

**BULLETIN 12-07-2025**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Pastor's Message*

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

John the Baptist is an important figure in the gospel, especially during Advent when we listen to his message of repentance. A question may arise when we look at John the Baptist in today's gospel reading as he condemned the Pharisees and Sadducees (Mt.3:7-9). Why did he condemn them so violently when, after all, they were coming for baptism?

*To answer this question we should look at his message: "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." It was indeed an urgent message. For John, people had no more time; they needed to act, to repent immediately for the Kingdom was at hand. Because of the nature of his message, John expected people to be urgent and sincere in their approach to the Kingdom. In that context, John was able to see the reluctance and insincerity of the Pharisees and Sadducees. They came for baptism perhaps they felt that they were socially obliged to seek Baptism like others but they were reluctant to change.*

We need to understand that these two things are inseparable, repentance and change. John's message was heard by many people and found wide acceptance. It seems clear that most of those who approached John were conscious of the need for change and repentance in their lives. It was not the case of the Pharisees and Sadducees, their reluctance to change that brought about John's indignation.

*Change is central to our Christian*

*life. What Jesus calls us to do is a true conversion and he invites us to become new persons in him. We are called to leave off the things of this world and to model our lives according to the values of the Kingdom. And by changing ourselves we can change the world.*

Advent is a time for us to take the message of John seriously as we are to **Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand.**

May God bless us all!

**-Fr. Joe**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. This Monday, December 08, the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, there are three Masses: 7:00am and 12:00pm in English, 7:00pm in Spanish. Please come to worship the Lord.**
- 2. We are doing our annual Christmas toy drive for New Life Family Outreach (Pregnancy Center). There is a box in the rear of the church for collection. We are asking for toys and stocking and stockings stuffers for preschool through 6 years old. The deadline to deliver your donations is this Sunday December 7th. Thank you for your generosity!**
- 3. Ultreya CHRISTMAS PARTY! DeColores all Greensboro Area Cursillistas! Mark your calendars to attend our upcoming Christmas Party on Sunday afternoon,**

**December 14th, at St. Pius X in Greensboro. We will gather at 4:00 pm to celebrate with music, games, and delicious food. All Cursillistas, their families, and friends interested in Cursillo are invited. We hope to see many of you as we gather for an afternoon of fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ!**

4. **You are invited to a Christmas night movie this coming Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, after the 5PM Mass in the parish center. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.**
5. **Please continue to support our parish food pantry. We do need your help in order to bring food to the table of the needy for holiday celebrations. Thank you!**

### MASS INTENTIONS

12/06 Saturday 9:00 am + Karen Myers  
5:00 pm + Jesus Mena Lopez

12/07 Sunday 7:00 am + Rosario & Anthony Testa  
9:30 am + Deceased members of  
The Kusnyer Family  
12:00 pm + Tomas Ibarra Olvera

12/08 Monday NO MASS

12/09 Tuesday 7:00 am + Maria Huong & Vinhson Thanh

12/10 Wednesday 7:00 am + Giuse Vincente

12/11 Thursday 7:00 am + Maria Tuyet Nguyen

12/12 Friday 7:00 am + Tylese McAdoo

### NEXT WEEKEND

12/13 Saturday 5:00 pm + Deceased members of  
The Staub's Family

12/14 Sunday 7:00 am + Gregory, Ray & Lori Tirrell  
9:30 am + Gilbert Carter  
12:00 pm + Enrique Rivera

(+) Deceased (SI) Special Intention

**Advent Wreath Week Two:** After hundreds of years of silence, God spoke not through a prophet, but through an angel. Gabriel announced to Zachariah the birth of John the Baptist, then to Mary the birth of Jesus, and finally to Joseph. Joseph journeyed with Mary to Bethlehem, the City of David, after Caesar Augustus decreed a census. **Jesus is coming**

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

DECEMBER 8TH

*"From the first moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was, by the singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of Original Sin."*

*-Pope Pius IX*

**Next weekend's second collection** supports the **Retirement Fund for Religious**, which helps care for aging Catholic sisters, brothers, and priests who have dedicated their lives in service to the Church. Your generosity provides for their daily needs and ensures quality care in their later years. Thank you for giving in gratitude for their lifetime of faithful ministry.

### NEW LIFE FAMILY OUTREACH

This year our parish is doing a collection drive for New Life Family Outreach in High Point for Christmas. The purpose of the drive is to provide Christmas gifts for the moms to give to their children ages infant thru preschool.

**Suggested items: - Stockings - Toy for Infants - toys for toddlers to preschool - stuffed animals - games for babies and toddlers -small toys, treats - No puzzles please -**

There will be a box in the rear of the Church and in the Parish Hall All items must be brought in by this Sunday **December 7th**

**Thank You All for the Generosity  
God Bless Our Parish Family!**

*Let Us Pray For Our Parishioners...*

Johnny Apodaca  
Tracy Barber  
Gilbert Carter  
Angel M. Cuellas  
Marie Forbert  
Theresa French-R.  
Gio Ibarra Sanchez  
Amanda Garcia  
Mario Garcia  
Willa Graham  
Myles Harris  
Maria Hdz.  
Aber Johnson  
Jorge Lagueruel  
Deacon Larry Lisk  
Daisy Martinez  
Rosario Martinez  
Linda McKinney  
Felicia Murphy  
Nancy Nkwokolo  
Gladys Ozor  
Rosemary Peterson  
Hector Sanchez  
Maria G.Sanchez A.  
Gricelda Sanchez Paula Rodriguez  
Andrew Royster  
Mariane Smithh  
Venuste Tuyikunde

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

Regular Offertory:\$ 3,665.00  
2nd collection Hispanic Community:\$ 343.00  
Thanksgiving Day:\$ 354.00

Total: \$ 4,362.00

***THANK YOU!***

**UPCOMING**

Dec 9 Sons of Light: Monastic life of the Essenes  
7:30pm InstituteofCatholicCulture.org  
Dec 11 6:00pm Penance Service - OLH  
7:30pm Our Lady of Guadalupe- Conquest of  
Darkness — InstituteofCatholicCulture.org  
**Las Mañanitas**  
Dec 12 7:00pm Mass in Spanish Mañanitas with Mariachi  
**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**  
Dec 18 7:00pm Penance Service - IHM

**CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT**

**Saturday December 13th after the  
5PM Mass In the Parish Center**

**Knights of Columbus is  
sponsoring a Christmas movie.**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH AT 1PM IN  
THE PARISH CENTER**

**"K of C Free Throw Championship" for Boys & Girls ages  
9-14. Chance to go on to state championship**

**PRIESTS VS SEMINARIANS**

*Annual Showdown*

Charlotte Catholic High School  
Sunday, December 21st at 5:30pm  
All proceeds benefit Holy Angels!

***Are you struggling in your marriage?***

**RETROUVAILLE** (retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too, or a hurting couple you might know. To register for the upcoming **January 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>** weekend in Charlotte. Visit The Website AT [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)

**BIBLE STUDY** with

DEACON FRANCIS SKINNER will be on hiatus for the Holidays and will resume on **Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

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**- Urgent Parish Food Pantry  
Donations -**

\*Canned Fruit \*Peanut Butter \* Pasta Sauce  
\* Canned Pork & Beans \*1 lb boxes of pasta  
\*Saltines (or other crackers) \*Canned Vegetables  
\*Cookies \*Canned Soup

*No glass containers,  
No fresh food or outdated food, please.  
As always, we are grateful for  
monetary donations.*

***GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!***