

# *MESSAGE FROM THE LAPTOP*

## **MARANATHA, COME LORD JESUS, COME!**

*Sunday Greetings Family of HNOJ & HC:*

**GAUDATE - REJOICE!** The Third Sunday of Advent comes upon us with this prevailing message. The scriptures, the prayers of the Mass, the antiphons of the Mass, all exude the message of rejoicing as we come to a juncture in our Advent journey. At the end of this week, the attention of our Advent message will shift, and the final seven days will draw our attention to the first coming of our Lord Jesus that will lead up to our celebration of Christmas. The theme of rejoicing is amplified via the Mass this weekend as the liturgical color of our vestments shifts from the “purple” that exudes penance and reform to the “rose” color that exudes exuberant joy. The season of Lent has the same mid-point moment of “joy” when we are given Laetare Sunday which brings out the “rose” vestment once again and the scriptures and Mass texts express this reality.

Why does the Church take this tract during the seasons of Advent and Lent? I really have not researched this at the present time but, thinking back to when I was in high school, as you would go along with the education process for weeks on end, it would be a welcome moment when a pep rally would be planned and executed that would add a bit of spirit to the school atmosphere. I can venture to say that these two Sundays of Advent and Lent are directed to do the same for us along our spiritual journeys we have entered into. So, rejoice that the Lord is near. We are now closer to our Lord’s return again in glory than we were when we began reading this piece.

I would like to point out that next Monday, the Church of the Archdiocese of New York along with the Diocese of Brooklyn will hold Reconciliation Monday from 4:00 – 8:00pm in all their churches. At Holy Name of Jesus and Holy Cross I along with Fr. Chris Argano and Fr. Nicholas Blackwell, O. Carm will be splitting out time between the two parishes so that we can address the sacramental needs we hope you will take advantage of.

## **MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS 2020**

### **HOLY CROSS**

**12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE: 4:00pm 5:30pm & 11:00pm**

**12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY: 9:00am**

### **HOLY NAME OF JESUS**

**12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE: 4:00pm & 8:00pm**

**12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY: 10:45am**

That is all for now. **GO FORTH AND ANNOUNCE THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. MANY BLESSINGS FOR THE WEEK!!!!**

*Fr. Mike*