

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

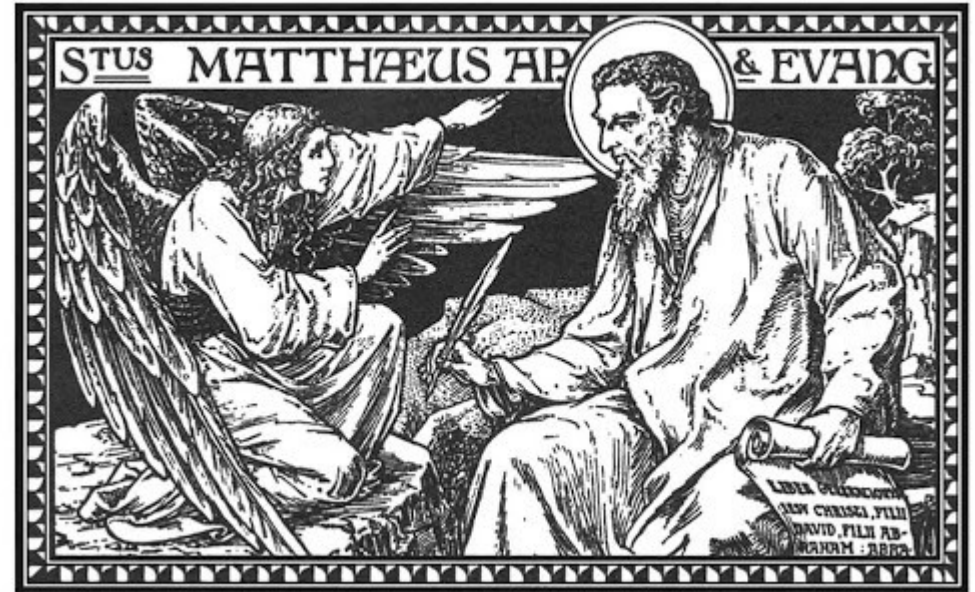
<i>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>		
Sat. Dec. 10	5:00 PM	For †Mary Louise Cross
Sun. Dec. 11	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Mon. Dec. 12	8:00 AM	For †Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. Dec. 13	8:00 AM	For †JoAnn Enderle
Wed. Dec. 14	8:00 AM	For †Josh Hayes
Thur. Dec. 15	8:00 AM	For †Matt Toesmeyer (NO ADORATION THIS WEEK)
Fri. Dec. 16	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
<i>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>		
Sat. Dec. 17	5:00 PM	For Pete and Sandy Collins (Living)
Sun. Dec. 18	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish

**PRAYER LIST**—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, John Jackson, Hank Bond, Hudson Feinauer, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Kambie Perkins, Bonita and Jim Happe, Jenny McVey Alm, Dave Verst, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Brenda Johnson, Verna Payne, Roger High, Rita Funke, Jonathan Briggs and Cheryl Miller.

**BIRTHDAYS**– Dec. 2-Andrea Huffman, Dec. 3-Ryder Cooper, Dec. 14-Ella Dickerson, Dec. 16-Imogene Fisk, Dec. 18-Joseph Broering, Dec. 24-Patty Neuspickel, Dec. 29-Megan Oldiges, Dec. 30-Michael Ryan.

**ANNIVERSARIES**- Dec. 7-Howard and Penny Kluesener, Dec. 13-Jason and Julie Feinauer, Dec. 18-Rosanne and Bernie Rawe

*Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If you birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda know.*



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays 6-7:00 PM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Thursdays—6:00-7:00 PM

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 11, 2022

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GIVING TREE**—Our Giving Tree for the Christmas season is now up. Please feel free to select as many gifts as you'd like to provide for our family in need this year. Please return all the gifts here by **DECEMBER 18** so we can get them to the family in time for Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS PANCAKE BREAKFAST & SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM**—Plan now to attend our Christmas breakfast after the 9 AM Mass on Sunday, Dec. 18. The Sunday School kids are working on a program for our listening enjoyment for the event.

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

- Blessed Sacrament—Monday, Dec. 12 @ 7-8 PM
- Saint Cecilia—Thursday, Dec. 15 @ 7-8PM

**LECTOR**— Dec. 11-Linda Fryman, Dec. 18-Bernie Rawe, Dec. 24-Kathy Bach, Dec. 25-Julie Feinauer, Jan. 1-Lisa Cooper

**CLEANING**— Dec. 19-Lisa and Jeanne



*What did you go out to the desert to see?*

*To see a prophet?*

*Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.*

## FROM THE PASTOR—THE OLD TESTAMENT: THE PROPHETS

The second section of the ancient division of the Old Testament is with the prophets, which comprise most of the back half of the first part of the Bible. Whenever we hear the word “prophet” we mostly think of someone saying something about the future. However, this is not what is meant whenever the ancient Israelites used the word “prophet”. The Hebrew word *navi* really means “one who speaks for a deity”, which was translated into Greek as *prophetes* which carries the same meaning. In this way, a prophet is not merely a soothsayer but reveals the word of God to those to whom God wishes to speak.

We can certainly consider many of the sayings of the prophets in a futuristic manner, in particular the passages clearly related to the coming of the Messiah or the Christ. Yet the Old Testament prophet also called the ancient people of God to live out the covenant promises they had made to God to truly be His particular people. From Abraham (the first to be called a prophet) all the way to John the Baptist (the last to be identified as one, as we hear in today’s Gospel), these chosen individuals (both men and women) spoke on behalf of the Lord who desires not the death of the sinner but that they live in Him.

There are two general divisions in the writings of the prophets.

- 1) Major Prophets—those who wrote the most; Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel
- 2) Minor Prophets—those who wrote smaller works; Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi

This division is only concerning volume of writing, not their importance. Every prophet spoke what God wanted them to say not just for those living in their time, but for us as well. The words of the prophets are the word of God meant for our edification and sanctification. We still need to hear God speaking to us today.

Take some time this Advent to read the prophets so as to hear how God has spoken throughout the centuries. Hear also the various ways in which God prepared the way for the coming of the Christ, to save not only ancient Israel but all of us throughout time.

*Fr. Jacob Straub*

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Dec. 24—5:00 PM (vigil)

Sunday Dec. 25—9:00 AM

Please spread the word!