


DECEMBER 8, 2019 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Covenant Community of Jesus the Good Shepherd



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Sister Parish – Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Diocese of Jeremie, Haiti



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	4:30 PM
Sunday	8:00 & 10:45 AM; 5:00 PM
Sunday Nursery	7:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m. (ages 4 mos—3 yrs).

(Please, no children in nursery without an adult)

Daily Mass (Chapel):

8:00 AM Tuesday-Saturday*

Mondays: Communion Service 8 AM

**unless otherwise noted in the bulletin*

Low gluten hosts are available in the priest's line at Communion time.

Reconciliation/Penance: Sat 3:00 PM –4:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Thursday | 8:30 a.m.-8:45 p.m.

(Sign up outside chapel)

If you have young children your thoughtful use of the Quiet Room during Mass is appreciated



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NEW TO PARISH? – To register, we invite you to the next New Members Meeting. See page 3 for dates and times. To receive a Sacrament or to be eligible to be a sponsor one must be registered and practicing the faith.

RCIA – We welcome adults interested in becoming Catholic into our RCIA program. Please contact the church office at 410-257-3810.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS - Usually held the third Sunday of each month following the last morning Mass. Please call the church office to register for the class. Catholic parents of the child to be baptized must be registered members of JGS. We welcome you to a New Members Meeting in advance. A Catholic godparent must be a registered and practicing Catholic, confirmed in writing by his or her proper pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - We rejoice with members who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Please contact our office at least **six months** in advance; otherwise, dates cannot be guaranteed. Please do not set a date before making Church arrangements first. Dates for weddings will not be arranged before a preliminary meeting.

JGS CEMETERY: Serves people of all faiths. Registered parishioners of Jesus the Good Shepherd, Jesus the Divine Word, and St. Anthony of Padua receive parish rates. Please call Catholic Cemeteries at 301-475-5005 or email: qop@ccaw.org.

MISSION STATEMENT: “We, the Roman Catholic Parish of the Covenant Community of Jesus the Good Shepherd, have chosen to serve the Lord by evangelizing through the virtues of Hospitality, Spirituality and Stewardship.”

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We look forward to seeing you at Mass again soon.

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We have over 70 ministries at JGS. We invite you to go to our website at ccjgs.org and click on the Ministries tab and then click on "Our Ministries" to see the complete listing.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



During Advent, we meet St. John the Baptist twice in our Sunday Scriptures. John is the great messenger of the Messiah, the one who proclaims to a waiting world that the promise of the ages has come to pass.

In order to recognize and accept the Messiah, John proclaims repentance. This repentance will mean turning away from the sins of the past, their stubbornness, and infidelity to the covenant.

This call to repentance is also directed to us in 2019! We are called to repent of whatever hinders us from receiving with our whole being the message of the Messiah, a message of peace, mercy and justice for all.

Let us pray. You, O God, have come to bring salvation to the nations. Hear our prayer as we receive your Son, our Savior and Messiah, and grant us the courage to live as faithful heralds of your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A blessed and joyful Advent!

Father Mike

Christmas begins with Christ



Weekend Mass Intentions for Dec 7-8, 2019	
4:30 PM Vigil	† For the deceased members of the William Barklage family at the request of Marilyn Taylor
8:00 AM	† David Kuhn, son of Lynn and Chuck Kuhn, at the request of Jo Kaputa
10:45 AM	† David Kuhn, son of Lynn and Chuck Kuhn, at the request of Barbara and John Hoff
5:00 PM	† Mary Naydan at the request of Cynthia and Joe Wagenhofer

Mass Intentions for December 9-14, 2019

Mon	12/9	8 AM	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Tues	12/10	8 AM	† Melinda D'Cruz, mother of Joyce Travers, on her birthday
Wed	12/11	8 AM	† Sister Pat Corbey at the request of Christine Veith
Thurs	12/12	8AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Fri	12/13	8 AM	† Lu Phalen and Florence Yoeman, on the anniversary of their deaths, at the request of Bill Phalen
CHA	12/13	9:30 AM	
Sat	12/14	8 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory

