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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9, 2007

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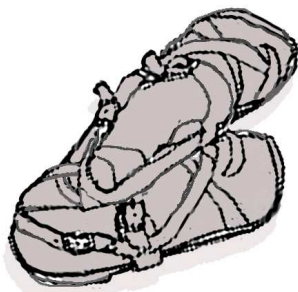
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Mass Schedule:	Sundays	at St. Cecilia's	9:30 a.m.
		at St. Mary's	11:15 a.m.
	Weekdays	at St. Cecilia's	8 a.m. (Mon. Wed. Fri.)
		at St. Mary's	8 a.m. (Thur.)
Confessions:	Sundays	at St. Cecilia's	9 to 9:25 a.m.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist was not married, maybe for a good reason. She would have had to been an extraordinary woman to have to deal with his idiosyncratic life. John the Baptist had a fiery personality, abrasive, explosive, intimidating, contentious, divider. He condemned the lowly as well as kings of his days. Example, King Herod. He feared no one and angered many. Yet he was loved, admired, respected for defending God's word. No wonder he is considered the last of the great prophets.

We have no one like him in our times.



Mass Intentions: Week of December 9, 2007

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	.....	Chris De La Torre
Sunday	11:15 a.m.	.....	David De La Torre
Monday	8 a.m.	.....	Agnes & James Boyle
Wednesday	8 a.m.	.....	John Lawson
Thursday	8 a.m.	.....	Chris De La Torre
Friday	8 a.m.	.....	David De La Torre

From the Pew

Anyone who has photos of a fountain they like for St. Cecilia's garden, send them to Fr. O'. By the new year, the decision will be made as to the type of fountain that will be bought. If you have a preference, now is the opportunity to present ideas.

Marie Dhority needs to be hired by the Vatican for Christmas decorating. Our Hall is the best. And what a gift she brings to the parish! Thanks also to Sally Williams, Enda Brennan, her cohorts.

Parish's Christmas Party, Friday December 14th, at St. Cecilia's Hall. 6PM Cocktails, 7PM Dinner. Adults \$10.00, children \$5.00. Not to be missed, Patricia Lawson's mime of Patricia Lawson.

An anonymous donor is granting a matching donation of up to \$12,500 to St. Cecilia's parish. This donation is specific to be used for the repayment of the debt the parish incurred when the church was remodeled. Though this is a busy financial time of the year, nevertheless we cannot ignore this opportunity to alleviate our debt to the diocese. We have three more years to pay off our debts. Matching this donation helps us enormously. We have until the end of the year.

Pray for Rose Sutherland, Walter Echo's aunt, who passed away last week. Walter was very close to his aunt.

This is the last week for the Giving Tree – Toys and Joys in the Valley.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of Pro-Life. On Sunday, December 9th. Pro Lifers, led by a banner of Our Lady of Guadalupe, walk from 4th and A Streets in San Rafael to 4th and H Streets to support the sanctity of life. Departure from 4th and A Streets is shortly after 1:30PM.

Santa Sabina Retreat Center in San Rafael will hold a Day of Prayer on Wednesday, December 12, beginning at 9:30 and closing with Eucharist at 1:15 to 2:00. Theme presented by Camaldolese monk, Thomas Matus. All are welcome, bring your own lunch. For information, call 415-457-7727.

<u>Last week's collections:</u>	St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas	.....	\$ 620.00
	St. Mary's, Nicasio	.....	\$ 341.00
	Total:	.....	\$ 961.00



"Christmas isn't just a day, it's a frame of mind." ... Kris Kringle, *Miracle on 34th Street*