

**"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths."**

**Mark 1:3**

**December 7th, 2025**

# **A<sup>2ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH**

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF

# Advent

DECEMBER 7, 2025



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We're happy to have you here. If you're new, don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office at 973-694-3400 to learn more about our Parish and register formally. Alternatively, you can fill out registration information online at [ihmwaynenj.org/im-new](http://ihmwaynenj.org/im-new).



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## HOW DO I GET A MASS CARD?

The dedication of a Mass is a special way to express support, sympathy, and care for the ill and the deceased. The Catholic Church has a long-standing tradition of commemorating and praying for those who have passed during the liturgy, mentioning their names in the Prayer of the Faithful. Our parish offers a variety of Mass intention schedules.

You are invited to visit or reach out to the parish office to arrange a Mass intention. For online requests, please head to our website at [www.ihmwaynenj.org/mass-card](http://www.ihmwaynenj.org/mass-card) if you wish to have a Mass offered for your loved one.

A SINGLE MASS INTENTION DONATION IS \$20.00

PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR OTHER TYPES OF INTENTIONS

## PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for the souls of the departed members of the Parish.

## PRAYER FOR HEALING



Please remember the sick and homebound of our parish family in your prayers during this week:

**Peter Sellix, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Debiassi, Claudio Carchia, and Flavia Langan**

When requested, names will be included on the "Prayers for the Sick" list for four weekends. Please let us know if you would like the name added again or if someone's name can be removed sooner.



### MASS INTENTIONS

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|---|--|
| SATURDAY – December 6<br>5PM  | +MARGARET LENIHAN SIEGEL –<br>FROM THE ANDREW SCHIMPF<br>FAMILY  |
| SUNDAY – December 7<br>8AM  | -INTENTION FOR PEOPLE OF THE<br>PARISH   |
| 10:30AM   | +DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE<br>BOLAN FAMILY – FROM THE<br>FAMILY<br>+RICHARD WILLIAM FALATO -<br>FROM THE FAMILY<br>+NICOLA AND ROSINA PASSUCCI -<br>FROM THE YODA FAMILY |
| 12:00PM   | +JOHN TRAIER 40 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY<br>IN HEAVEN – FROM THE FAMILY   |
| IMMACULATE<br>CONCEPTION<br>MONDAY – December 8<br>8:30AM<br>7:00PM | +RITA KIUPER – FROM ROSE<br>CARRABBA   |
| TUESDAY – December 9<br>8:30AM                                      | -INTENTION FOR PEOPLE OF THE<br>PARISH<br>-INTENTION FOR PEOPLE OF THE<br>PARISH   |
| WEDNESDAY – December 10<br>8:30AM                                   | -INTENTION FOR PEOPLE OF THE<br>PARISH   |
| THURSDAY – December 11<br>8:30AM                                    | -INTENTION FOR PEOPLE OF THE<br>PARISH   |
| FRIDAY – December 12<br>8:30AM                                      | -INTENTION FOR PEOPLE OF THE<br>PARISH   |
| SATURDAY – December 13<br>5PM                                       | +ESTELLE BACCARY – FROM THE<br>ANDREW SCHIMPF FAMILY<br>+AMANDA CURTIS – FROM THE<br>ANDREW SCHIMPF FAMILY   |
| SUNDAY – December 14<br>8AM   | +GRACE KAMINE – FROM MARILYN<br>MYSAK  |
| 10:30AM   | +BARBARA IMPERO – FROM THE<br>GARCIA FAMILY  |
| 12:00PM   | +MARIAN CREMONA – FROM<br>NICHOLAS CREMONA   |



December 7, 2025

## Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10 | Rom 15:4-9 | Mt 3:1-12

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today's Gospel is a challenging one, inviting us to consider how much spiritual fruit we are bearing in our lives. St. John the Baptist tells us, "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance," reminding us that the depth of our conversion will be measured by our fruit. Speaking to the Pharisees and Sadducees, John says it is not enough to say that "We have Abraham as our father." If he were speaking today, John might put it this way: it's not enough to say "I'm Catholic!" or "I belong to X Parish." Our lives must show outward evidence of the inward conversion we have undergone. The good news for us today is that we can pause and take stock of how well we are bearing spiritual fruit. Pay attention to what areas might need pruning or fertilizing to ensure that when we come to the Lord's threshing floor at the end of our lives, there is a bountiful harvest he can gather into his barn.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### **PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

