

Turn From Sin

Gaudete Sunday—Third Sunday of Advent (Year C)

The crowds asked John the Baptist, “What should we do?” [Luke 3:10](#)

Among those within the crowds who were asking Saint John the Baptist this question were tax collectors, soldiers and ordinary people. John gave an answer to them all, first telling them to turn away from the sins that they struggled with the most. Sin takes on many forms and often is closely associated with our daily duties in life. Some sins are sins of commission, meaning sins we commit by an intentional act. Some sins are those of omission, meaning a lack of certain virtues or a failure to do what we ought to do.

After addressing the particular sins that those in the crowds were struggling with, John then turns their attention to Christ. He states to them that “one mightier than I is coming” and that “He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” In other words, John was giving the people a twofold command. First, work to overcome sin. And second, turn your eyes to Him Who is coming to you. Repenting from sin is not enough. Once we repent, we must then fill the void within our souls with the presence of Christ.

Advent, just like Lent, is an important time within our liturgical year to heed these messages. Though it’s true that we must work to overcome sin and turn to Christ every day of the year, God knows we need a special time each year when we give concerted effort to these spiritual endeavors. So before Advent passes you by, heed the words of the Baptist and take some time to examine your conscience thoroughly. Perhaps use a detailed list of the Ten Commandments or the Seven Capital Sins. Once you do that, seek out an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Doing so is essential to a fruitful Advent season.

Once you thoroughly repent of the sins you struggle with the most right now, turn to the Savior of the World with special attentiveness to the miracle of the Incarnation this Advent. Spend time adoring the God Who came to us in the form of a little child. Meditate on this Gift. Gaze at a nativity scene prayerfully. Read the Scripture passages about the birth of Christ. Close your eyes and imagine yourself there at His birth.

Reflect, today, upon this twofold exhortation from John and apply it to your Advent preparations. Cleanse your soul in a special way from all sin this Advent. Then prayerfully ponder and meditate upon the reality we are preparing to celebrate. As John says, allow the Christ Child to truly “baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” through your deepening devotion and prayer this Advent.

My dear Jesus, please help me to see my sins as You see them.

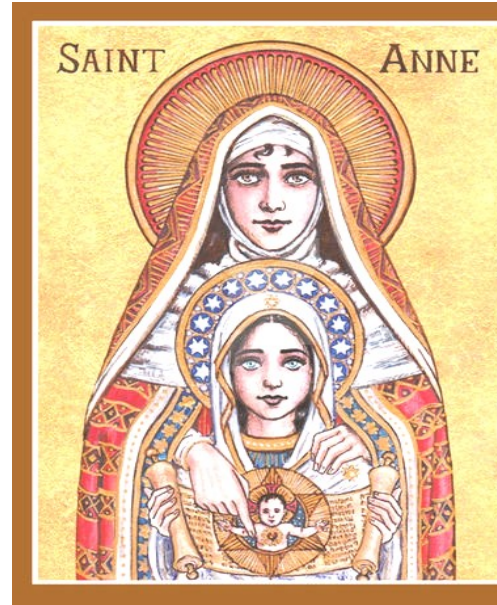
Help me to be attentive to every sinful action I commit and even those smaller sins of omission.

As I ponder my sin, please draw me to Your mercy and grace so that I can then open the eyes of my soul more deeply to see You and to adore You more completely this Advent. Jesus, I trust in You.

St. Anne Catholic Parish

December 15, 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent



Holy Mass and Sacraments Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

Daily Mass: Mondays & Fridays @ 6:00 pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays @ 9:00 am
First Saturday’s ONLY @ 9:00 am

Reconciliation: 30 minutes prior to each Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: Mondays and Fridays 5:00-6:00 pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 9:30-10:30 am

Baptism and Holy Matrimony: The family should be registered and active at St. Anne Parish for a least three months prior to Baptism or Holy Matrimony. Couples are engaged to marry need to contact Fr. Ishida at least four months prior to the wedding date for marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Father Ishida.

Parish Office: Please email or leave a voice message.

Parish Staff

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Pastoral Council

(meets 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:00 pm)

Fr Ishida, Theresa Reisenauer, Linda Pearson,

Evie Noder, Jeff King, Larry Jay,

Monica Schindler, Marlayna Smith

Finance Council

(meets 1st Tuesday quarterly @ noon)

Father Ishida, Betty Patterson,

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Ministry Contacts

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Sacristan - Theresa Reisenauer

Lectors – Cheryl Moriarty

Music – Linda Pearson

Fellowship—Betty Patterson

Hall Rental—Mary Morrison

Meditation Garden—

Parish Guilds

Prayer Chain, Theresa Reisenauer, lovinretirement@gmail.com

(Intensions can be kept anonymous if requested or needed.)

