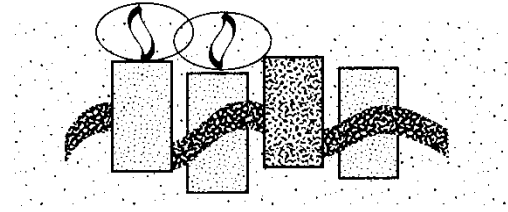


# The Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2009

People of Zion, the Lord will come!



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## MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	SAINT	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Mon. Dec. 7	5:00	Ambrose	Parishioners and Benefactors	
Tues. Dec. 8	8:30	Immaculate Conception	Melissa Wells	Family
	6:00		Dorothy Barber	Her Husband
Wed. Dec. 9	8:30	St. Juan Diego	Brian Benedict	Yvonne Benedict
(At Country Park)	10:00		Ken Laurence	Friend
Thur. Dec. 10	8:30		Lucien Demers	Family
(At Pines)	10:00		Frank Orlando	
Fri. Dec. 11	8:30	Damasus I	Claire Choiniere	Jacqueline Luce

## SUNDAY MASSES

Sat. Dec. 12	8:30	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Joe Handy	
	4:30		George Tetreault	His Family
Sun. Dec. 13	8:00		Parishioners and Benefactors	
	9:30		Eleanor Penders	Jack and Jean Beatty
	11:30		Joe and Joyce Zajchowski	Family

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Caroling and Cookies: On Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> middle and high school students and their families are caroling at Country Park. To sign up or for more info call 864-4166 x204.

Nativity Presentation: On December 20<sup>th</sup> we'll gather for this presentation between 9:30 and 11:30 Masses. Practice will be on December 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30pm. We have roles for anyone who wants to participate. Info sheets are on the tables at all doors or call 864-4166 x204.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

The 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class will meet this Sunday, December 6th from 6:15-7:45 in the Parish Center Hall.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class will meet next Sunday December 13th from 6:15-7:45 in the Parish Center Hall.

The Confirmation students will be hosting a Christmas party following the Parish Nativity on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please join us in the Parish Center Hall for food, crafts, caroling and celebration. All are welcome.

### YOUTH MINISTRY, CONT.

Confirmation Students and Families: We are in need of students and adults to help with our Christmas party for the children and parishioners after the Nativity presentation on December 20<sup>th</sup>. It will run from 11:00-12:00 in the Parish Center Hall. We need help with crafts, in the kitchen, etc. Please call or email the office if you are able to help. Caroling is also scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the church hall at 6:00 pm and return around 8:00.

### SALVATION ARMY DINNER

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way for the Salvation Army dinner on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Your response was great! We had lots of food and help.

### FLOWER MEMORIALS

If you wish to make a donation toward Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one, please pick up one of the special envelopes provided for that purpose at the entrances of the church and either drop it in the collection basket at Mass or mail it to the parish office.

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK:  
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

“As expenses continue to increase and economic difficulties tighten our income, we appreciate more and more the help of the Retirement Fund”, notes a woman religious. Your donation supports the care of elderly and frail religious and helps to provide such basic necessities as prescription drugs and medical services. Please give generously!

**STOCK DONORS PLEASE TAKE NOTE!**

If you plan to donate stock to the parish, please call the parish office for specific instructions BEFORE you take any action. If these instructions are not followed, your donation may not be accessible to the parish. Even if you have done this in the past, please call because the instructions may have changed.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The members of the Parish Council are reminded of our monthly meeting to be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION**

We will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, December 12, 2009 beginning with Mass at 8:30am. The Mass will be followed by a breakfast! So, plan on joining us!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR  
CHRISTMAS VISITS**

We need about 30 persons to bring Christmas plants and other items to the homebound. Volunteers need to be free to pick up the goodies on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 and 11:00am in the church hall. Call Deacon Joe Lane at 863-3064 for more information.

**EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES IN ADVENT!**

We have scheduled extra times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) for Advent. In addition to Saturdays from 3:00 to 4:00pm, Confessions will be heard on **Fridays of Advent at 9:00am & Saturdays of Advent at 5:30pm.** Our Advent Penance Service will be on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**CHITTENDEN COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE**

CCRL will meet on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> in St. John Vianney Parish Center from 7:15-8:15pm. Current pro-life projects include preparations for January events marking the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, and ad sales for LifePages. Contact [chitrighttolife@gmail.com](mailto:chitrighttolife@gmail.com) for more information.

**BLUE ARMY**

The Burlington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima will gather on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at Christ the King Church in Burlington. Rosary is at 4:45pm. Mass is at 5:15, followed by dinner and a short business meeting at a local restaurant. All are welcome. Call Clairette (878-3214) for information and carpool help.

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PRAYER VIGIL,  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2:00PM**

Catholic pro-life leaders will conduct a peaceful hour of prayer at Planned Parenthood on Mansfield Ave. in Burlington. This annual prayer vigil is conducted in the presence of an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn. It is not a protest, there will be no signs, and none of the clinics will be open during the vigil. Prayer is offered for all involved in abortions, especially for the conversion of those who perform them. All are advised to dress warmly and bring their rosary. For more information, contact vigil leaders Bob & Lee Garvey 862-3427.

**PLAN ON SEEING “THE 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY”:**

Based on the memoirs of Sister Maria Lucia de Jesus, and thousands of independent eyewitness accounts, The 13th Day is a dramatic retelling of the supernatural experiences of three shepherd children nearly a century ago. The events depicted in the film transpired between May 13, 1917 and October 13, 1917 in Fatima, Portugal. The filmmakers tell an accurate, relevant and artistic story about the Blessed Mother's appearances to Lucia Santos and her cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto.

**DAILY READINGS**

Dec. 7	Is 35: 1-10	Lk 5: 17-26
Dec. 8	Gn 3: 9-20	
	Eph 1: 3-12	Lk 1: 26-38
Dec. 9	Is 40: 25-31	Mt 11: 28-30
Dec. 10	Is 41: 13-20	Mt 11: 11-15
Dec. 11	Is 48: 17-19	Mt 11: 16-19
Dec. 12	Zec 2: 14-17	Lk 1: 26-38
Dec. 13	Zep 3: 14-18a	
	Phil 4: 4-7	Lk 3: 10-18

**LAST WEEK**

Collection - \$4,094.00  
Snow Removal - \$1,051.00  
Attendance Last Week – 680

The second collection next week is for Retired Religious.