Ministry Schedule for Dec 14-15, 2019

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Greeters
4:30 PM Vigil	Sherbert/ Sherbert	Hoffman(2)/James/Rock/M.Scott/Smith	Moomaw/Moomaw/Skiados	Hopson/Hopson/Petricko/ Regan
8:00 AM	Whetzel/Frank	Addison(2)/Horabik/Langley(2)/Stubbs	Connolly-Schultz/Ryon/ Volunteer	Kaputa/Volunteers(3)
10:45 AM	Dorsett/Kuhn	Collins/Corcoran/McDonald/Poudrier/Remington/ Thompson	Cox/Cox/McDonald	Barna/Lindsey/Schultz/ Volunteer
5:00 PM	Parker/Parker	Amisano/Grover/Macyko/Talbot(2)/Thorne	Grover/Grover/Volunteer	Grover/Martinoli/Sherbert/ Volunteer

Last names beginning with L-Q please bring baked goods for hospitality after morning Masses, either homemade or store bought. Drop off in the kitchen before Mass.

The Virtue of Hospitality

NEW to JGS?



JGS MEMBER REGISTRATION – Are you new to JGS? Want to join? **THE NEXT NEW MEMBERS MEETING IS JANUARY 12 AFTER THE 10:45 A.M. MASS. FAMILIES WELCOME!** In the mean time check out our website at cjgs.org and sign up for Flocknote to receive alerts about news and events. (see page 6).

UPCOMING EVENTS

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Because it falls on a Sunday this year, the Second Sunday of Advent “supersedes” the obligation of the Holyday and the Holyday falls on Mon, Dec 9. However, it then becomes a *Holyday of Option* and not a *Holyday of Obligation*. Mass, therefore, is an option this year. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception therefore will be celebrated on Monday, December 9, at Mass at 8 a.m. Thank you!

Christmas Eve Mass time change: 6:00 p.m. Mass moves to 6:30p.m. to help ease the traffic in and out of the parking lot.



Christmas Eve Masses

Tuesday, December 24 (no 8:00 a.m. Mass)
4:00 p.m. Mass in the Church &
4:00 p.m. Children’s Pageant Mass in the Gym
6:30 & 9:00 p.m. in the Church
12:00 a.m. Mass at Midnight in the Chapel
[limited seating]

Christmas Day Mass

Wednesday, December 25

One Mass only at 9:30 a.m. – No 8:00 a.m. Mass



FLOWER DONATIONS in the name of a loved one can be made using the red poinsettia envelopes found in the vestibule. Please put the envelopes in the mail slot of the church office. Please write legibly.

MARTHA AND MARY MINISTRY will hold their annual Christmas party on December 11, 2019 in the Center at 6 pm. Please bring a \$10 wrapped gift for the Christmas exchange. All women of the parish are invited to come and share the joy of the holiday season.



ADVENT CONFESSIONS—Sunday, December 15 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This IS the best way to prepare your heart for Christmas. Extra priests will be available.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Good news: the No-Rehearsal Christmas Pageant is back... with one catch! If your child would like to play a bigger role, we will have just ONE (short!) rehearsal on Tuesday, December 10th from 6-7 p.m. in the Centre. **Please note: we are only doing one Christmas pageant this year and it will be at the 4:00 Mass in the Gymnasium.** Any and all children in Grades K-5 are welcome to show up on Christmas Eve in costume (be a stable animal, an angel, a wise person, or a shepherd! The narrator will direct the children.). If you don't have a costume, we will have some available on a first-come basis that night.

