

The Lewis County Catholic Times

A Weekly Bulletin for Saint Patrick Catholic Church, Weston, West Virginia

Established 1848

"As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgement to the Son, because He is the Son of man.

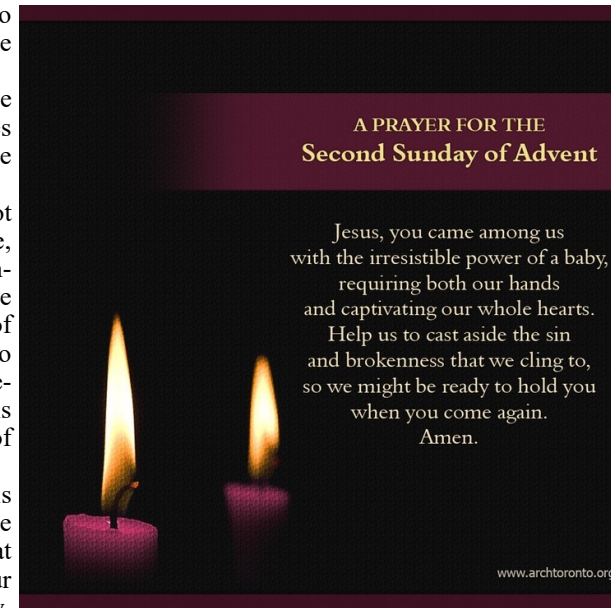
"And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behavior in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will

be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity.

"Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to

A PRAYER FOR THE Second Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you came among us with the irresistible power of a baby, requiring both our hands and captivating our whole hearts. Help us to cast aside the sin and brokenness that we cling to, so we might be ready to hold you when you come again.
Amen.



asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ." — Benedict XVI

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Second Sunday of Advent

Jesus referred John as "My messenger" who prepared the "way". John now wanted his disciples to realize that they, too, must follow Christ in this "way". Only through the same Jesus Christ, the long expected Savior, will the "blind" of soul "see;" the "lame" of character "walk;" the "lepers" of sin become "cleansed;" the "poor" become rich with a new Gospel. (Red figures in picture indicate the blind, the lame, the leper.)

The Epistle points to these interior and social aspects of the "Christ" way: interiorly, by prayer, to "glorify" the Fatherhood of God; socially by our actions, to "receive one another" in the Brotherhood of Man, "even as Christ has received you."

Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood



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FOR GENERAL INFORMATION—Call 304-924-5610 or the Church Office-304-269-3048.

COME CELEBRATE the BIRTH of CHRIST!

Weekly Devotions

Wednesday

5:00p Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

5:20p Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena

5:45p Benediction

Friday

(When students are present.)

9:00a Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:30a Benediction

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday, 6:00 p.m.,
Sunday, 9:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m. (Latin)

Reconciliation:

Wednesday and Saturday, 5:00pm,
Sunday, 8:45 & 11:45 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

M, T, Th, F, 8:15 a.m. Wed., 6:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday, 5:00 to 5:45p.m.
Friday, 9:00 to 9:30a.m.

**(See Weekly Schedule for any
changes to times or location!)**

Religious Education

CCD and Sacramental Prep
Sunday, 8:30—9:15, school
Introduction to Catholicism/RCIA
Sunday, 8:30—9:15, parish office

Parish Office Hours:

- Sunday, 10:30 - 12:30
- Monday, 9 - 4
- Tuesday, 9 - 4
- Wednesday, 9 - 1
- Thursday, 1 - 8
- Friday, 9 - 1

Prayer Chain:

Micki Snyder, 304 269-3688
or 304 476-8819

Bulletin Deadline

Announcements for the Lewis County
Catholic Times must be submitted by
4pm on Tuesday. Email submissions to:
secretary@spchurchweston.net.

The challenge of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Bishop Robert Barron

How wonderful that Our Lady of Guadalupe appears as a pregnant woman clothed in the sun! In the book of Revelation, Mary is described in just this manner (Rev 12:1). But we should not approach this symbolism in a superficial or merely sentimental way. The woman clothed in the sun and with the moon at her feet is portrayed in Revelation precisely as a warrior. Confronting her is a terrible dragon intent upon devouring her child as soon as it is born. Through God's grace, the child is in fact delivered from danger, but the dragon is furious, sending a torrent of water from its mouth to sweep the mother and child away. In the wake of the child's birth, moreover, a war breaks out in heaven between the dragon and Michael and his angels.

