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December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

Entrance: O Come, O Come Emmanuel #38

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Responsorial Psalm

My soul rejoices in my God.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-9, 19-28

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory: People Look East #41

People, look East. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad, though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there;
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flow'r may flourish.
People, look East and sing today:
Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Communion: Holy Is His Name #42

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
And my spirit exalts in God my Savior
For He has looked with mercy on my lowliness
And my name will be forever exalted
For the mighty God has done great things for me
And His mercy will reach from age to age
And holy, holy, holy is His name

He has mercy in every generation
He has revealed His power and His glory
He has cast down the mighty in their arrogance
And has lifted up the meek and the lowly
He has come to help His servant Israel
He remembered His promise to our fathers

And holy, holy, holy is His name
Holy, holy, holy is His name

Recessional: City of God #385

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

*Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day!*

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The one who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
a light for his people to set their hearts free.

December 13th - December 20th

Sunday, December 13th -

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/ 1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8,19-28

5:00pm Vigil Decd Richard Sanders
8:00am Decd Lucia Persichilli Tejani
9:45am Decd Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR
11:30am Sp Int For Our Parish Family

Monday, December 14th - St. John of the Cross

Nm 24:2-7,15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

8:30am Decd Mame McCormick

Tuesday, December 15th -

Zep 3:1-2,9-13/Mt 21:28-32

8:30am Decd Brandy & Ruth Abbatiello

Wednesday, December 16th -

Is 45:6b-8,21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23

8:30am Decd John Reynolds
7:30pm Decd William A. hogan

Thursday, December 17th -

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:11-17

8:30am Decd Anne McCormick

Friday, December 18th -

Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

8:30am Decd Margaret McNamee

Saturday, December 19th -

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

8:30am Decd Jesus Limsiaco

Sunday, December 20th -

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,14a, 16//Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

5:00pm Vigil Decd Geraldine Nappi
8:00am Sp Int For Our Parish Family
9:45am Decd Maria Pereira
11:30am Decd Albert & Anne Higgins

Week of December 13th

Bread and Wine

Decd James Williams

Sanctuary Lamp

Sp Int Capuchin Friars
of Province of St Mary



Parish Office Hours

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - Friday

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

We will tape the 8:30 Weekday Mass
from the church for Broadcast at 10:00 am.

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, December 17th 3:30-7:00 pm

**Please Pray
for the repose of the souls of
all the deceased parishioners of Sacred Heart,
and the Special Intentions of
Our Parish Family members,
listed in our Prayer Intention Book.**



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From the Pastor's Desk

The Third Sunday of Advent: Rejoice in the Lord Always...

"I say it again, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near. Rejoice, rejoice; Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel." These words are so filled with hope for us as we, too, rejoice on this Third Sunday of Advent.

Today the third candle on the Advent wreath is lit. This rose colored candle, which marks Gaudete Sunday, is a reminder that the celebration of Christ's birth is quickly approaching and that our hearts are made joyful and festive as we consider the salvation that is ours in Jesus.

As we journey into the third week of Advent, I invite you to feel the joy of our celebration today. The entrance antiphon for this weekend is "*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near.*" (Philippians 4:4-5) Our first reading (Isaiah 61:1-2a; 10-11) reminds us of the mission that we, too, have been anointed for. We have received God's Spirit, we have been prepared for the task at hand, and we have been sent to proclaim the good news of the Gospel. But, do we really believe that we have been sent by the Lord? What words and actions in our daily lives bear witness to our calling?

The second reading (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24) reminds us to rejoice always and encourages us to pray without ceasing. Do you pray regularly? Do you grow weary waiting for God to answer your prayers? Do you stop praying if God doesn't respond quickly enough? Does your life bring joy to others or evoke joy in the lives of others? Joy can be contagious; try it! We're also told in this reading to give thanks [to God] in all circumstances. *All circumstances?* What about the difficult ones? The painful ones? The stressful and anxious ones? Yes, even in these difficult circumstances we can give thanks – because we are never alone and Jesus has promised to be with us even until the end of time.

In today's gospel (John 1:6-8, 19-28) John the Baptist shows up on the scene to give testimony to Jesus, the Christ. At the beginning of his preaching, John quickly admits he is not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet (promised by Moses who would announce the arrival of the reign of God.) Rather, quoting the great prophet, Isaiah, he tells his listeners, "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord." We heard a similar message in last weekend's gospel: John the Baptist is preparing the way for Jesus, the Messiah, the One who is greater than himself. How do we imitate John the Baptist? How do we make straight the way of the Lord? Do we defer to Jesus?

