

# St. Philomena Chapel

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

- Monday, December 8 | **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

9:00am – St. Philomena

9:00am – St. Peter Claver

*Pro Populo*

- Tuesday, December 9 | **Within the Octave (sd)**

7:30am – St. Philomena

*My Family – J. Suarez*

- Wednesday, December 10 | **Within the Octave (sd), St. Melchiades**

7:30am – St. Philomena

*Private Intention*

- Thursday, December 11 | **St. Damasus I (sd), Within the Octave**

7:30am – St. Philomena

*Private Intention - Anonymous*

- Friday, December 12 | **Within the Octave (sd)**

7:30am – St. Philomena

*Private Intention - Anonymous*

- Saturday, December 13 | **St. Lucy (d), Within the Octave**

7:30am – St. Philomena

*Private Intention - Anonymous*

- Sunday, December 14 | **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (sd), Within the Octave**

9:00am – St. Philomena & St. Peter Claver

*Pro Populo*

# Announcements

## Collection

St. Philomena – 11/23, 11/30 - \$1750

St. Peter Claver – 11/23, 11/30 - \$485

## Reflection for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

The Second Sunday of Advent turns our attention to the voice of St. John the Baptist, crying out in the wilderness: *Prepare ye the way of the Lord*. Advent is a season of holy expectation, not sentimentality. The Church calls us to straighten what has become crooked in our lives, to cast aside the works of darkness, and to ready our hearts for the coming of Christ.

St. John the Baptist stands as the model of Advent vigilance. His call to repentance is not merely moral advice but a summons to conversion: to remove whatever obstructs grace, to abandon complacency, and to make our lives a fitting road upon which the Lord may enter. Advent is therefore a time of quiet self-examination, sincere penance, and renewed fidelity.

The prophets foretell the Messiah as the One who brings true peace — not the fragile peace the world offers, but the peace that comes from righteousness. This peace begins in the soul that yields itself to God. As the divine light draws nearer, the Christian is urged to walk with greater clarity, simplicity, and purity of heart.

In this sacred season, the Church teaches us to wait, to watch, and to hope. Christ comes in humility at Bethlehem; He comes in grace to the faithful soul; He will come in glory at the end of time. Advent prepares us for all three. Let us therefore heed the Baptist's cry, purify our hearts, and make ready the way of the Lord.