If your child would like to be Mary, Joseph, the star carrier, or one of the three main gift bearers/wise people, they must attend the rehearsal on Dec. 10th. We have costumes for them and will give them out that night. Questions: Contact Vikki Sickels at vmsickels@yahoo.com.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – December 8, 2019 Advent is a time when many of us are preparing our homes to gather with family and friends. We play our favorite Christmas music, make seasonal meals and desserts, and practice traditions and rituals from our childhood. Keep Christ at the center of your celebration in these simple ways: include Christian songs in your Christmas playlist, say grace before meals and let people offer intentions, and incorporate a moment of prayer and reflection into your family’s traditions. Then share with others how you celebrate the perfect gift of God’s love by going to FindthePerfectGift.org/ traditions and posting on social media with #ADWPerfectGift.



OUR DECEMBER WEEKEND WATERCOLOR is scheduled for December 8 at 1:00 pm in the JGS Adult Art room, which is located behind the school on the right side of the campus. Parishioner and artist Joyce Bare Conlon will guide you step-by-step and you will leave with a beautiful painting that is frame-worthy! This Christmas boot with a single ornament is simply gorgeous and you won’t want to miss out on this class! All supplies are included for a small fee of \$25; checks are made payable to JGS. Pre-registration is required by contacting Joyce at either jbconlon@comcast.net or 301-717-0222.



ALL ARE INVITED TO GREENSTREET GARDENS TO HEAR THE JGS/CHA CHILDRENS CHOIR, Sunday, December 22 at 1:30 p.m., where they will perform holiday music, while you shop and peruse the lovely greenhouse and gift shop.



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ACTIVE CATHOLIC TEENS— All teens in grades 10-12 are invited to join us after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We have great food, plenty of games, and time to catch up with friends. Parent volunteers are needed and new teens are welcome.

Meeting dates are as follows:

Dec 8—ACT

Dec 15— ACT (*Advent Confessions for the Parish*)

CONFIRMATION—Classes take place in Shepherd's Cove after the 5:00 Sunday Mass from 6:20-8:00 p.m.

Upcoming class dates are:

Dec 8—Confirmation Class

Dec 15—Confirmation Class

(Advent Confessions for the Parish)



Go to ccjgs.org/youthministry for full calendars and registration. Contact Casey Esser, Coordinator of Youth Ministry & Confirmation at youth@ccjgs.org or 410-257-3810 x1009



The Virtue of Spirituality



The sick: Marguerite Suite; Susan White; Anne Marie Scarpino; Ed Reilly; Doris Parker; Steve Schult; Sue Baczynski; Joan Carr; Donna Boylan; Raymond Stubbs; Stephanie Wyvill; Anne Brophy; Ryan & Cuppy Silva; Ron Weller; Gavin DiBitetto; Nancy Harvey; Baby Parker Smola; Mary Chin; Ray Wenderlich; Jovannie Licalzie; Les Silva; baby Logan Townsend; Sammy Baugh; Debbie Kineer; Heather Williamson; Kathy Bigelow; Duke Dusseau; Kathy Freudenberg; Sylvia Proctor; Herbert Cassalla; Loretta McMurtrie; William "Billy" Crandall; Buddy Curtis; Kelly McCarley; Bob Adams; Marsha Dunn; Katie Lakie; Janet Cleary; Colleen Casse; Robert Barklage; Janet Barklage; William Barklage; Jeffrey, Alec and Dawson Barklage; Cindy Miller; Martin Seitter; Pat Conway; Marilyn Taylor.



For the repose of the soul of Mike Yourishin, husband of Mary; and Louis J. Martucci.

Friends/relatives in need of prayer and for those who have died contact the church office monthly to include them in our bulletin.

We pray for all the members of the United States Military. We pray that all are kept from harm, especially:

Staff Sergeant Christopher R. Skirchak; Ensign Matthew Schwartz; Steve Looney; Billy Looney; Will Jones; Michael Hardy; LT. Alex Scott; Nicholas Majers; David Keffer; James Lanson Weeks; Captain Robert Patterson, USMC; LT Nadila Khan, USN; Ross Noone; LT. Col. Robert Magnuson; Col Phil Noltemeyer; Sr A Matthew Cullens; William Ryan Thayer; LT. Col. Brian Genelin; Michael Parker; Michael Henry Thayer; LT. Col. Gerald Cullens; Noah Pirner; Scott Mega; Capt. Kal Bassma; Mark Smith; Jacob Floyd; Joseph Masoero; Christopher Kuczek; Tyler Menoche; Tim Addison

Please contact the church office to have a name added to this list.