As I always like to remind myself and you, my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Third Sunday of Advent is not intended to elicit feelings of panic and despair: "Oh no! Advent is half over and I have so much more to do before Christmas!" Nor is it intended to evoke passing feelings of disappointment that "I didn't do anything I planned to do this Advent season." Take a deep breath, invite the Spirit of the Lord to dwell in you, and use the next two weeks as a kind of personal retreat to allow the Lord to touch your heart and mind and soul in preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

As time continues to march on, and quite quickly, we know that there will always be more to do, things that we simply can't get done...but let us pray for the grace and strength needed to really pay attention to the ways in which God's Presence has been revealed around us and within us. Let us pause to contemplate the mystery of God's love for us, the greatest expression of which is found in sending us a Savior, Jesus, His Son. When we recognize, celebrate and share this awareness of God's unconditional love for us, then we **will be joyful** and in our witnessing this joy, we will be the living, breathing invitation of Jesus, "hand delivered," for others to come and follow!

A Generous Matching Gift

After one of the Masses last weekend, following the presentation by our Parish Trustees (Janet Corvini and Darryl Benjamin) I received an email from one of the families in our parish. I am including, with their permission, an excerpt from their email:

We appreciated hearing from your trustee the news of your successful Bridging the Gap campaign. For us, hearing from the trustee makes the point that we, as a parish, are in this together. It also relieves the burden of the pastor asking for money.

As we understand it, the fund is still short \$14,000. If the parish is able to raise \$7,000 by January 1, 2021, we will match that amount, thereby fully bridging the gap.

My dear parishioners, I hope you'll agree that this offer is both humbling and inspiring – and, at the same time, challenging. The special purple Bridging the Gap envelopes continue to come into the office and in the offertory boxes. I am confident that by January 1, 2021, we will have received the additional \$7,000 - together with the \$7,000 matching gift. Be prepared to hear me express my sincere and humble gratitude over and over again.

Speaking of Gratitude...

My brothers and sisters, can you imagine the smiles and joy on the faces of all those children who will receive the Christmas gifts that you donated to our giving tree program this year? The parish partnered with the Sacred Heart High School, as we did with the Thanksgiving Food Drive, to provide several hundred toys, pajamas, and books for needy children.

Especially since the pandemic has negatively impacted so many families, your generous gifts this year will help

relieve many parents of their inability to share the joy of Christmas with their children. In their name, I thank you and promise to ask God's special blessing on you for your kindness. Even Jesus received gifts that first Christmas: the love of his Heavenly Father, the care and concern of Mary and Joseph, the humble greeting of the shepherds, the joyful song of the angels, and the gifts of the Magi. May God, who can never be outdone in generosity, bless you and your family abundantly in the New Year.



Religious Retirement Fund Collection

As members of a religious order, the Capuchin friars are grateful for your support of this national collection. All of the monies collected are distributed among men and women's religious communities throughout the country based on the number of members in the community.

As so many of you are aware, religious sisters, brothers and priests ministered to a countless number of God's People for years receiving meager if any salaries and benefits. When convents and monasteries were full, this wasn't as big a concern for us. We took care of most of our own chores, responsibilities and covered our financial needs without banking for the extended future. We kept our sick and elderly members in our own friaries and convents and cared for them until Sister Death called them to their eternal reward. Today, because of shrinking numbers, an aging membership, and various illnesses, we face many difficult decisions about our future and the retirement of our religious brothers, sisters, and priests.

We depend so heavily on your prayers; please keep them coming! Pray every day for vocations, we need them; you need them! We also depend heavily on your generosity to help us provide for our senior members in much the same way that all families must do. After many years of dedicated service to God's People (and many religious continue working into their 80's!) we seek your ongoing care and support for these men and women of God who have served Him, His Church and so many of us sitting in these pews and reading this notice. In their name, I thank you for your generosity and I know I can assure you of their prayers and gratitude.

(St. Clare Friary, our residence here for Senior Capuchin Friars, is filled to capacity. We thank you for all the prayers, friendship and support you have offered these friars over many years. You are remembered regularly in their prayers.)

Important Reminders During the Time of Covid-19:

When coming to Church, please remember:

Wear a mask or face covering AT ALL TIMES over your NOSE and MOUTH.

Sanitize your hands, even if you did it before arriving at church. Don't pass by the sanitizing stations without using them.

Sit in designated seats only.

Keep a safe distance from the person in front of you while on the line to receive Holy Communion.

(Follow the markings on the carpet.)

Stay HOME if you are feeling ill in any way.

Don't take the pandemic for granted. It does not discriminate against any potential targets

Fr. Bob

This Sunday, December 13th
 3rd Sunday of Advent
Young Adult Mass ~7:00 PM
 All are welcome!

Puzzle Time.....
 match the key to get Today's Verse

6 3 23 2 7 9 3	7 10	4 26 3	1 2 6 13
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6 3 23 2 7 9 3	7 10 13 3 3 13	4 26 3	
1 2 6 13	7 11	10 3 5 6	

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
5	14	9	13	3	24	22	26	7	23	17	1	21

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
10	2	19	15	6	11	4	12	20	16	25	8	18



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