Our first reading gives us a glimpse of God's kingdom: The Son of David will rule with wisdom, understanding, counsel, and knowledge, judging "the poor with justice" and striking "the ruthless with the rod of his mouth." In his kingdom "the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb" and yet "there shall be no harm or ruin." What a poetic way of describing the harmony and wholeness that God longs for in society! As disciples, this is our mission. We're called to work so that God's kingdom vision can become reality. As we work for peace and justice, we're doing our part in the Church's work of evangelization. As the U.S. bishops reminded us in their letter *Communities of Salt and Light*, "social justice is an integral part of evangelization, a constitutive dimension of preaching the Gospel, and an essential part of the Church's mission."

### **REFLECT**

In the Gospel, John the Baptist says of Jesus, "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Our ability to bear spiritual fruit comes from the power of the Holy Spirit within us. Take a moment to reflect on where you see the gifts (see the first reading from Isaiah!) and fruits of the Holy Spirit in your life. How might the Spirit of God be working to increase your spiritual fruitfulness this Advent?

[JESUS] WILL  
BAPTIZE YOU WITH  
THE HOLY SPIRIT  
AND FIRE.

(MT 3:11)





**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
Please remember the needs of our parish ministry when making your weekly offering. Thank you for all you do to enable the Gospel to touch the lives of God's people.

**COLLECTION**  
**November 30, 2025**  
CHURCH: \$3349  
ONLINE: \$1990  
**TOTAL: \$5339**

Our parish needs to collect **\$8,000 per week** to cover monthly bills such as utilities, insurance, and salaries. If you are unable to attend weekly Mass, you can still support your parish by using Parish Giving online or by mailing your weekly contribution directly to the parish office.

### LECTOR SCHEDULE

|                |                |                      |
|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| December 6-7   | Saturday 5PM   | Linda Nardone        |
|                | Sunday 8AM     | Frank Covello        |
|                | 10:30AM        | Maureen Machado      |
|                | 12PM           | CONFIRMATION STUDENT |
| December 8     | <b>8:30 AM</b> | TBD                  |
|                | <b>7 PM</b>    | Bill O'Brien         |
| December 13-14 | Saturday 5PM   | Robert Barwick       |
|                | Sunday 8AM     | Evan Covello         |
|                | 10:30AM        | Linda Nardone        |
|                | 12PM           | CONFIRMATION STUDENT |
| December 20-21 | Saturday 5PM   | Rich Heckelmann      |
|                | Sunday 8AM     | Caroline Dipre       |
|                | 10:30AM        | Maureen Machado      |
|                | 12PM           | Phyllis Duke         |

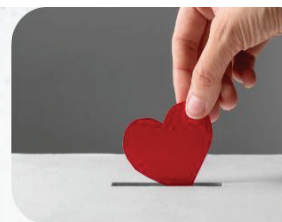
### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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| December 6-7   | Saturday 5PM | Lorraine F. |
|                | Sunday 8AM   | Michael F.  |
|                | 10:30AM      | Caroline D. |
|                | 12PM         | Carol M.    |
| December 13-14 | Saturday 5PM | Carol M.    |
|                | Sunday 8AM   | Monica V.   |
|                | 10:30AM      | Jesse P.    |
|                | 12PM         | Carol C.    |
| December 20-21 | Saturday 5PM | Lorraine F. |
|                | Sunday 8AM   | Michael F.  |
|                | 10:30AM      | Caroline D. |
|                | 12PM         | Carol M.    |

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish is in need of volunteers with a variety of skills. You can usually schedule your volunteer commitments at your own convenience. Right now, we're looking for help with religious education teachers and assistants, ushers, lectors, eucharistic ministers, choir members, and people who can contribute specific skills in graphic arts, event planning, and building and construction. If you're interested in volunteering, give the parish office a call at **973-694-3400**.



## YEAR-END CHARITABLE GIVING AND TAX BENEFITS



As we approach the end of the calendar year, many parishioners consider ways to express gratitude for God's blessings through charitable giving.

