

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019**

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return
and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy.
— *Isaiah 35:10a*

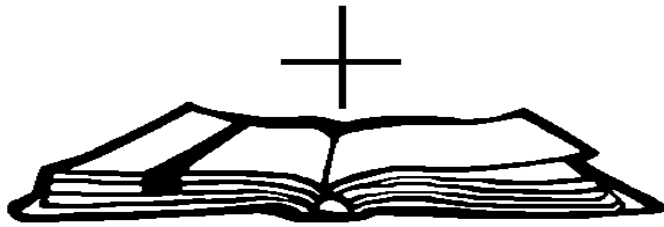
REASON TO REJOICE

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).

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Mass Intentions



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Sat. Dec. 14, 4:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Barrilleaux Family, Hotard Family, Louis Perschall Sr., I. Perschall, Karge Family, Joyce Arcement, Paul Loubre, Special Intention, Nick Sita, Fr. Richard Hermes, S.J. (L)

Sun., Dec. 15, 7:30 a.m. Carol Pieri

Sun., Dec. 15, 9:15 a.m. Fred and Frances Hebbler, Mary Jane Mehaffey, Dr. Normi Miller, Emily Beck, Valeska Zimmer, Max Jones, Ann Clark, Sheryl Schiro (L) Andrew Danenhower (L), James Briggs (L)

Sun., Dec. 15, 11:00 a.m. Parishioners

Mon., Dec. 16, 8:00 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule’

Tues., Dec. 17, NO MASS

Wed., Dec. 18,, 8:00 a.m. Theresa Mule’ (L)

Thurs., Dec. 19, 8:00 a.m. Gweyn Weng (L)

Fri., Dec. 20, 8:00 a.m. Sr. Josephine Cusimano DC

PRAYER LIST

James Michael Cole	Korey James Harris
Scott St. Romaine	Freddie Addotto
Fred Kopfler	Louise Cashmere
Florence Hoffman	Sylvia Callahan
Rich Richardson	Nancy Richardson
Randy Cooper	Richard Atkins
Roy M. Piazza	Ruthi Olson



Envelopes	\$ 2,082.00
Loose	\$ 2,168.00
Bldg. and Pres. Fund	\$ 492.00
2nd Coll., Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 1,990.00

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary	Jon Holmes and Family (L)
Blessed Mother	Susan Beatmann (L)
St. Joseph	Alexander Bradford
St. Ann	Gary Treuil

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar are in memory of

Bill and Florine Brown

“CHRISTMAS FLOWERS”

The Altar Society is asking for donations for flowers to help with the added expense for Christmas Flowers. Donations can be placed in the box on the wall in the back of church. You can enter the names of your loved ones in the book and they will be remembered at all Masses throughout the Christmas season.

The members of St. John’s Altar Society want to express our appreciation to the parishioners for the excellent support received in our annual fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets, purchased treats, or made a donation. The winners of the raffle items are: Advent Calendar - Theresa Wilfert; Bethlehem Wreath - Dennis Ackerson; Nativity with Crèche - John Brockhaus; and Rosary - Sandy Smith.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Breakfast with Santa is this Sunday beginning at 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Kids of all ages (and those of you who are young at heart) are invited to visit with Santa and have a delicious breakfast. There is no charge for this event.

CATCH FIRE YOUTH GROUP

Join us this Sunday, December 15th at 6:00pm. Come join other youth in Odilo Hall for snacks, games, music and fellowship! Open to 6th graders through Seniors in high school!

PSR Christmas Program

Parishioners, family, and friends are invited to the Annual Christmas Program, Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 PM in Jonathan Hall. K-3rd graders will present the nativity in full costume with the PSR choir. Special performances by the Garber Family children, their violin teacher, George Serban, and Amanda Fraisse using our new sound system! Admission is FREE.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, Dec. 24

Vigil of Christmas

4:30 p.m. in Jonathan Hall

9:00 p.m. Mass in Church

Christmas Day – Wednesday, Dec. 25

Nativity of the Lord

9:00 a.m. in Church

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, Jan. 1 Holy Day Of Obligation

Dec. 31, Vigil Mass, 4:30 p.m. in Church

Jan. 1st, - 9:00 a.m. in Church

PIVOTAL PLAYER DVD

Pivotal players continue on Sundays December 22nd at 6:00 PM in the Jonathan Hall library with part 2 of our study of the life and teachings of Venerable Fulton Sheen. The study will view the actual footage from Sheen's "Life is Worth Living." Sheen's innovative radio and television programs, beamed out to believers and skeptics alike, reached upwards of 30 million people per week. Sheen had a gift for spreading the faith clearly and persuasively, and he paved the path for today's media evangelists.

The office will close at noon on Mon., Dec. 23th through Wed., Dec. 25th. reopening on Thurs., Dec. 26th.

DEANERY-WIDE ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Most Holy Trinity will host a deanery-wide reconciliation Service on Wednesday, December 18th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. As a Catholic, this is one of our sacraments. There will be many priests available to hear confessions on that night.

Fr. Vincent has extended confession for Advent only on Saturday, December 21st from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES

The 2020 collection envelopes are in the back of church for this weekend. These are in alphabetical order from left to right as you enter Church. If you do not use envelopes, but would like to begin contributing with envelopes, please call the office at 796-3806.

WILLWOODS MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT:

JANUARY 11TH – 12TH

Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time enriching your marriage? Then join us on our upcoming Married Couples Retreat at the newly renovated St Joseph Abbey's Retreat Center in Covington, La.

A Married Couples Retreat does not mean that someone is failing but rather it is a falling into the arms of our Lord. It is a weekend dedicated to giving you and your beloved time to rest and grow stronger in your faith and in your love for God and each other!

To register, call (504) 830-3716 or visit

www.FaithandMarriage.org A suggested donation is requested but not required. Cost should never be a reason why a couple cannot make a weekend! Scholarships are available

"ATTENTION ALL CHRISTMAS ANGELS"

Thank you to all who participated in the Christmas Angel's this year. Your generosity will surely bring joy and happiness to a child's Christmas.



REMINDERS!

The next Knights of Columbus monthly meeting is on Thursday, Jan. 9th at 7:30 p.m. in Odilo Hall.

First Saturday mass at 8:00 a.m. every month

Monday Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. in the Library

Men's group, Thurs., 7:00 p.m. in Library, except second Thurs.

PSR classes grades K – 8th, Wednesdays, 6:15 – 7:30 p.m. in J.H.

9th and 10th grade PSR classes, Sun., noon – 1:30 p.m. in Library

James Adult Bible Study, Thursdays or Fridays at 9:00 a.m. in the Library in Jonathan Hall