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John the Baptist preached conversion, a *turning toward* the Lord. We must make the road ahead smooth, remove obstacles, and straighten out what is twisted. Our commitment to Christ will enable us to face and overcome whatever challenging issues emerge in our lives.

The Advent season is a special time to reexamine our lives and make any corrections. Let's start immediately to build hope in our lives.

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We know the difficulties with a detour. We are forced to take an alternative route and often spend long hours in traffic. During a severe snow storm, roads can be im-passable and unsafe. Drivers don't have any choices and must wait until it is safe to continue.

We also face challenging situations. Dark thoughts may come to the fore and make our days difficult. What can we do? Who can help us and give us hope for better days?

During the time of Advent, the evangelist Luke introduces us to John the Baptist, God's messenger. The desert prophet preached that we must prepare the way of the Lord to achieve salvation.

Before his passion, Jesus affirmed that he is the Way (Jn 4:16). Our Way is Christ who has invited us to walk with him throughout our lives. Yet Christ does not exert any force: we must agree to follow Him and comply with certain conditions to achieve salvation.

The Week at a Glance

Sat Dec 8 7:30pm Mass in Arborfield **For Souls in Purgatory**
 Sun Dec 9 9:00 am Mass in Carrot River **For the people**
 11:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For Conversion of Souls**
 Mon Dec 10 *Fr Travis' day off*
 Tues Dec 11 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For †Alphonse Lacroix**
 Wed Dec 12 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For Deceased members of K of C**
 7:00pm Confession Arborfield
 Thurs Dec 13 6:00pm Adoration in Carrot River
 7:00pm Mass in Carrot River **For †Alice & Harold Wheeler**
 Fri Dec 14 7:00pm Adoration in Zenon Park
 8:00pm Mass in Zenon Park **For Marriage blessing Andre & Beth L**
 Sat Dec 15 7:30pm Mass in Arborfield **For Souls in Purgatory**
 Sun Dec 16 9:00 am Mass in Carrot River **For †August & Sophie Taming**
 11:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For the people**

Mass Times for Nov/Dec

Sat 7:30pm – Arborfield
 Sun 9:00am – Carrot River
 Sun 11:00am – Zenon Park



Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th

5:00pm – Arborfield
 7:00pm – Zenon Park
 9:00pm – Carrot River

December 25th

10:00am – Zenon Park

Announcements and Activities

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Dec 8</u>	<u>Dec 15</u>
Commentator	Neil	Liz
Reader	Jean	Jeanne
Cup	Sue, James	Beatrice, Neil
Hospitality	Louis, Jean	Neil, Lorraine
Offerings	Liz, Guy	Louis, Jean
Sacristan	Sue	Jeanne

Cleaning Schedule

Dec 10 - Dec 16, 2018	Don & Jeanne Hoiland
Dec 17 - 23, 2018	Bob & Lisa Hamelin

Last week's collection total: **\$340.00** **Thank You**

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2018:
"What Must We Do... to Build the Kingdom of God?"
 Every gift is greatly appreciated!
 Parish Contributions to date **\$2710.00** of our goal of \$4075

Lectio Divina to be held Dec 8 & 15th at 7:00 pm. (see attached for description)

Vocation Corner – Second Sunday of Advent – C

A Vocation View: Who, today, is willing to make ready the way of the Lord, to clear Him a straight path? Prayed that you would.

Prayer: That the Lord, who is beginning the good work of choosing from among us men and women to follow Him as priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, will bring it to completion through our prayers and sacrifices, we pray to the Lord.

Action: In a recent survey of a broad spectrum of Catholics, more than 70 percent of the survey participants have invited someone to consider religious life. Ideally the promotion of vocations is the responsibility of the entire church, not only of the clergy or religious themselves.

Pope Francis promulgated the Year of Consecrated Life to raise the church's awareness about the importance of this unique vocation within the communion of vocation we all share as baptized Christians. What a gift and blessing for the entire church!