The Lady of Tepeyac is a warrior as well. To Juan Diego she said, "I am the ever Virgin Mary, Mother of the True God." In so saying, she was actively de-throning and delegitimizing any false claimant to that title. Standing in front of the sun and upon the moon, with the stars of heaven arrayed on her cloak, the Lady was showing her superiority to the cosmic elements worshipped by the Aztecs. The gods in question were blood-thirsty divinities, sanctioning imperialistic war and demanding human sacrifice. Mary announced herself as the mother of a God who demanded no violence, and who instead took upon himself, as an act of love, all of the violence of the world. She was thereby effectively calling out the false gods in the name of the true God.

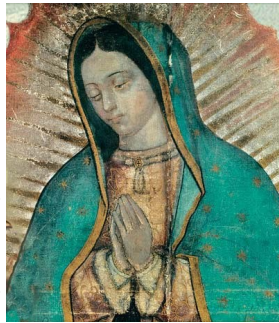
To be clear, in condemning the gods worshipped by the Aztecs I am by no means

exonerating the Spaniards, who committed numerous atrocities and visited tremendous suffering upon the native peoples of the New World. Read the impassioned writings of the Dominican Friar

Bartolomé de Las Casas for the terrible details. Far too rare were Spaniards who were actually faithful to the God whom Christianity authentically proclaimed.

What followed the apparition at Tepeyac is, of course, one of the most astounding chapters in the history of Christian evangelism. Though Franciscan missionaries had been laboring in Mexico for twenty years, they had made little progress. But within ten years of the appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe, practically the entire Mexican people, nine million strong, converted to Christianity. La Morena had proved a more effective evangelist than Peter, Paul, St. Patrick, and St. Francis Xavier combined! And with that great national conversion, human sacrifice came to an end. She had done battle with fallen spirits and had won a culture-changing victory for the God of love.

The challenge for us who honor her today is to join the same fight. We do not sufficiently engage this great feast if we simply wonder at a marvelous event from long ago. We must announce to our culture today the truth of the God of Israel, the God of Jesus Christ, the God of non-violence and forgiving love. And we ought, like La Morena, to be bearers of Jesus to a world that needs him more than ever.



Deck the Halls

We will decorate the sanctuary with "poinsettia trees" during this Christmas season. All donations collected in the "Christmas flower" envelopes will be used to purchase these flowers. Poinsettias are \$15.00. If you do not have envelopes, you can still contribute by contacting the parish office at 304 269-3048 or by putting a check in the collection basket with **Christmas flowers** in the memo line.

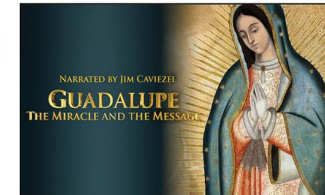
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Guadalupe

The Miracle and the Message

Explore the Marian
Event that Transformed
the World

Over the course of four days in 1531, the Virgin Mary appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego and ignited an extraordinary transformation of the Americas. This gripping film explores the beautiful mystery and ongoing relevance of Our Lady's apparition at Guadalupe.



Also available in Spanish!



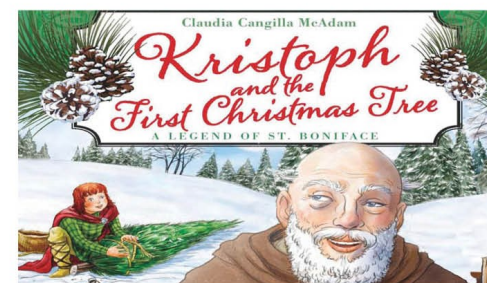
"So much of this documentary has helped me understand Our Lady of Guadalupe. I was moved to pray the rosary after watching this."

—Letty M., Virginia Beach, VA

Watch on [formed.org](https://www.formed.org)



FORMED KIDS' KORNER



Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree

How Did the Tradition of Evergreen Trees
in Homes Get Started?

A boy accompanies a brave priest, whose kindness and courage convert violent pagans in ancient Germany. With one stroke of an axe, the tradition of bringing evergreens into the home at Christmastime begins!