Supporting Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish before December 31 not only strengthens our mission but may also provide valuable tax benefits.

### 1. Timing Matters

To qualify for a 2025 tax deduction, all charitable contributions must be made by December 31, 2025.

- Online donations must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on December 31.
- Checks must be dated and postmarked no later than December 31.
- Cash gifts must be received in the parish office or offertory collection before year-end.

### 2. Documentation

For tax purposes, the IRS requires proper documentation:

- Keep your bank or credit card record, or parish contribution statement as proof of donation.
- For single donations of \$250 or more, the parish will issue a written acknowledgment.
- You will receive a year-end summary statement from the parish in January for your records.

### 3. Other Types of Gifts

In addition to cash or online donations, you may wish to consider:

- Gifts of Stock or Securities:** Donating appreciated investments may allow you to avoid capital gains tax and claim a charitable deduction.
- Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs):** Individuals age 70½ or older can donate directly from an IRA to the parish, satisfying part or all of the required minimum distribution (RMD).
- Employer Matching Gifts:** Many employers will match charitable contributions to registered nonprofits. Check with your HR department for details.

(Please consult your financial or tax advisor to determine what's best for your situation.)

### Spiritual Benefits

Giving deepens our trust in God. When we give freely, we acknowledge that all we have is a gift from God. Scripture reminds us:

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." – Matthew 6:21

Charity unites us to Christ's mission.

Acts of giving are acts of love. They make us co-workers with Christ in sustaining His Church and reaching those in need. Through generosity, we imitate the self-giving love of the Cross.

Giving transforms our hearts. True stewardship brings peace and joy. When we detach from material concerns, we open ourselves to gratitude and spiritual growth. "God loves a cheerful giver." – 2 Corinthians 9:7

Giving builds the Body of Christ. Each contribution strengthens the parish community — maintaining sacred spaces, supporting ministries, and ensuring the faith is handed on to future generations.

### Economic & Practical Benefits A legacy of stewardship.

Contributing to your parish and charitable works supports lasting improvements — from building maintenance to community outreach — investments that benefit future parishioners. Shared responsibility and sustainability.

When everyone contributes, the financial burden is lightened for all. Consistent giving allows the parish to plan confidently and avoid sudden shortfalls.

Tax Benefits for Donors in New Jersey

Gifts to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, as a recognized 501(c)(3) organization under the Diocese of Paterson, are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.



# CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Our annual Christmas Giving Tree will be in the vestibule starting on Thanksgiving Day on November 27.

This year, as in the past, we will be collecting gifts for the clients of Straight and Narrow, the children of Our Lady of Victories and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes in Paterson, and children and seniors from Catholic Charities outreach programs throughout the diocese.

All gifts must be returned no later than the 12 o'clock Mass on Sunday, December 14.

Please take a tag and return the gift unwrapped in a Christmas bag. If you choose to donate a gift card please send it in a little bag so it is not lost. Make sure the tag is safely secured to the bag.

*We thank you in advance for your generosity and participation in this program. It has always been a success and is greatly appreciated by the recipients.*

If you have any questions, please contact:  
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## CHRISTMAS GIFT-WRAPPING FUNDRAISER SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 • 1-4 PM

This Advent season, our devoted volunteers will carefully and lovingly wrap your gifts, infusing each one with care and prayer. Each wrapped gift will bear a special tag that reads, "Your Gift Is Wrapped in Prayer," serving as a reminder to both the giver and the recipient that the gift was crafted with genuine thoughtfulness.

Payments Accepted:  
Cash • Check • Credit Card  
and Venmo

Gift-Wrapping Prices  
Small - \$3  
Medium - \$5  
Large - \$8  
Oversized - \$12  
Specialty Wrap - Add \$2

Enjoy While You Wait  
Hot cocoa  
Fresh cookies  
A Christmas photo stage  
Fellowship and holiday music  
Drop-off and pick-up available.



