

## Fear and Intimacy

This bronze shows the young John pointing as if responding to a question or pointing the way. There was anxious anticipation amongst the Jews about the coming Messiah. Yet, we have no reason for anxiety.

Anxiety comes from fear of the unknown. When we're unsure of how things will turn out, we get anxious. When we lack control or can't plan for our security, we get anxious.

Fear and anxiety are the enemies of intimacy and love. Fear makes us run far enough away so we feel removed from danger, safe from the aggressor. Or it drives us to hold someone, seeking strength in attachment. But fear doesn't create space for true intimacy. It either creates excessive distance or suffocating closeness.

John didn't want to create fear or caution of God. Rather, he wanted to open hearts to receive God in love. Ours is not a God of fear, but of love.

In Jesus' Incarnation, he shows just how much he wants to be with us. He comes to make his home among us, while waiting for us to accept him and make room for him. He doesn't force, but comes with patience and love.

Knowing that he loves and wants the best for us, we merely need to make ourselves known to him by revealing our deepest needs to him with prayer.

John the Baptist came to prepare the path for the Messiah, and many responded by asking, "What should we do to prepare?" Put aside anxiety and fear, simply prepare a home for him, and then let him in.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

What causes me fear or anxiety?

Can I give my anxiety to Jesus and ask him to bring me a greater sense of peace this Christmas?



Piece: *The Young St. John the Baptist*  
Date: 1955  
Artist: Francesco Messina  
Location: Vatican Museums

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*Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.*



*Philippians 4:6*





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<p><b>Sunday Offerings</b></p> <table><tr><td>General Fund</td><td>\$4,052.00</td><td>Tuition</td><td>\$1,842.84</td></tr><tr><td>General Child Fund</td><td>\$1.32</td><td>Lunch Money</td><td>\$347.50</td></tr><tr><td>Loose</td><td>\$42.00</td><td>Votive Stand</td><td>\$26.00</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>Main. &amp; Rep.</td><td>\$100.00</td></tr></table> <p><b>Total Received \$6,411.66</b> 63 general offering envelopes collected, including children.</p> <p><b>Special Collections</b> Seminary Collection \$5.00</p>	General Fund	\$4,052.00	Tuition	\$1,842.84	General Child Fund	\$1.32	Lunch Money	\$347.50	Loose	\$42.00	Votive Stand	\$26.00			Main. & Rep.	\$100.00	<p><b>Parish office will be closed:</b> Tuesday, December 25th Wednesday, December 26th Wednesday, January 1st</p> <p>★★★★★★★★ <b>Christmas Mass Schedule</b> Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. Lector ~Jodie Glosemeyer Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> 12:00 am Lector ~ Larry Sander 10:00 am Lector ~ Vincent Leopold <b>*volunteers needed for Eucharist Ministers, ushers and servers</b></p> <p><b>Hot Lunch Program Donations Needed</b> Pork burgers, breakfast sausage, bacon and hamburger! These kiddos are growing! Thank you for your generosity!</p> <p><b>CALLING ALL SINGERS</b> Choir Practice on WEDNESDAY, December 19 at 7:00 P.M. for Christmas Midnight Mass. Anyone interested in sing with our choir is welcome.</p>	<p>★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★ <b>Places to go around town.....</b> 12/16 SFB Parish Breakfast 7:30-11am 1/06 St. Vincent Breakfast 8-11:30am 1/12 St. Vincent School Society Trivia Night \$15 per person (8-10) per table 1/19 St. Joseph Neier Church Cajun Trivia Night Fundraiser \$200 per table reserve 314.808.3364</p>
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# MASS SCHEDULE

## Saturday, December 15

**5:00 p.m.** † Ardell Ruether

Eucharistic Ministers: Francis Hellebusch  
Betty & Rich Bruckerhoff | Geralyn Smith |  
Patty Mebruer

Lector: Geralyn Smith

Ushers: Brent Glosemeyer & Patty Mebruer

Servers: Izabella Glosemeyer & Cole Atkins

## Sunday, December 16

**8:00 a.m.** † Walter & Lorraine Volkerding

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Hecktor  
Larry Sander | Elaine Glosemeyer |  
Sue Hecktor | Bill Schuler

Lector: Larry Sander

Ushers: Denny & Elaine Glosemeyer

Servers: Erica Schwoeppe & Sam Heggemann

**10:00 a.m.** † For the People of St. Ignatius

Eucharistic Ministers: Debbie Brewe  
Syd & Ellen Fees | Carl Brewe | Shari Kopmann

