

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 13, Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 **EW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **BW** Michael Ryan from The Family

12:00 **BW** James Kimmet from Patty & Paul

Monday, December 14, St John of the Cross, Priest

12:10 Ruth Wirth

Tuesday, December 15

12:10 Paul Gerstner from Carol & Larry

Wednesday, December 16

12:10 Linda Evans from Kay & Bill Russ

Thursday, December 17

12:10 Purgatorial Society

Friday, December 18

12:10 Ralph Garhard Wedekind from The Mohr Family

Saturday, December 19

12:10 **BW** Michael Clauder from Sarah Edge

7:00 **BW** Zetta Ann Esper from Nancy Gessner

Sunday, December 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 **BW** Michael Clauder from Patty Misrach

10:30 **EW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

12:00 **EW** Marilyn Wagner from Mary Lynn Creighton

From the Pastor's Desk

PUBLIC MASSES WITH RESTRICTIONS WILL BE HELD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

PLEASE REGISTER FOR SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY
MASSES at strosecincinnati.org

ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST WEAR A MASK WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH. Thank you for your understanding, patience and cooperation.

THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL WHO RESIDE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI CONTINUE TO BE DISPENSED FROM THE OBLIGATION OF ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS.

To join us for mass on your computer, iPad, smart phone, or smart tv go to our website STROSECINNATI.ORG and click on [WATCH LIVE](#). I want to thank everyone who continues to support us with their generous contributions. God Bless, Fr. Barry

Please remember to register for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Mass
Tickets will be required
Christmas Eve 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 & 10:00 are FULL
Christmas Day masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

PRAYER AGAINST CORONAVIRUS

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness.

For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen. -Pedro de la Cruz

HERE AT ST. ROSE

Isabella Blake Jones was welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of **Patricia Dolle** whose funeral was this past week here at St. Rose Church.

We have our Advent Penance Service on December 22 at 7:00 p.m. It is a good way to prepare us for Christmas

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO ADVENT - The 2020 edition of The Ultimate Guide to Advent from The Catholic Telegraph is now available! The guide is free, downloadable and filled with everything from faith traditions to favorite recipes, events for families, movie and music recommendations and more. It's interactive, with links to click, gifts to buy, coloring pages to print and prayers to pray. Please visit thecatholictelegraph.com/advent-guide to get the guide delivered to you free via email.

Wreaths Across America

Gate of Heaven Cemetery invites you to join them in celebrating Wreaths Across America on **December 19th**. There will be seven wreaths layed in the Veteran's Garden to show a united front of gratitude and respect across the United States of America as we REMEMBER the Fallen, HONOR those who serve and their families, and TEACH the next generation the value of freedom. You can find more information on the [Gate of Heaven website](#).

SUNDAY FUNNIES

Kids Say The Darndest Things:

- ~ Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.
- ~ Noah's wife was Joan of Ark.
- ~ Noah built the ark and the animals came in in pears.
- ~ Lot's wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
- ~ The seventh commandment is "Thou shalt not admit adultery".
- ~ Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
- ~ In the first book of the Bible Guinness, God got tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath off.



A reading from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Thesalonians:

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances.

Test everything; retain what is good.

Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

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Opening Prayer

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Christians read the Old Testament in light of Christ's fulfillment of the promises and prophecies found there. The passage from Isaiah 61 that we hear proclaimed in today's first reading, for instance, is most often dated to the period just after the return from Babylonian exile. This prophetic passage emerged, therefore, some five centuries before the birth of Christ. In it Isaiah says, "The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, / because the LORD has anointed me; / He has sent me to bring good news to the afflicted, / to bind up the brokenhearted, / To proclaim liberty to the captives, / release to the prisoners."

Christians see the spiritual fulfillment of these proclamations in the person and ministry of Jesus, centuries after they were uttered. In the synagogue in Nazareth, Jesus says of the Isaian passage, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21).

This is why the questioning of John the Baptist in today's gospel reading by some representatives of the Pharisees makes historical and theological sense. The Pharisees, like most Jews of this period, were awaiting the Messiah. Because of the attractiveness of John's prophetic message of repentance to the people, and his popularity, he was someone who had to be examined. John identifies himself not as the Messiah, but as the fulfillment of long-ago prophecies, as the one who prepares the way for the coming Messiah.

But the questions still remained, even for John. Whoever thought that it would happen through a young, unmarried woman, that God would look "with favor on the lowliness of his servant," Mary? God asks that as we wait for fulfillment, we be prepared for God to do new things, unexpected things, and be ready for the unlikely of answers.

Closing Prayer

All-powerful Trinity, you are light, you are love, you are one God, still speaking today. Permeate our senses, that we may hear your cry to *make straight the way of the Lord*, that all may know your light and love, you who reign forever and ever. Amen.



For Reflection:

• In the gospel, John the Baptist is described as one who came to "testify to the light." How does the way you live your life testify to the light of Christ?

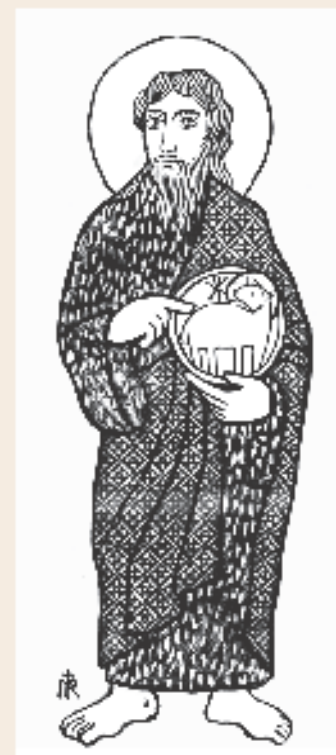
Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" he admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ."

So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?"

He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said."

Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?"

John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Readings for the week:

3rd Sunday of Advent	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	4th Sunday of Advent
Isa 61:1-2a, 10-11 Luke 1:46-48, 51-54, 53-54 1 Thess 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28	Num 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 25:4-Sabb, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Matt 21:23-27	Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13 Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 Matt 21:28-32	Isa 48:6b-8, 18, 21b-25 Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Luke 7:18b-23	Gen 48:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Matt 1:1-17	Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Matt 1:18-25	Judg 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Luke 1:5-25	2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 Rom 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38