Feast of the Immaculate  
Conception  
December 8, 2025  
Mass Schedule:

8:30 AM  
7 PM



## From the Pastor's Desk Second Sunday of Advent

The Second Sunday of Advent places before us one of the most beloved figures of the season: John the Baptist. In today's Gospel (Mark 1:1-8), John appears in the wilderness with a simple but urgent message: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." His voice echoes the promise from Isaiah in our first reading—words spoken to a weary people longing for renewal: "Comfort, give comfort to my people." Advent asks us to hold these two themes together—comfort and preparation. God draws near with tenderness, like a shepherd gathering lambs, yet He also invites us to examine what in our lives needs to be made straight, cleared, or surrendered so His grace may enter more freely.

St. Peter, in today's second reading, reminds us that the Lord is patient, desiring that none be lost. That divine patience is not permission to become stagnant; rather, it is an invitation to live each day with purpose, striving to be found "without spot or blemish" when the Lord comes. Advent is not merely about waiting, but about preparing with integrity, humility, and expectation.

This week also holds a moment of national remembrance. December 7 marks the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor—a day that continues to call us to prayer for peace, healing, and a world shaped by justice. As we listen to John the Baptist call for hearts made ready, we also remember that the work of preparing the way of the Lord includes our commitment to peace in our families, communities, and nation.

Daily life often feels crowded—full of tasks, worries, and noise. Advent gently inserts a pause. In that pause, we hear the Baptist's cry. What paths need straightening? What valleys of discouragement need to be lifted? What rough edges—impatience, unkindness, resentment—need smoothing so Christ may walk freely into our hearts?

As we light the second candle on the Advent wreath, may it be a sign of deepening readiness: a growing light that guides us toward the One who desires to bring comfort, forgiveness, and renewal to every corner of our lives.



### Reflection Questions for the Week

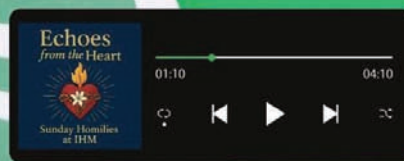
- Where do I most need God's comfort in my life right now?
- What "rough ways" or habits might I smooth out to welcome Christ more fully?
- How can I be a voice of peace and reconciliation in my family, workplace, or community?
- What practical step can I take each day this week to prepare interiorly for Christmas?

### Prayer for the Week

Lord God, as You send John the Baptist to prepare Your way, open my heart to the comfort and challenge of Your Word. Smooth what is rough, lift what is low, and straighten what has become crooked in my life. Help me walk in holiness and peace, ready to welcome Your Son with renewed joy. Amen.

In Christ, Fr. Matt

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IHM Music Ministry Presents:

# LESSONS & CAROLS

Christmas Concert

SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>  
7 PM

Refreshments Refreshments available following 5 PM Mass.  
Free will offerings gratefully accepted.



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT WRAP YOUR GIFTS IN PRAYER

Unwrap the gift of God in Prayer. In the midst of Advent and Christmas busyness, we offer you a way to pray and to discover our God who is with us. Each season the preparation for Christmas can be a source of stress. This year can be different. Our Christmas practice of gift giving, card sending, and social media greetings are intended to be a visible symbol of love and Christian service in action. Why not use our gift-giving and greetings as a form of prayer? Wrapping your gift in prayer can add a spiritual dimension to ordinary tasks.

As you choose your gift or craft the words for your communication, ask for God's guidance and bring a prayerful awareness to the exchange. When you wrap your gift or compose your greeting, pray for the recipient. Ask God to fill them with light, faith, hope, love, and the peace of Christmas.



### YOUR GIFT IS WRAPPED IN PRAYER – PRAYER PRACTICES

Choose from the prayer guide below, or pray in your own way.

Imagine - visualize the person for whom you pray. Picture the Lord blessing them.

Speak - pray aloud, "Lord surround (name) with your light, fill (name) with your peace."

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Sing - a Christmas carol.

Gesture - dedicate the use of your hand motions in wrapping as your prayer.

Hear - simply repeat the person's name knowing that the Lord hears our every prayer.

Recite - a pre-written prayer, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Rosary...

Act - reach out to someone in need with the gift of your care.

Struggling - in a relationship you can still pray in this way, "Lord, bless (name) and transform me to set me free."