Lector: Ellen Fees

Ushers: Syd & Ellen Fees

Servers: Jacob Gildehaus & Colin Parks

## Monday, December 17

**8:00 a.m.** † Elmer & Regina Hellebusch

## Tuesday, December 18

**7:30 p.m.** † Anthony & Regina Schwoeppe

## Wednesday, December 19

**8:00 a.m.** † Kevin Shortt

## Thursday, December 20

**6:00 a.m.** † Theodore & Rosaly Meyer

## Friday, December 21

**8:00 a.m.** † Walter & Lorraine Volkerding

## Saturday, December 22

**5:00 p.m.** † Mary Mebruer Kellogg

Eucharistic Ministers: Ralph Glosemeyer

Jayne & Maurice Glosemeyer | Dianne & Tom Meyer

Lector: Jayne Glosemeyer

Ushers: Ken & Diane Lierman

Servers: Carter & Izabella Glosemeyer

## Sunday, December 23

**8:00 a.m.** † People of St. Ignatius

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Hecktor

Jeanette Marquart | Debbie Engemann | Jodi Glosemeyer

Lector: Alice Kluesner

Ushers: Gary & Chris Meyer

Servers: Ryan & Luke Kloeppel

**10:00 a.m.** † Sandra Fees

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Freese

Tricia Kemper | Teresa Volkerding | Becky

Schoppenhorst | Audrey Hellebusch

Lector: Alice Kluesner

Ushers: Vincent & Lesa Leopold

Servers: Sam Chambers & Carley Kopmann



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

**Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – More Joy!**

Happy Gaudete Sunday! How comforting and inspiring the First Reading from Zephaniah is: God rejoices over us and delights in us! When we understand and stand firm in the truth that our God rejoices in us, we are able to rejoice and shout for joy as well. Just because we are joyful in the Lord does not mean that everything is perfect in our life or that there are no hardships we must wrestle with daily. We will continue to face trials in this earthly life- sickness, loss, and pain- but the joy of the Lord and our joy in Him will sustain us in the long run. Our challenge for today and the rest of this week is to pray for an outpouring of joy in our lives and a deeper understanding of the joy God has *because of* us. When we are truly grateful for the gifts we have received in life and embrace our identity as adopted sons and daughters of God, loved completely by our Creator, we can experience authentic joy and share it with others so that they too might experience the Good News of salvation.



## Please Pray for the Sick/Ailing/Recovering

Doug Grafrath	Betty Hellebusch	Judi Liermann
Irene Buenemann	Evelyn Tucker	Ethel Thomas
Duck Brinker	Shelbee Mauldin	Fr. Finbarr Dowling
Karen Brinkmann	Jim Grafrath	Dawn Borgmann
Harper Pillman	Andrew Hellebusch	Natalie Ulett
Kim Smith	Carol Jacquin	Audrey Wagener
Tabitha Kersey	Brad Segar	Kay Wagner
Judy Brouk	Ralph Glosemeyer	Betty Schulte
Stephanie Lindemann	Fred Borges	Marc Wagener
Tom Meyer	Richard Preiss	Laura Tellmann
Cindy Faust	Pete Reitz	Tom Glosemeyer
	Frank Dowling	Olivia Jasper

## Anniversaries of Our Dearly Departed

12.02.01 Lucille Hellebusch	12.18.12 Dorothy Liermann
12.04.14 Catherine Marquart	12.19.03 Mary Rose Hellebusch
12.05.03 Mark Voss	12.25.11 Don Heggemann
12.05.10 Merlin Kopmann	12.26.96 Donald Garbs
12.06.19 Bill Carr	12.26.04 Bernard Heggemann
12.08.14 Evelyn Peters	12.27.97 Elizabeth Tillmann
12.11.12 Bonnie Engemann	12.28.94 Lester Hennecke
12.12.95 Lawrence Glosemeyer	12.28.08 Orville Gildehaus Jr.
12.17.07 Eldina Heggemann	



## Calendar

### Monday

DECEMBER 17  
Advent Weekday  
Gn 49:2, 8-10  
Mt 1:1-17

### Tuesday

DECEMBER 18  
Advent Weekday  
Jer 23:5-8  
Mt 1:18-25

### Wednesday

DECEMBER 19  
Advent Weekday  
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a  
Lk 1:5-25

### Thursday

DECEMBER 20  
Advent Weekday  
Is 7:10-14  
Lk 1:26-38

### Friday

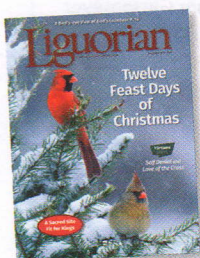
DECEMBER 21  
Advent Weekday  
Sg 2:8-14 or  
Zep 3:14-18a  
Lk 1:39-45

### Saturday

DECEMBER 22  
Advent Weekday  
1 Sm 1:24-28  
Lk 1:46-56

### Sunday

DECEMBER 23  
Fourth Sunday  
of Advent  
Mi 5:1-4a  
Heb 10:5-10  
Lk 1:39-45



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# Dear Padre,

## What do we really know about John the Baptist and how do we know it?

What we know about John the Baptist comes from a combination of Scripture and Church traditions that evolved during and after the writing of the Scriptures of the New Testament.

John's parents were Zechariah, a priest in the Jerusalem Temple, and Elizabeth, who was related to Mary. The angel Gabriel told Zechariah that his wife would bear a son, even though she was quite old. It is believed that John was born in the region of Ain Karim, southwest of Jerusalem. During his early twenties, he was a member of the Qumran community, and later was a desert hermit. In his late twenties John began his public ministry in the Jordan River Valley. He followed a long line of Jewish prophets who preached against evils of the day, demanding inner repentance and outer baptism as a sign of that repentance.

John continued to preach in the Jordan Valley even after encountering Jesus. Eventually John was arrested by Herod Antipas and imprisoned at Machaerus Fortress by the Dead Sea. He was beheaded at the request of Salome, daughter of Herodias. After John's death, many of his disciples followed Jesus, including Andrew and John.

John, whose name means "God is gracious," is usually represented in pictures holding a long slender cross with a small lamb partially hidden behind him. He is the patron of monastic life, people with epilepsy and other compulsive disorders, lambs, printers, blacksmiths, and tailors.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PREACHING, C. 1665, BY MATTIA PRETI / WIKIPEDIA

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR

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## A Word From Pope Francis

Let us implore from on high the gift of commitment to the cause of peace. Peace in our homes, our families, our schools and our communities. Peace in all those places where war never seems to end. Peace for those faces which have known nothing but pain. Peace throughout this world...Simply PEACE.

—Address at Ground Zero Memorial, New York City, September 25, 2015



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