

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Bill Fisher, Pastor

Second Sunday of Advent - December 6, 2020



Holiday Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception

The Holy Day Mass for both parishes will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 8 at Holy Family.

Due to COVID-19, please call to reserve a seat at (913) 413-0022.

Christmas Services

A Christmas Eve Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 24, at St. John the Baptist.

Mass on Christmas Day will be at 9 a.m., Friday, Dec. 25, at Holy Family.

We will update you if additional Masses are scheduled.

Edward Martin (Buttons) Mufich

Edward Martin Mufich, 96, died Nov. 24 in Bentonville, AR. He was born in Kansas City, KS, and lived here until 2019 when he moved to be closer to his daughter.

Known as "Buttons," he was among 13 children born to John and Mary Mufich on Strawberry Hill and was a lifelong member of St. John the Baptist.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, stationed in the South Pacific. Edward worked at H&M Music Company and later opened his own business, American Music Company.

Edward was preceded in death by his wife Cathryn and eleven siblings. He is survived by daughter Lisa (Charlie) Buffkin of Arkansas; brother Paul Mufich; granddaughter Hayley Buffkin of Austin, Texas; and grandson Ethan Buffkin of Houston.

The funeral was Dec. 3 at our parish with burial at Leavenworth National Cemetery.

The Season of Giving

As you make your list - and check it twice, please include the people in our community who are less fortunate.

The pandemic has increased the number of those in need. There are so many ways to help others with your time or donations!

Catholic Charities

Our parish will collect food and baby items for Catholic Charities through Dec. 31.

Add a few things to your grocery cart for the church food drive.

Non-perishable items like those in cans or boxes are gratefully accepted. Expired items are a no-no, please.

The Pregnancy Maintenance Initiative is in need of filled gift bags for newborns. Fill a bag with baby lotion, shampoo, wipes, diapers, a Onesie and toy or bib.

Separate items are also welcome.

Drop your donations in the church vestibule.

Food Kitchen

On Dec. 14, our parish will help provide sack lunches to 700 hungry people - thanks to your generosity.

Bring food to the parish house or order through Amazon Prime.

Or, give your time - volunteers are needed to prepare lunches on Dec. 11 and 14 at Holy Family.

For safety reasons, volunteer will be assigned a time. Call the parish for your spot at (913) 371-0627.

Weekly Collection

Nov. 29, 2020

Envelopes:	\$ 2,327
Maintenance:	\$ 105
The Leaven:	\$ 21
Catholic Charities:	\$ 100
Immaculate Conception	\$ 30
In Memoriam - Helen Mahurin	\$ 5,000

Celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas – Dec. 6

St. Nicholas (270-343 A.D.) was the fourth-century bishop of Myra, a city in Lycia, a province of Asia Minor.

Many of us had a family tradition of celebrating the feast of Saint Nicholas with small gifts for the children.

That custom has roots in a story about Nicholas and his charity. A poor man was unable to provide dowries for his three daughters of marriageable age. Rather than see them forced into prostitution, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the poor man's window on three separate occasions, thus enabling the daughters to be married. Over the centuries, this colorful legend evolved into the custom of gift-giving on the



saint's feast.

In the English-speaking countries, St. Nicholas became, by a twist of the tongue, Santa Claus—further expanding the example of generosity portrayed by this holy bishop.

Honor the spirit of St. Nicholas during this season of preparation for Christmas. Focus less on material things and more on the practice of kindness and giving to others.

Source: FranciscanMedia.org

Prayers for the lighting of the Advent Wreath

(All the candles should burn throughout the evening meal.)



Second Week

Light two purple candles.

Leader: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Third Week

*Light two purple candles
and one rose candle.*

Leader: O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Fourth Week

Light all four candles.

Leader: O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Last Chance!!

Our Support St. John's campaign will end Dec. 31. Thanks to the many who have contributed.

We will publish a final list in January and report on the total earnings.

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"...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." John the Baptist



First Reading

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!

Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news!

Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him.

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people. Near indeed is his

salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day.

The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire.

But according to his promise we

await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”*

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey.

And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Mass Readings for December 6, 2020

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