Readings for the week of December 8, 2019

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
 Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

World, church, and local events continue to challenge our faith. This is all the more reason to continue to come together and find encouragement and hope in God's word, sacraments, and our faith community. We are people of hope who are called to persevere, even in the midst of confusion and darkness, as we wait for what is to come. We are asked to repent, especially from our tendency to fall into doubt and despair. We are asked to repent and place our trust in Isaiah's words that God's world of innocence will be restored. We need to hear John the Baptist's words today more than ever: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Rather than being disappointed by what human beings and world cannot give, let us commit anew to what God can and will provide.

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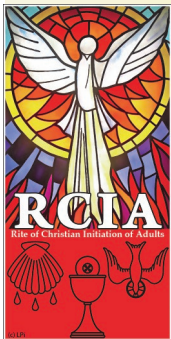
The Virtue of Spirituality



Late addition to the All Souls list: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Robert "Uggie" Means, Donna Mangum and Janie Means. May they have everlasting peace.



WALKING WITH PURPOSE (WWP) Did you want to join Walking With Purpose, our women's bible study, and it just got away from you, and now you think it's too late? Well, it's never too late to join one of our 4 classes (Monday or Tuesday AM and 2 on Tuesday PM). **And**, we hope to begin a new Walking With Purpose Bible Study called Opening Your Heart beginning on or about Wednesday evening, January 8, 2020. What a wonderful New Year's Resolution, drawing closer to our Lord and Savior by spending 2 hours a week studying His Word and building fellowship and friendships with other women in and around our Parish. Call or email me on 301 325-4904 or vw22@comcast.net to learn more. Vicki Thorne, Pastoral Coordinator, JGS WWP.



RCIA: Interested in becoming Catholic? Are you missing the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or Eucharist? **THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS FOR YOU!** Please join us and be part of **THE JOURNEY OF FAITH!** We also want to reach out to children age 7 and above who are lacking these same sacraments. We have a program for them to assist them in "catching" up with their sacramental needs. For more information, please contact Father Mike or Deacon Paul [contact information on page 2]. No question is unimportant; all questions will be gladly addressed and answered. We will be happy to assist you and guide you!

CALVERT CATHOLIC seeks to connect Catholics in their 20s and 30s so we can encounter Christ in community. Join us for a meal, discussion, retreats, or service. We are always looking for new members and new ideas!

We meet at least once a month in one of our homes for good food, prayer and discussion. Daycare always provided. Meet us on Facebook or by e-mail to learn more!



A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it that we may sow beauty not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinitely light. We thank you for being us with each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Laudato si, Pope Francis, #246

ATTENTION, "BABY-BOOMERS" FROM THE 1950'S AND 1960'S: Some may recall watching the-then "black and white TV" to get a glimpse of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen. He was the first bishop ever to utilize the television as a means of Catholic evangelization. He commanded a world-wide audience and was respected by Catholics and non-Catholics alike for his spirituality and oratory. The Vatican announced on November 18 that Bishop Sheen will be beatified and pronounced "Blessed" on December 21 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Peoria, IL, where he was ordained a priest and is now buried. The Rite of Beatification by the Church is the final stage prior to being proclaimed a saint.

NURSERY NEWS: WE NOW JUST NEED ONE MORE ADULT TO WORK IN THE NURSERY ON SUNDAY MORNINGS! We are looking for a responsible adult to work in the nursery on Sunday mornings. Hours of operation are: 7:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m. (summer: 7:45 a.m.—11:15 a.m.) Additional hours may be available throughout the year. Applicants for this position must comply with the ADW Child Protection Policy prior to assuming duties. We are looking to fill this position A.S.A.P. Please call the church office for more details.