If you are physically exchanging gifts or cards, you can use the Gift Prayer Tags available in the church vestibule or downloadable at [ihmwaynenj.org](http://ihmwaynenj.org). You may attach an Electronic Gift Prayer Tag Image, downloadable at [ihmwaynenj.org](http://ihmwaynenj.org), to your email or social media message of Christmas greeting. Your prayer and witnessing to it may be just what are needed to invite someone to embrace the Lord as a companion on the journey this Christmas and always.

### ADVENT HYMN REFLECTION, QUESTIONS AND ACTIVITY

A new verse has been composed for the Hymn, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel and will be sung as part of the processional at the Eucharist during the Advent season. You are invited to use these words and familiar tune as part of your prayer and reflection.

**O Come , O Come Emmanuel (new Verse):**

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel,**

**Deep within, as gift, your Spirit dwells.**

**With Advent's dawning light, draw us near.**

**Teach us to love as peacemakers here.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**

**May This Our Gift of Prayer, Your Glory Tell.**

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS AND PRAYERFUL ACTIVITY

Carefully read each line of the Hymn Text

1. How do these words apply to your life?
2. How is God with you in this Advent moment?
3. What can you do to become a peacemaker, at home, at work, in the world?

### REFLECTION AND ACTIVITY

This Advent is an excellent time to take a break and make some time for prayer. You're invited to acknowledge and to recognize the gifts that God has given to you as positive personality traits.

1. Prayerfully read from the list below and choose the qualities that best describe you.

Positive God Given Gifts that Describe You:

Kind, Intelligent, Hard-working, Loyal, Creative, Accepting, Strong, Friendly, Nurturing, Thoughtful, Respectful, Determined, Helpful, Funny, Patient, Realistic, Serious, Independent, Trusting, Resilient, Relaxed, Listener, Decisive, Enthusiastic, Organized, Practical, Courteous, Grateful, Responsible, Cooperative...etc.

(Abbreviated list taken from Therapist Aid.com, for a more complete list go to [goodnewsthemes.com](http://goodnewsthemes.com) Advent Week II)

2. Thank God for those gifts.
3. Which given gift seems be your "go to gift?"
4. What one action can you take to share that gift with another person?





Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; for he has come to his people and set them free, Luke 1:67

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| <b>November 30</b><br>...the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light... Romans 13:12<br><b>Pick a good habit to work on for Advent!</b>                     | <b>December 1</b><br>I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."<br><b>What can you do to make your house ready for Jesus?</b>                 | <b>2</b><br>A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse... Isaiah 11:1<br><b>Thank God for your parents!</b>   | <b>3</b><br>The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces... Isaiah 25:8<br><b>Who can you cheer up today?</b>   | <b>4</b><br>Trust in the LORD forever! For the LORD is an eternal Rock... Isaiah 26:4<br><b>Pray: Jesus, I trust in You!</b>   | <b>5</b><br>Out of gloom and darkness, the eyes of the blind shall see... Isaiah 29:18<br><b>Draw a Christmas picture for someone!</b>                  | <b>6</b><br><b>Feast of Saint Nicholas</b><br>"The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic God's giving..." St. Nicholas of Myra        |
| <b>7</b><br>A voice of one crying out in the desert, "Prepare the way of the Lord!" Isaiah 40:3<br><b>Tell the Christmas story to a friend!</b>   | <b>8</b><br><b>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception</b><br><b>Say a Hail Mary to Our Blessed Mother!</b>  | <b>9</b><br>Comfort, give comfort to my people... Isaiah 40:1<br><b>Remind someone who is sad that God loves them!</b>  | <b>10</b><br>Lift up your eyes on high and see who has created these things... Isaiah 40:26<br><b>Look at the sky and thank God for the sun, moon and stars!</b>                        | <b>11</b><br>Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD... Psalm 135:6<br><b>Go outside and thank God for nature!</b>  | <b>12</b><br><b>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</b><br><b>Thank Mary for being our mother!</b>   | <b>13</b><br><b>Feast of Saint Lucy</b><br><b>Thank God for the Christmas decorations you see!</b>   |
| <b>14</b><br>Be strong, fear not! Here is your God... Isaiah 35:4<br><b>What are you afraid of? Trust in God to protect you!</b>  | <b>15</b><br>A star shall advance from Jacob, and a scepter shall rise from Israel... Numbers 24:17<br><b>Pray for the leaders of your country!</b>                       | <b>16</b><br>I will bless the LORD at all times: His praise shall be ever in my mouth... Psalm 145:2<br><b>Sing an Advent hymn!</b>                           | <b>17</b><br>O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!<br><b>Consider the order of the universe God has created!</b> | <b>18</b><br>O Leader of the House of Israel, give of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!<br><b>Read or recite God's Ten Commandments</b> | <b>19</b><br>O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!<br><b>Thank Jesus for coming to save us!</b> | <b>20</b><br>O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!<br><b>Read the story of David and Goliath!</b> |
| <b>21</b><br>O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.<br><b>Jesus' coming is like the dawn after a dark cold night.</b> | <b>22</b><br>O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!<br><b>Jesus is the kindest king. Serve Him with joy!</b> | <b>23</b><br>O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!<br><b>Emmanuel means God is with us. His birthday is in two more days!</b> | <b>24</b><br>The dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness... Luke 1:79-79<br><b>One more day to prepare your heart and home for Jesus!</b>        | <b>25</b><br><b>Christmas Day!</b><br><b>Glory to God in the highest!</b>  |   |  |