This Week's Liturgical Calendar

Saturday— December 9

Saint Juan Diego, Cuauhtlatatzin

5:00p Confessions

6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †Mike Rafferty by Sue and James Rafferty

Sunday — December 10

SUN SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:45a Confessions

9:30a Mass for People of the Parish

11:45a Confessions

12:30p Mass (Latin) for †Josephine Paul by Robert D'Aurora
Second Sunday of Advent

Monday — December 11

Saint Damasus I, Pope

8:15a Mass for †Olive Karp by Rue and Diana Thompson

Tuesday — December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:15a Mass for †Intentions of the Donor

Wednesday — December 13

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

5:05p Confessions

6:00p Mass for †Margaret Shea by Joe, Jack, and John McLaughlin

Thursday — December 14

Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:15a Mass for †Davita Kisner by Junior and Veronica Brumley

Friday — December 15

Friday of the Second Week of Advent

8:15a Mass for †Alice Murray by Mary Ellen Lydon

Saturday— December 16

Saturday of the Second Week of Advent

5:00p Confessions

6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for Sr. Eileen by the Pascasio family

Sunday — December 17

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:45a Confessions

9:30a Mass for People of the Parish

11:45a Confessions

12:30p Mass (Latin) for †Msgr. Daniel O'Connor
Third Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS: Please contact the parish office or use one of the envelopes in the vestibule to schedule your Mass Intentions.

Liturgical Calendar for the Traditional Latin Mass During the Week

12/11	Saint Damasus I, Pope & Confessor
12/12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
12/13	Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
12/14	Feria of Advent
12/15	Feria of Advent
12/16	St. Eusebius, Bishop & Martyr

Annual Collection Drives

Food, Toys, Hats, Gloves, Mittens, Scarves and Coats

The school is collecting new or gently used toys, new gloves, hats, mittens and scarves. The Knights of Columbus are collecting new or gently used coats. These items will be given to Our Neighbor.

The Catholic Daughters, church, school and Knights of Columbus are collecting food for our Christmas food baskets. Last year 22 baskets were given to families who needed extra help during the Christmas season. Donations for the food baskets can be left in the church, school or parish office before Fri., Dec. 15. This allows plenty of time for the food to be sorted and needed items purchased by the Catholic Daughters. Suggested items for the food drive are:

- breakfast foods (pancake mix, syrup)
- canned fruits, vegetables, soups, and meats
- stuffing mixes
- instant potatoes
- pasta sauces and pasta
- desserts (cake and brownie mixes, gelatin and pudding)
- peanut butter, jelly, mayo, mustard, ketchup
- hot chocolate mix

Boxes for all items will be place in the church vestibule for your convenience. If you are making a large donation you can call the parish office to arrange a drop off time that is more convenient.

Helping Year Round

Donations for the backpack food program can be made at any time. You can purchase food and bring to the parish office or you can make a monetary donation through the church. To receive tax credit for your donation, please include your name, address and phone number with your donation.

Our local coordinator is working with the Lewis County Family Resource Network to purchase food items at a reduced cost so we get more “bang for our buck.” This year, we are supplying 67 bags to students at Robert Bland Middle School.

The following items are collected continually at our church.

- Snack food items for our back-pack food program.
- Box tops, Coke reward points for the school.
- Can tabs for Ronald McDonald House.
- Old towels, sheets, and blankets for animal rescues, shelters, and vet offices.
- Used ink cartridges
- (Rinsed) aluminum cans
- NEW socks collected by the Catholic Daughters to be donated to homeless shelters.

Parish Membership & Benefits:

To be considered an “active” member of the parish (and thus eligible for Sacraments, sponsor eligibility, and the “Catholic tuition” rate at St. Patrick’s School), the parish takes into account family & individual involvement in parish life and ministries, and Mass attendance. Mass attendance is only able to be tracked accurately via collection envelopes. If you are not receiving envelopes currently, please contact the parish office. Parishioners over 18 are encouraged to register as their own household to help us keep records accurate and up-to-date.

32nd Annual Lewis County Christmas Dinner

The 32nd Annual Lewis County Christmas Dinner is Sunday, December 25, from 10am to 2pm at the Lewis County Senior Citizens Center on West Second Street. A delicious traditional meal of turkey, ham, and all the trimmings is the menu.

Dine in, carry out, or have your dinner delivered to you. To place an order, call 304-884-6789 and please leave a message.

Volunteers are needed for Dec. 24 and Christmas Day for food preparation, serving, and cleanup. Drivers are needed for delivery to the those who can’t make it out. To volunteer call Ella Clem at 304-269-4028.

Donations of desserts may be dropped off at the Senior Center on December 24 from 12pm to 3pm.

