

Mass Intentions
12 December - 20 December 2020

- 12 December 2020 - Saturday - Our Lady of Guadalupe
4.30 pm:+ Walter & Florence Hubert *by their children*
- 13 December 2020 - Sunday - Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)
8.30 am: + Joseph Connoiy *by Frank & Kathleen Geosits*
11.00 am: + Paul Schick *by the family*
- 14 November 2020 - Monday - St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church
8.30 am: All the deceased of Poshadel & Miaygowicy families *by Vince & Rose Anne Livingston*
- 15 December 2020 - Tuesday - Weekday
8.30 am:
- 16 December 2020 - Wednesday - Weekday
8.30 am:
- 17 December 2020 - Thursday - Weekday
8.30 am:+ Maria White (31st Birthday) *by Rose Marie White*
- 18 December 2020 - Friday - Weekday
8.30 am:
- 19 December 2020 - Saturday - Weekday
4.30 pm:+ Theresa Schick *by the family*
- 20 December 2020 - Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Advent
8.30 am: + Stephen Geosits *by Frank & Kathleen Geosits*
11.00 am: + Frank Rusin *by Delphine Hoch & Jerry*

PRAY FOR THE SICK

J. Gottesmann, W. Rieger, K. Eschenberg, J. Feeley, R. Knack, Ron Rhodes JR, Dan Buddenhagen, Brenda Long, Mary Ann, Eileem Ohman, Madeleine Wootan, Olga Viruet, Anita Robertson, Linda Roche, Gloria Grunn, Marcia Bauer, Frank M Geosits Jr, Baby Alexian, Shirley Rangaves, Jerome Bauer, Josephine, Danny Andrews, Dr.Kuncar, Christopher Milk, Vincent McCarthy and all sick and needy.



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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

I rejoice
heartily
in
the
Lord



In my
GOD
is the
joy
of
my soul

Regular Mass with Social – Distancing
Saturday: 4.30 pm — Holy Cross Church
Sunday: 8.30 am — St. Patrick's Church
11.00 am — Holy Cross Church

"In the midst of the suffering of the pandemic, Jesus, small and helpless, is the 'Sign' that God gives to the world." – Pope Francis

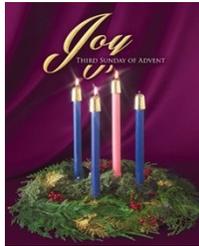
The Candle of Joy & Gaudete Sunday

Otherwise known as the Shepherd Candle, this candle reflects the joy that comes through Jesus' arrival, and through the salvation he has gifted us. Christians may wonder why the church decided to make this particular candle a different color than the others.

Although Christians have presented several reasons for the pinkish nature of the candle, from a tradition where priests would wear pink vestments to parents eagerly awaiting the joy of a child's arrival by painting the room pink, the rosy candle has its roots in something known as Gaudete Sunday.

In other words, this week celebrates the joy of Christ's coming to earth. On third Sunday, Church want to highlight the importance of joy in advent season. During a time where depression is at an all-time high and people seem to be in the most despair, this candle offers a bright light during a dark time.

It is also known as the Shepherd Candle to highlight the joy the shepherds experienced when they received the good news about Christ's birth (Luke 2:8-20). During the middle of the night, the darkest time, the shepherds encountered angels.



Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve:

24 Dec 2020

Holy Cross Church – Christmas Eve Mass – 5 pm

25 Dec 2020

St. Patrick's Church – Christmas Day Mass - 8.30 am

Holy Cross Church – Christmas Day Mass – 11 am

2020 Mariapolis Luminosa Virtual Nativity Display

This year the Focolare Movement at Mariapolis Luminosa will be presenting their 2020 International Nativity Display virtually. Each week during Advent a different episode will be presented. Please visit our Virtual Nativity Display (link below) and share this gift with your family and friends. <https://youtu.be/hD27EcYrzdE>

We wish you and your families a wonderful Advent and Christmas season. For more information, visit <https://www.focolare.org/mariapolisluminosa/>

LITURGY OF WORD

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

Second Reading: 1Thes 5:16-24

Gospel Reading: John 1 : 6-8, 19-28

The readings for the third Sunday of Advent remind us that the coming of Jesus, past, present and future, is the reason for our rejoicing. The first reading tells us that we should rejoice because the promised Messiah is coming as our Savior and liberator, saving us by liberating us from our bondages. Paul, in the second reading, advises us to “*rejoice always*” by leading blameless, holy, and thankful lives guided by the Holy Spirit, because Christ is faithful and will come again to reward us.

Today's Gospel tells us that John the Baptizer came as a witness to testify to the Light, i.e., Jesus. The coming of Jesus, the Light, into the world is cause for rejoicing as Light removes darkness from the world. We should be glad and rejoice also because, like John the Baptizer, we, too, are chosen to bear witness to Christ Jesus, the Light of the world. We are to reflect Jesus' Light in our lives so that we may radiate it and illuminate the dark lives of others around us. The joyful message of today's liturgy is clear. The salvation we await with rejoicing will liberate both the individual and the community, and its special focus will be the poor and lowly, not the rich and powerful.



Gratitude

“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.” (Proverbs 19:17).

Thanks for all who donated the canned vegetables for Thanksgiving Food Baskets program and toys for children. We appreciate you for your support and generosity!

“If you can't feed a hundred people, feed just one.” – St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata



Stewardship November 29, 2020

Sunday Collection	\$ 1581.40
Candle	\$ 22.00
Poor Box	\$ 15.00
Christmas flowers	\$ 323.00

With Prayers & Blessings of God the Father

Fr. John Kennady MMI
Dn. John Lyttle
13 December 2020