Quilters Group, Sally Bachtel 702-622-5522

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Step 2. Then enter your name and create a password.

welcome
to our Parish

Gaudete Sunday of Advent

Lectionary #9c ~ Liturgical color: violet or rose

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a
 Resp Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
 2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7
 Gospel: Luke 3:1-0-18
 NO Gloria
 The Creed

December is the Month
 of the Divine Infancy



Troop 19

Spokane, Washington

Attention fathers of boys ages 6-18. Do you want to deepen your Catholic faith while experiencing the great outdoors with your son?

The Troops of Saint George apostolate aims to use the outdoors as our canvas and the sacraments as our path to light the way for the formation of Holy Catholic men and boys.

Learn more about past and upcoming activities, reach out to ask questions or join at our website—spokanetsg.org

Information Session 12/21/2024, 5pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Cathedral
 Lower Level, Spokane
 Dinner provided. Events for 2025 Detailed

Please RSVP to Troop19@tsghq.org
 Please attend and help us make 2025 a great year for the Troops!

“The priesthood is the love
 of the heart of Jesus.”



St. Anne's Quilters would like to THANK all who donated fabric, toys, batting, and money to our group. You have helped make 200 children's quilts this year.

We donated to St. Margaret's Shelter, Catholic Charity, and Medical Lake Food Bank. Thank you!!

God Bless You, The Quilters

Nativity of our Lord

Christmas Eve, Mass @ 6:00 PM

Christmas Day, Mass @ 9:00 AM

NO Mass on December 26 & 27.

Father Ishida will be out of town.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

December 31, Mass @ 5:00 PM

January 1, Mass @ 9:00 AM



Welcome to St. Anne Parish To all visitors who are joining us for worship today. May your time with us be grace-filled and may the Lord Jesus bless you and your loved ones today and every day. Pax et Bonum (Peace & Happiness)

St. Anne Parish

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturdays @ 5:00 pm—confession @ 4:30 pm

Sundays @ 9:00 am - confession @ 8:30 am

Join us for FELLOWSHIP immediately following
 Sunday 9:00 am Mass in St. Anne Hall.

Daily Mass Schedule

Mondays & Fridays— 6:00 pm Mass

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays - 9:00 am Mass

ADORATION

Mondays & Fridays @ 5:00 pm;

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays—following Mass

CONFESSION

Mondays & Fridays @ 5:30 pm;

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays @ 8:30 am

Adult Religious Ed Classes

hosted by Father Ishida

All are welcome!

Signs of the 2nd Coming

December 11 @ 6:30PM—7:30PM

PRAYER CHAIN

INTENTIONS can be emailed and kept anonymous if requested or needed.

Please request prayers to Theresa Reisenauer at: lovinretirement@gmail.com



St. Anne Events!

Join us for FELLOWSHIP immediately following
 Sunday 9:00 am Mass in St. Anne Hall.

Wednesday, December 11 @ 9:45 AM

Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall

Wednesday, December 11 @ 6:30 PM

Adult Religious Ed @ 6:30 pm in the Hall

Wednesday, December 18 @ 9:45 AM

Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall

Quilting Group will NOT meet on Christmas Day
 or New Year's Day.

Wednesday, January 8 @ 9:45 AM

Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall

Tuesday, January 14 @ 12:00 PM (noon)

Finance Council Meeting @ NOON in the Hall

Tuesday, January 14 @ 6:00 PM

Parish Council Meeting @ 6:00 PM in the Hall

Wednesday, January 15 @ 9:45 AM

Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall

Wednesday, January 22 @ 9:45 AM

Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall

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JOIN for free!

Directions on front of
 the bulletin



2024 ACA Parish Goals St. Anne,
 Medical Lake: \$21,368

We have currently received
 \$16,890— 79.04% of our goal.

Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

08	Sunday	Pro Populo
09	Monday	
10	Tuesday	
11	Wednesday	
12	Thursday	
13	Friday	
14	Saturday	
15	Sunday	Pro Populo

St. Anne ... Pray for us!
 Mary, Queen of Heaven ... Pray for us!