Color in one flame for each week of Advent, starting on the first Sunday. The rose-colored candle is for the third Sunday. It is a sign of joy that the wait is half over!

## The Immaculate Conception

Tomorrow we will be celebrating the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Mother. The words "Immaculate Conception" mean that she had no sin on her soul, not even original sin, from the first moment her life began!

Why do you think God saved Mary from all sin? He wanted her to be the perfect mother for His Son Jesus. If you could make your own mother wouldn't you make her perfect too?



Mary is also a model to all people of how to live a good Christian life and to serve God as best we can. We should thank God for giving us such a beautiful example in His holy Mother. We should pray to Mary every day and ask her to help us love her Son Jesus more. Can you say an extra 'Hail Mary' on Our Lady's feast day?

Answer to "Peace Among Animals" puzzle: lamb, leopard, and fire. Answer to "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit" puzzle: calf, bear, lion, baby.

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## The Kids' Bulletin

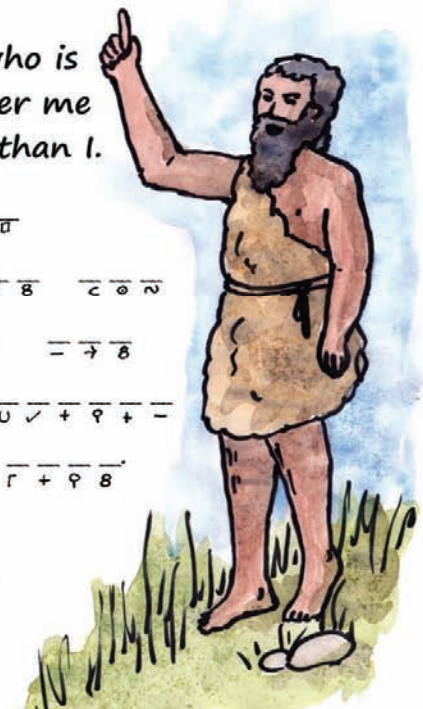
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December 7th, 2025

The one who is coming after me is mightier than I.

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What did Saint John the Baptist say about the one who was coming after him?  
Use the code to find out!

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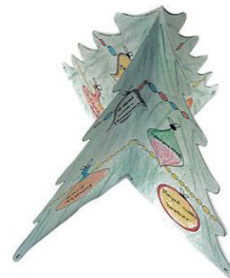


John the Baptist prepared the people for the coming of Jesus. He taught them to repent, be sorry for their sins and reform their lives to be good and helpful to others.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Directions

- [1] Color the tree green, write your good deeds on the ornaments and color them in.
- [2] Cut out and fold at right angle to stand up by itself.
- [3] Each week of Advent complete the tree and repeat steps 1-2.
- [4] After you have 4 weeks of trees colored, filled in and cut out, attach **week 1** to **week 2** by matching the corner letters and gluing or taping halves together up to the fold line. Do the same for **week 3** and **week 4**, which will then attach to **week 1** and **2** to complete.



