

# Preparation for the SACRAMENT *of* RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is about the gracious mercy of God. Deep peace comes with reconciliation with God with others, and with ourselves. "Make ready the way of our God. Clear a straight path."

In the gospel today John the Baptist announces the One who is coming; the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. Let us examine how we live our baptism and invite God's Spirit to guide us to new beginnings.

## EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

**READER:** How do I live my baptismal commitment to follow Jesus more fully?

*pause for reflection*

Jesus, you baptize us with the Holy Spirit

**ALL:** *Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison*

**READER:** What impedes my relationship with God and with others?

*pause for reflection*

Christ Jesus, you offer us mercy and compassion

**ALL:** *Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison*

**READER:** God has opened a new path for us through Jesus.  
What new beginning do I want to make through the celebration of this sacrament?

*pause for reflection*

Jesus, you call us to to live fully with you.

**ALL:** *Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison*

*From the heart of the Trinity, from the depths of the mystery of God,  
the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasing.  
It is a spring that will never run dry,  
no matter how many people draw from it.*

– Pope Francis

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Serves residents of zip 63107,  
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OPEN: Tuesday, Thursday,  
Saturday from 9am-noon,  
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# Most Holy Trinity Parish

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*The reign of God is at hand.*

*Matthew 3:2*



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## MISSION:

We are a people graced by God, who come together as a community of faith, supporting each other as we live and celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Parish Mass Schedule:** 4 PM Saturday Mass/Eucharistic Prayer Service in Rectory Chapel  
9:30 AM Sunday in Church | 9:15 AM Wednesday School Mass in Church (during school year)

**The reign of God is at hand**

– Matthew 3:2

John the Baptist’s intense preaching shakes us up a bit and jostles us from our regular routines. He calls us to conversion, to turn completely and fully toward God. Today we reflect on this invitation to conversion:



What regular routines do I want to change?  
How will I be about reconciliation with my family and friends?  
What does conversion reveal? Conversion celebrates “glory to God in the highest, and peace to all God’s people on earth.”

– Sister Janice

**LITURGICAL ROLES:**

**Saturday, December 14, 4:00 pm**

Lector: Robin Feeherty

Eucharistic Minister: Hazel Hosea

**Sunday, December 15, 9:30 am**

First Lector: Carol Nowak

Second Lector: Kenneth Patterson

Eucharistic Ministers

Sheila Bone                      Korky Buhr

Madonna Buhr                  Vickie Deason

Acolyte: Doris Speed

**PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING FOR:** Helen Barber, Vickie and Ed Deason, Mary Green, Mary Lee Howard, Joetta Lukowski, Ronnie Russell (the brother of Barbara Russell), John Towles, Ethel Long, Diana Schmidt, Tom George (a donor), and the needs of the Tracy and Usanga family

**MARY, PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS**

**Monday, December 9 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Patronal Feastday of the United States of America) There will be a Eucharistic Prayer Service in the chapel at 12:10 p.m.

**Thursday December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
This feast commemorates the apparitions of Mary to Juan Diego in 1531 at Guadalupe, near Mexico City. Mary’s spoke these words to Juan Diego and to us today: “I give all my love, my compassion, my help and my protection to the people. I am the merciful mother of all in this land, of all humankind, of all those who love me, of those who cry to me, of those who have confidence in me.”  
Let us imitate Mary’s concern and care for all every day.

**MOST HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL AND ACADEMY** invite you to an Advent prayer service Monday evening, December 16 at 6:00 pm in our church. Let us join with the students and their families in this Advent prayer.

**SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21,** you are invited to come and decorate the church for the holy celebration of Christmas. Whether we are hanging bulbs on the tree, preparing banners or putting the crib in place, each action opens our hearts to welcome God who lovingly embraces all.



# THE SACRAMENT *of* RECONCILIATION

*Father Rich Creason wrote this a couple of years ago. Today it offers a grace-filled way to focus on the sacrament.*

Advent gives the opportunity to recognize Jesus and experience God’s presence in all. In recognizing Jesus, we come to know the promise of salvation.

The opportunity that we share in this preparation is to come today to the sacrament of Reconciliation. It seems small, but seeing others come to this sacrament offers us encouragement and provides a sense of solidarity in standing together.

The sacrament of Reconciliation is a gift given to the church. It is our responsibility to share it with one another. It is in knowing that as members of the Body

of Christ our living, suffering and dying all have a profound impact on one another.

We sometimes make poor choices, and we know that God’s mercy is gentle and everlasting. The sacrament of Reconciliation is a step in realizing that the salvation is experienced by all. What a wonderful way to share with each other this holy season of Advent.

We pray that the spirit of reconciliation will be shared thousands of times each day with our families, our city, our country and our world.

**STEWARDSHIP 11/24/1209**

\$ 567.00 Parishioner Envelopes

49.00 Cash Contributions

**\$ 616.00 Total – Thank you!**

**STEWARDSHIP 12/1/1209**

\$ 1,550.00 Parishioner Envelopes

85.00 Cash Contributions

**\$ 1,635.00 Total – Thank you!**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, December 8, 9:30 am**

Joanne George

**Wednesday, December 11, 9:30 am**

Tillie Plouder

**Saturday, December 14, 4:00 pm**

George Preis

**We welcome all who are visiting today!**

We invite you to join us every Saturday at 4pm & Sunday at 9:30am.

**FLOWER MEMORIALS**

Honor a loved one with beautiful poinsettias that will adorn our church for the Christmas season. Complete the slip below, put in a plain envelope with your donation, and place it in the collection basket. Your donation helps defray the cost of flowers.

YOUR NAME

NAME OF PERSON HONORED