Prayer is powerful! Please send your request to mdmassil@aol.com so that our team of prayer warriors with our Prayer Chain Ministry can lift your need to the Lord.



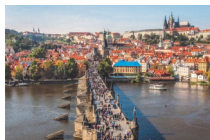
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Safety and Security: December Message

Basic First Aid supplies are in the wood cabinet inside the Centre. If you need bandages, gauze, scissors or other basics help yourself. If the injury is severe and you are providing first aid, tell someone else to call 911 as you provide the assistance to the injured.

CHOIR TOUR TO PRAGUE, AUSTRIA, AND GERMANY!

All are invited to join! For more info or to view a detailed itinerary, go to: <https://www.ccjgs.org/music-ministry> or contact Katie Evans and she can email you more info at music@ccjgs.org.



Going on an international tour with our very own Jesus the Good Shepherd Choir will be an unforgettable experience! You will join us along every concert and pilgrimage to some of the most famous music sites in the world. Peter's Way Tours is our premiere touring company that hosts choir tours and religious pilgrimages. They take care of all the bookings and details of the performances at some of the greatest cathedrals, basilicas, churches and shrines throughout the world.

STEPHEN'S MINISTRY: Looking for a ministry that comes along side fellow parishioners who are experiencing a difficult time in life? JGS is in the process of getting our community connected into the Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministry equips and empowers lay caregivers, called Stephen ministers, to provide high-quality, confidential Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. Please contact member Giana Jowers, gjowers55@yahoo.com if you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or Stephen Leader. Thank you!



SHARE the Holidays—the JGS SHARE food ministry is collecting monetary donations to help feed at least 30 families a holiday meal. Donations may be left in the "Share the Holidays" box on the shelf in the Centre. Your donation of \$36 will buy a FULL HOLIDAY DINNER. Thank you!

HOLIDAY SEASON AND EMAIL SCAMS: As we approach the Christmas Holiday Season, a friendly reminder to watch for email scams, especially those which solicit financial donations. One quick way to spot fraudulent emails is to match the sender with the email address provided. Thank you!

TOILETRIES FOR THE POOR—Donations of travel size toiletries are needed. Donations may be left on the shelf in the Centre. Thank you!



Do You Want to Sing Praise to God?
All are welcome to join the JGS Music Ministry Contact Katie Evans at music@ccjgs.org or 410-257-3810 x.
Rehearsal Schedule is Thursday's from 7-8:30pm for the Combined Adult Choir.



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CHRISTMAS GIVING TO JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD: As the feast of Christmas approaches, kindly think on your Christmas "list" of your gift to the Christ Child in our annual Christmas collection. We rely very heavily on a successful collection. Your kind support will enable Jesus the Good Shepherd to get off to a positive start for the New Year.

As many know, costs have risen over the years. The same applies to the running of our large facility and salaries which are required to keep up with the cost of inflation. Everyone is able to give something to our annual Christmas collection. Some may be able to give more than others. We do ask all to "take the next step" in your Christmas giving. For example, if you gave \$20 in the Christmas collection last year, it may be possible to give \$25 this Christmas. Thank you in advance for your support of your parish, your spiritual home, at Christmas!



GIVE IN THANKSGIVING "The nuns left lasting impressions on me," writes a donor. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education." Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.

2019 ANNUAL APPEAL: We recently received an update on the annual Appeal to support the most needy, poor and vulnerable of the Archdiocese of Washington. We are pleased to report that we have reached almost 96% of our goal. Thank YOU to those who have responded. We only need about \$5,000 to reach our goal. On your Christmas gift list, kindly consider a pledge by going to adw.org and look for the link to the Annual Appeal. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness in remembering those most in need in the Archdiocese.

GOD BLESS YOU

Contact Laura Cleary at 410-257-3810 (secretary@ccjgs.org) for Mass Cards/Intentions; Sponsor Certificates (for Sacraments) or to place bulletin announcements. *Deadline for bulletin items is Thursday at noon, 10 days before the weekend you want your article to appear. Thank you!*



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