*Different angles of completed tree.*



*Color tree and fill in good deeds, then color ornaments and cut out.*

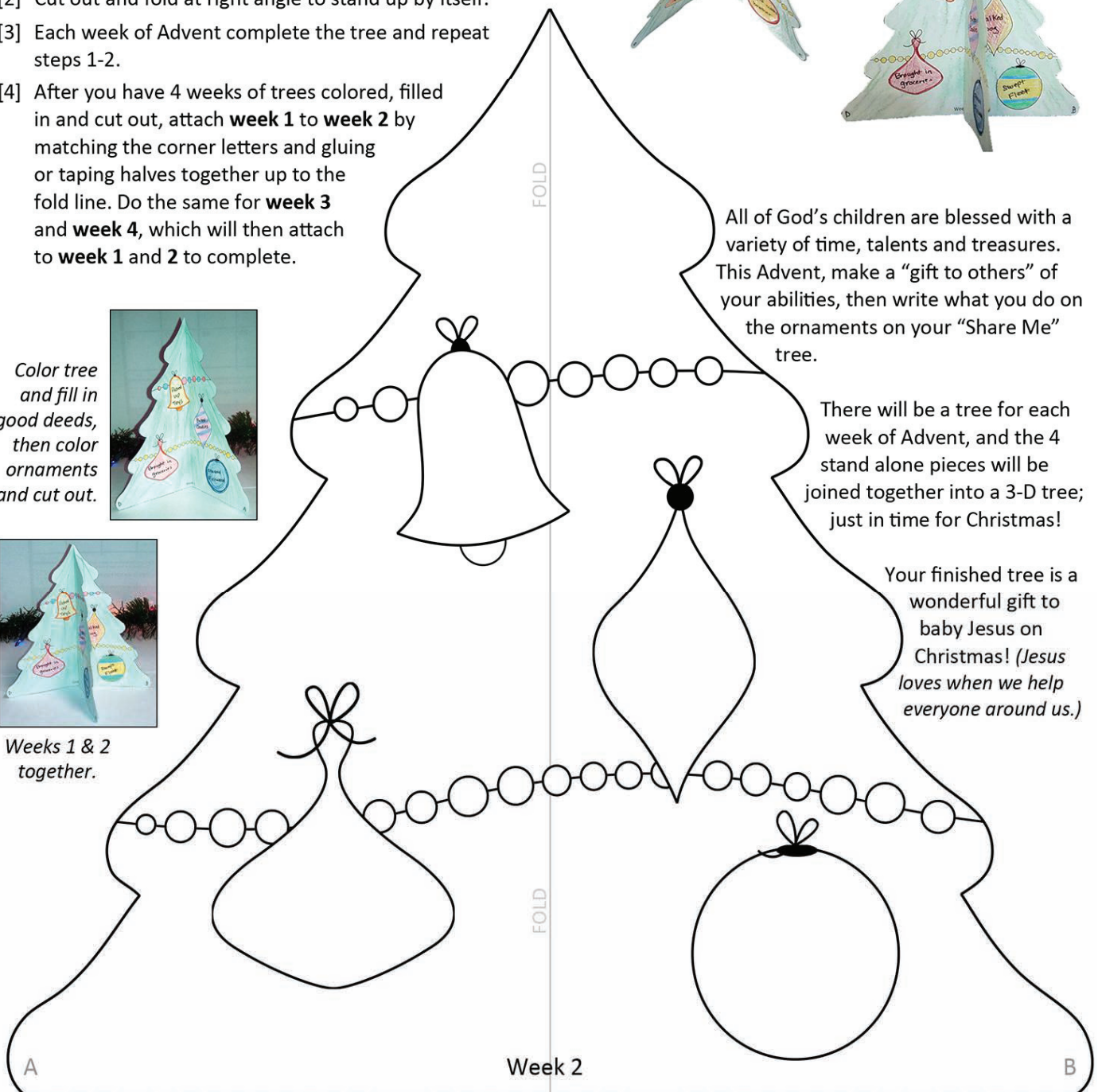


*Weeks 1 & 2 together.*

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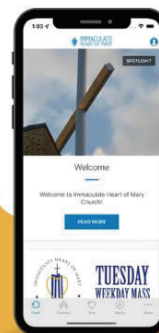
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