The Lewis County Christmas Dinner is staffed entirely by volunteers and funded by donations. If you wish to make a monetary donation, make checks payable to: Lewis County Christmas Dinner, and mail them to PO Box 1012, Weston, WV 26452.

Names Needed for Christmas Food Baskets

If you know someone who could benefit from a food basket this Christmas, please call the parish office at 304-269-3048. Please ask the person or family if it is okay before adding their name to the list. Please do not add someone who is already receiving a food basket from another church or organization. By doing this, we are able to help more people who otherwise might be overlooked.

When you call the office, please have the following information available:

- Family name
- Family size (broken down by the number of adults and kids)
- A contact number for the family
- Your name and phone number

If you add someone to the list, you are responsible for distributing the basket of food to them or for making sure they are able to pick up the basket themselves.

Scripture Readings—Week of Dec. 10, 2017

Monday (11)
Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday (12)
Zec 2:14-17; (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Wednesday (13)
Is 25:6-10a; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday (14)
Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13b; Mt 11:11-15
Friday (15)
Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; .Mt 11:16-19
Saturday (16)
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday (16)
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; (Ps) Lk 1:46-40, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 16, 2017
Servers: Hunter and Joseph Blake, Hayden Barnette
Reader: Deanna Pascasio
EMHC: Anna Lee and Mike Determan, Margaret Blake
Cantor: Rudy Pascasio

Sunday, December 17, 2017
Servers: Jack Paugh, Dylan O’Sullivan, Lily Garton
Reader: Joe Flesher
EMHC: Steve Corley, Paul Derico, Marissa Aman
Cantor: Joe Derico

December Rosary Leaders:
Saturday: Margaret Blake
Sunday: Micki Snyder

December Linens: Melissa Allison
Dec. Funeral Greeters: Mary Wagoner and Mary Ellen Rittenhouse

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

9 Sat: 7pm, Choir Practice, choir loft
11 Mon:7pm, Advent Penance service
12 Tue: Angel Tree gifts deadline
12 Tue: 6pm, SoulCore, cafeteria
14 Thu: 6pm, Pastoral Council meeting, parish meeting room
14 & 15: St. Patrick Church ringing the bell at CVS
16 Sat: 7pm, Choir Practice, choir loft
21 Thu: 7pm, School Christmas pageant, gym
23 Sat: 7pm, Choir Practice, choir loft
26 Tue: 6pm, SoulCore, cafeteria
29 Fri: Christmas Festival Orchestra and Chorus, Clay Center, Morgantown

Weekly Attendance & Collection

Saturday:	105
Sunday:	198
Latin Mass:	24
General:	\$4849.10
Loan:	\$325
School:	\$1673
Latin Mass:	\$277


Upcoming Second Collections

- Dec. 9 & 10: National Appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious
- Dec. 25: Catholic Charities of West Virginia

Parish Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- ♦ **Those who are sick:** Barbara Ables, Amanda Smith Burcham, Jimmy Butcher, James Carni, Steve Colburn, Rose Determan, Larry Dodson, Gerry Donaldson, Anita Droppleman, Robert Fealy, Seth Fishbaugh (Laura Determan’s cousin), Nathan Fisher, Carl Ford (Lynne Shaver’s step-dad), Mary Groover, Bobby Gill, Mandy Heater, Ed Hubbs, Jim Kerrigan, Shelly Kraus, Jeff Linger, Matt McCauley, Donna Moore, Mary Ann Murray, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, Tim Rinehart, Cathy Snuffer, Kinley Weaver, Jane White
- ♦ **Those who have died:** May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- ♦ **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**
- ♦ **All Military Personnel:** Alan Hamilton, Aaron Hamilton




Catholic Daughters of the Americas

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Knights Of Columbus

Christmas Cards Available



The Knights of Columbus have 28 boxes of Christmas cards available. Prices range from \$7 to \$12. Cards will be available after Mass in the vestibule for the next two weekends.



“I’m singing, I’m in a Store and I am Singing!”

Choir practice for our Christmas liturgies will take place on four Saturday evenings following the 6:00pm Mass. The next practice is scheduled for December 9, 2017. Please direct any questions regarding practice to Marilyn Bean or Jim Weber following weekend masses.

Funeral Arrangements for Connie (Tucci) Karnavas

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Weston at 10 a.m. on Monday, December 11, 2017 with Reverend James R. DeViese Jr. as celebrant. Interment will follow in the Machpelah Cemetery in Weston.

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