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Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2019

The third candle symbolizes joy and is called the "Shepherd's Candle." To the shepherd's great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too. In liturgy, the color rose signifies joy.

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Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 5:30pm Vigil Patagonia

8:00am Sonoita

10:30am Patagonia

Daily Mass

Tuesday – 5:30pm

Wednesday – Friday 9:00am

Confessions

Saturday – 4:00pm to 4:30pm

Announcements

➤ **Christmas Parish Potluck**

Sunday December 15, 2019, after 10:30am Mass
Main dish and dessert will be provided by parish.
Please bring side dish to share.

➤ **Confessions** at Our Lady of The Angels
Wednesday December 18, 11:00am-12:00noon

➤ **St. Therese Parish Council meeting**
Wednesday December 18, 5:00pm

➤ **Confessions** at St. Therese Parish
Friday December 20, 4:30pm-5:30pm

Prayer Request

Arcenio De La Ossa
Ramon Quiroga
Paco Moreno
Ruben Mendoza
Virginia Fain
Paul Mihalik, Sr.
Lucy Mihalik
Daren and Becky
Pam D.
Estela Padilla
Dick Klosterman
Steve Biddle
Walter Wolosik
Nancy Swyers
Bob Bilodeau
Dr. Jesse
Cruz Quiroga
Sadie G.
Joseph Hann
Waclaw Wolosik
Don Wilson Jr.
Pelagia Wolosik
Bill Swyers
Jeannette Swyers
Harold Swyers
John Swyers
Don Witt
Art Pena
Delfina Madrid
Amelia Barrios

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalm — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7;
Mt 1:18-24

Parish Office News

- **2019 Contribution Statement Request Forms are available. Please submit your request ASAP. Place in collection basket or send to Ramon at parish office.**
- **If you don't receive envelopes, please fill out a 2020 Contribution Envelope Request form and place in collection basket or send to Ramon at parish office.**

Week of 12/08/19	Patagonia	Sonoita	Total
Regular Offering	\$637.00	\$508.00	\$1,145.00
Goal			\$1,650.00
Over /Under Goal			\$(505.00)
2 nd Collection- Diocesan Seminarian Ed.	\$65.00	\$167.00	\$232.00

Parish Office Hours

Monday 11:00am – 1:00pm
 Tuesday 8:30am-12:30pm
 Wednesday 8:30am – 10:30am
 Thursday 8:30am – 12:30 pm
 Friday **Closed**

Upcoming 2nd December 15- Parish Priest Salary
Collections: December 22- Poor & Needy

Mass Intentions

Saturday December 14, 5:30pm
Missa Pro Populo

Sunday December 15, 8:00am
 † Jane Stotler

Sunday December 15, 10:30 am
 † Don Wilson
 Norma H.

Tuesday December 17, 5:30pm
 † Arcenio Lorta

Sacramental Life

Baptism: Contact Parish Office one month prior to the desired date

Confirmation: Contact Parish Office for information and schedule

24arriage: Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months Prior to the desired date

SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS (c. 1542-1591)

December 14

How beautiful the experience of love for God and neighbor, a fire deep within! How disheartening when love suddenly cools and our souls grow dark, our prayer arid. How painful when misunderstanding, even rejection, comes our way, sometimes from those we least expect. For all such “seasons of the soul,” an inspiring fellow-pilgrim is the poet and mystic John of the Cross. As a young Carmelite, he was recruited by Teresa of Ávila for her Discalced (“barefoot,” evangelical poverty) Carmelite reform, striving to renew the Church from within after the Protestant Reformation had led countless religious away. John suffered unspeakably harsh abuse, even imprisonment, from friars who rejected this reform. Yet during these times of deepest suffering, John composed spiritual masterpieces that still guide souls to God, their titles reflecting his own painful yet ultimately victorious journey: from *The Dark Night of the Soul* through *The Ascent of Mount Carmel* to his *Spiritual Canticle* and *The Living Flame of Love*. John summarized his spirituality simply: “Put love where there is no love, and you will find love.”

REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as *Gaudete* (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5).

THE LOOK OF LOVE

What does love look like?

It has feet to go to the poor and needy.

It has eyes to see misery and want.

It has ears to hear

the sighs and sorrows of others.

—St. Augustine

PERSPECTIVE

A mountain shames a molehill until they both are humbled by the stars.

—Old adage

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

Monday: Las Posadas begins

Saturday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins