? Isaiah the prophet speaks of judgment, which anticipates the birth of an all-powerful God, John the Baptist prepared the way for the entrance of Jesus. John the Baptist was speaking about a baptism of repentance which leads to the forgiveness of sins. Who are our messengers who bring us to Jesus, and who do we seek to bring to Jesus? Our messengers might challenge us or they might show us Jesus by the love and kindnesses they show to others. The kingdom of God is at hand. Jesus invites us to recognize our sins, change our hearts, seek forgiveness, and grow closer to the Lord. When we reflect upon the word of God, we realize that the word of God leads us to healing and forgiveness. When we hear the Word of God Jesus, we know that God is the source of compassion. It is a difficult journey in our hearts sometimes to discover the deeper dimensions of God's love. Can we look at others with the compassionate love of God, the God of hope? Jesus' coming challenges us to look at who we are as a people of faith, hope, and love. God expects us to participate in the building of His Kingdom by our willingness to repent and be reconciled with all people. We are called to accept one another as Jesus has accepted us for the glory of God and to work to build up the kingdom of God. May our prayer be that Jesus will continue to strengthen us with His grace to be such people of faith, hope, and love. How blessed we are to be called God's children.

Reflection on the Sacrament of Reconciliation:
One of the ways that we prepare for the coming of Jesus is seeking reconciliation both in sacrament and in relationship. All of us would do well to consider the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation. When we fail to seek forgiveness, poisons have a way of building up inside of ourselves and coming out in ways that we not even know. The choice to receive, give, or seek forgiveness is ours. Forgiveness is a way of the heart and a true gift of the heart. God is always there ready to forgive us. Advent is a time to realize that one of the essential elements of forgiveness is self-forgiveness. Self-forgiveness is much more than just dismissing what happened as it is an honest evaluation, accountability, a self-acceptance and a desire to change. God stands ready to help in the sacrament of reconciliation. This may enable a person to be and feel happier and more self-fulfilled. I encourage all of us to look at the people and places in our lives that need reconciliation and make use of the sacrament of reconciliation as well.



Classes will be held this Sunday, December 8th for grades 1-8 and next Sunday, December 15th.

Next class for Confirmation (grades 9 and 10) will be held on Sunday, December 15th.

Annual Sock Drive



During Advent, we are asking for donations of new pairs of men's socks.

These socks will be Christmas wrapped and brought to the MainSpring Shelter in Brockton. There will be drop-off boxes at the Church, the Chapel, and also at Religious Education Center.

Thank you for your participation.



ADVENT GIVING FOR THE NEEDY AT CHRISTMAS

This year we are requesting that you donate gift cards in the decorated box labeled **GIFT CARDS FOR THE NEEDY**, which will be located in the back of the church.

Please donate whatever gift cards you can by Sunday, December 15th; so they will be able to purchase what they need for Christmas. If you prefer to donate cash, please put in an envelope and insert in the slot. We will use the cash to purchase certificates. Thank you.



IN SUPPORT OF THOSE WHO SERVE IN OUR MILITARY



We continue to offer our prayers of safety and support to: Sailor William Asomugha, USN serving as a Power Plant Mechanic in Nas Lemoore, California; Xavier Bransfield, Seaman, US Navy, serving in Norfolk, Virginia; M.Sgt. Thomas Brennan, USMC, serving in Afghanistan; Casey Grindle, USMC, serving in Camp Pendleton; ITS3 Christopher Grinnell, U. S. Navy, serving in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Staff Sargent Cornelius Ijezie serving in Germany; 2nd Lieutenant Peter Roffo, U. S. Army, serving in Colorado Springs; Major Kevin M. Ryan, U. S. Army; Technical Sargent James Sferrazza, serving with the Air Force Reserves at Westover Air Force Base, and Justin Yankauskas, Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class, serving in Norfolk, Virginia.

THE SISTERS' CLUB

Ladies of St. Bernadette and St. Mary Parishes

We would love to have you join us on:

Tuesday, December 10th from 10:00am until 12:30pm at

St. Bernadette's Religious Ed. Building
(across from the church).