

## Creating God's Peaceable Kingdom

At times, God's presence among us is so unspectacular that we need someone else to point it out, someone with a loud voice. That seems to have been the role of John the Baptist. His lifestyle and his message certainly caught everyone's attention. But when he caught their attention, he directed it away from himself to the kingdom of heaven.

He called it a kingdom because that was the government those of his time knew. (Jesus, too, often spoke of his kingdom.) However, the kingdom John referred to is not one of military power and privilege but a "peaceable kingdom," where animals that are normally feared as predators live with each other in peace. A beautiful picture, but is it a possibility or just fantasy? The people believed that some day one would be born who would rule this way, thus enabling them to become a genuine peaceable kingdom. This

kingdom would not be made of animals, but of women and men of different races, cultures, and beliefs; women and men who would recognize each other's God-given uniqueness and would create genuine unity from this diversity.

John the Baptist declared that this kingdom "is at hand." Is it? Do we strive to live peacefully with the great diversity of people of our world? Or are we smug as we proclaim: "We have Abraham as our father" (Matthew 3:9), so we are right and you are wrong. The people of John's time should have known better. We should, too. John cries out to them—and to us: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:2).

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ How open are you to people of different faiths, races, or nations?
- ★ What can you do to make real the peaceable kingdom of heaven?

[John the Baptist said,] "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." MATTHEW 3:3



# Assumption of Our Lady



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December 08, 2019

2nd Sunday of Advent— Year A

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

### Weekday Masses

Mon. Tues. & Wed .12:10 pm

Thurs. & Fri. 5:30 pm

Reconciliation time: Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45pm; Sunday, 9:45-10:15am or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Innocent for any other sacraments or funerals

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## Hay River, NT



& St. Anne, Katloodeche

Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Dec. 01	Grace Engen Marie Kopp-van E.	Darm Crook Tony Whittle	Liz Buckley & Family	Susan Bouchard Andrew Cassidy Doris Caudron	Debbie, Lennie Kelly Jaigene
Dec. 08	Doris Caudron Sheila Ryan-Hachey	Doug Swallow Andrew Cassidy	Gagnon Family	Marie Kopp-van E. Ea Lepine Theresa Seallow	Brigitte Stephens Jenn Touesnard
Dec. 15	Gerry Engen Andrew Cassidy	Dee dee Lepine Darm Crook	Stephens Family	Doug Swallow Susan Bouchard Shirley Gutierrez	TBP
Dec. 22	Youth-Led Participation Mass	Youth-Led Participation Mass	Youth-Led Participation Mass	Doris Coudron Andrew Cassidy Dee dee Lepine	Christmas Potluck

The Announcement for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent: December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

----- We are always delighted to welcome each and everyone who has come to worship with us here at Assumption parish. If you're a new member, please take time to introduce yourself to the pastor and fill out a registration form found at the bulletin board at the entrance of the church..

----- We're sincerely thankful to our parish maintenance person, Tony Whittle for always working around the clock in making sure that everything is in proper order in and around the Rectory and the church building. We thank him more also for making out time to mount the Christmas lights and display the Nativity status. To the team who assisted him and even donated material resource, we are grateful to too. May you be bountifully blessed at this season and beyond. THANK YOU!

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth Club/Youth-Led Mass: Our next gathering will be our Christmas Party, which will be held on Friday, December 20 at the church basement at 6:30pm. This will be a sleepover (for those who are interested but not obligated) and the Youth-led Mass youths are invited. We will continue of our learning of Virtues with virtue of Generosity. For more information or if you have any question please contact Brigitte Stephens at 306-714-7530.

----- Parishioners are encouraged to recite the 'Our Father prayer' in their native languages whenever it is intoned during mass; if it makes them connect more to the creator who is the Father of all

----- The CWL devotional rosary for the sick and the needy every Tuesday is still ongoing. More members are encouraged to participate and the time is 11:45am. [Our Wednesday daily mass is now at 12:10.](#)

----- Communion to the sick and home bound: Do you know of anyone who is sick and/or home bound and would like to be visited and given communion by the church, please let us know.

### Rachel's Corner

*It is like someone has given a huge gift to your garden that for years*

*has not been green nor growing and suddenly, everything begins to grow again in the garden of your life. I feel loved by God, worthy of His love and I have been able to accept the mercy of God again. I am alive again. "*

Testimonial

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\$3,414.83	Collection
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\$3,414.83	Revenue Total
\$1,831.00	Expenses Total
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Expenses are based on 2018 Q1	

Calendar						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
DECEMBER 9 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38	DECEMBER 10 Advent Weekday Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14	DECEMBER 11 Advent Weekday Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30	DECEMBER 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47	DECEMBER 13 St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19	DECEMBER 14 St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13	DECEMBER 15 Third Sunday of Advent Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

## Dear Padre,

**An intellectual friend told me that she loves the great dogmas of Advent. I smiled and agreed, but I don't have the faintest idea what she meant!**

**D**ogma refers to Church teachings defined by an ecumenical council, including the pope, or by the pope alone acting as head of the Church. The magisterium, the Church's teaching authority, tells us these must-be-believed truths have been divinely revealed to us. During Advent, we celebrate two dogmas: the immaculate conception of Mary, which we honor tomorrow, and the Incarnation, which includes the birth of Christ that we prepare for now.



PHOTO: STEPHEN SHERMAN/GETTY IMAGES; IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BY GIUSEPPE VASSINO, EARLY SEVENTEENTH CENTURY

Both dogmas speak of God's extraordinary connection with humanity. God specially gifted Mary because of her role in becoming the Mother of God. Mary, from the instant of her conception, was free from original sin. Her closeness to Jesus was established from the earliest moments of her existence.

The dogma of the Incarnation is defined simply by St. John. "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14). During the year, we first celebrate the Incarnation on March 25, at the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Scripture and Tradition hold that Jesus was conceived in

Mary's womb when she accepted God's will by answering yes to the angel's announcement that she would bear the "Son of the Most High" (Luke 1:32). During Advent, we eagerly anticipate the result of that Incarnation, Jesus' birth.

Dogmas can sometimes seem disconnected from our lives. The customs of Advent put an everyday face on the book definitions and remind us that God lives in our midst.

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### A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*It is the mystery of Christ's flesh: one doesn't understand love for thy neighbor, one doesn't understand love for thy brother if one doesn't understand this mystery of Incarnation. I love my brother because he too is Christ, is Christlike, is the flesh of Christ.*

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