

Second Sunday of Advent - December 9, 2012

God has commanded
that every lofty mountain be made low.
— *Baruch 5:7*

SCRIPTURE THEME:

AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.



According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

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SPECIAL COLLECTION:

There will be a special collection taken up at all the Masses this weekend for the Retired Religious. Please be generous.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

The usual request for funds to help in placing flowers on the altar for Christmas will be taken up at all the Masses next weekend. As with all things flowers are expensive. A contribution by everyone - large or small - will enable us to fittingly decorate the sanctuary for the celebration of Christmas - Christ's Birth. Thank you.



JUST A BITE:

The Cathedral Altar Society will be hosting "Just a Bite" dessert tasting and sale on Friday, December 14 at the Portier House from 6-8 pm. Stop in and sample some heavenly desserts and then buy a box to take home with you for just \$5.00.

Mass Intentions

Week Beginning Sunday, December 9, 2012

Sunday December 9	8:00 AM 10:30 AM.	Chester Clancy Parishioners
Monday December 10	12:10 PM..	Anna & Harold Paige & Family
Tuesday December 11	12:10 P.M.	Deceased Members of the McGill Family
Wednesday December 12	12:10 PM	Anna & Harold Paige & Family
Thursday December 13	12:10 P.M.	Chester Clancy
Friday December 14	12:10 P.M.	John Cavanaugh
Saturday December 15	8:00 A.M. 4:30 P.M.	Chester Clancy Louise Boyer

TITHES AND DONATIONS:

We are grateful for your
tithes and donations of
\$3,474.28 for the Feast of Christ
the King. Thank you.



Christmas and New Year Schedule

2012-2013

**Christmas Eve December 24:
Sacrament of Reconciliation**

3:30 PM– 4:15 PM

Vigil Mass 4:30 PM

**Midnight Mass—Doors open at
11:00 PM**

Music Program begins at 11:15 PM

Mass at 12:00 Midnight

Mass on Christmas Day

December 25 - 10:30 AM

**Vigil Mass on Monday, Dec. 31, 2012
5:30 PM**

**Mass on Tuesday, January 1, 2013,
the Feast of Mary the Mother of God,
is at 9:00 AM**