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Director of RCIA**MASS TIMES**Sunday
9:00 am & 11:30 amWed & Fri
12:05 pmTues & Thurs
5:30 pm**DECEMBER OFFICE HOURS**Mon-Thurs
8:30 am - 2:00 pmFri
8:30 am - 12:00pm**RECONCILIATION**Tuesday 4:30 pm - 5:25 pm
Thursday 4:30 pm - 5:25 pm**ADORATION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Tues 7:00 am – Wed 7:00 am

“Rejoice in the Lord Always!”

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word, which means – Rejoice. The third candle that is lit is the pink or “rose” colored candle, indicating that things are a little different this Sunday – just ever so slightly from the violet shades. This indicates that we are over halfway through the season of Advent and the anticipation, the longing we are to experience, ought to give us joy. This sense of joy should come from that place of holy longing and anticipation at the birth of Jesus at Christmas, and in His Second Coming. And Christ is the only one who can give us a lasting joy. Our deepest desire is to be loved completely, unconditionally, and eternally. It is only in Jesus, that we can have access to that desire that will give us this joy. And because of Him – it is possible. St. Paul says, “Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus” We should all pray regularly, but St. Paul speaks about a form of prayer that allows a spirit of praise and rejoicing to penetrate every moment of our day. The rose color should also remind us of hope, a hope founded upon what God has already accomplished and what He will accomplish in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Peace,
Fr. Jason Johnston**MASS INTENTIONS**

(+ Deceased; (SI) Special Intention; (NI) No Intention)

Monday, December 14	12:05 pm - Taufic Jose Sebba+
Tuesday, December 15	5:30 pm - NI
Wednesday, December 16	12:05 pm - SI
Thursday, December 17	5:30 pm - NI
Friday, December 18	12:05 pm - NI
Saturday, December 19	5:00 pm - (Corpus Christi) Mass for the People
Sunday, December 20	9:00 am - Mass for the People 11:30 am - Jason Pigg+

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Dec. 6, 2020: *Regular \$ 7,484.00 Online \$ 8,847.00

All of the people in today's readings - the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist - seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

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Readings for the Week

December 14 - Monday - Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

December 15 - Tuesday
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

December 16 - Wednesday
Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23

December 17 - Thursday
Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

December 18 - Friday
Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

December 19 - Saturday
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

December 20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38



Here's what's going on this week at St. Joseph

Most events outside of Mass and Reconciliation have been cancelled until further notice from the Diocese. Adoration will continue except for the dates indicated below. The church also remains open for private prayer. The Parish Office is also open and we are here for you. Current office hours are 8:30 am to 2:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 8:30 am to noon on Friday.

Adopt-A-Family Christmas Tree



The Adopt-A-Family Christmas tree is up and ready for you to pick out a special gift for a child in need this Christmas. Please take a card and bring your wrapped gift along with the attached card to the Church or church office by Thursday, Dec. 17th. **Thank you!**

Adoration Schedule for December



Tuesday/Wednesday Adoration will be suspended from December 22nd through December 29th. It will resume on Tuesday, January 5th.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

December 13, 2020

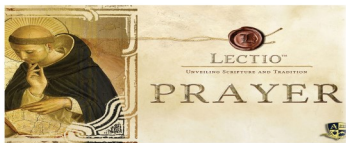
WATCH

**SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA:
A STUDY IN PERSEVERANCE**
Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Ávila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.

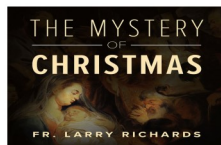


**LECTIO: PRAYER—AN INTIMATE
DIALOGUE**
St. John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church, had a deep desire to help others grow in prayer. In honor of this mystical saint, join Dr. Gray as he dives into the simplicity and mystery of prayer.

LEARN



THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS
BY FR. LARRY RICHARDS
In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards reminds us that in the mystery of Christmas, God gives humanity his greatest gift—the gift of his Son to the world.



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Advent Confession Schedule



Due to COVID and concern for your health, there will not be an Advent Penance Service this year. Regular confession times will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30 pm - 5:25 pm in the Mary Room. You may also call the church office or email Fr. Jason to schedule an appointment for confession.

Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to donate a Christmas Poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, please enter the information on the envelope included in your most recent shipment of offering envelopes. Envelopes are also available in the gathering space. Poinsettias are \$12 each.

Thought for discussion for the ride home

It is easy to look around the world today and become discouraged by the state of things. Advent should give us hope so that we can see in the world how the signs of God's salvation are already present and yet to be fulfilled. How might you see those signs more clearly?



Prayers for Parishioners

Jim Smith
 Emily Rust
 Robert Wolverton, Sr.
 Emily Jones
 John Andol
 Mary Sowers
 Flo Henley
 Rose Fischer
 Maria Elena Cristova
 George Sills
 Ronnie Puckett
 Lea Pitre
 Tim Bastow
 Diane Crutchfield
 Edwina Hogue
 Lee Ann Wilson
 Joe & June Schmidt
 Duane Aultman
 Twila Alpe
 Dan Ryder
 Joel Okula
 Dan Stumpf
 Mary Beth Moore
 Kathryn Randall
 Ana Maria Lopez
 Robert Harris
 John Simpson
 Al Baca
 Patricia Raines
 Jason Rollins
 Susan & Virginia Brown
 Dianna & Kolten Janus
 Jane Ammerman
 Charley Joel
 Kathy Winston
 Jane Bell
 Lainie Anthony
 Hugh Comish
 Tara Puckett
 Dee Cook
 Barbara Setaro

Prayers for Families and Friends of Parishioners

Mike Reese and Carol Reese: brother & sister of David Reese
 Paul Lilly: brother of Mark Lilly
 Ashley Byrd: friend of Charles Yoste
 Donna Vasek: sister-in-law of Lou Ann Vasek
 Patricia Uzoigwe: friend of Mary June Lavelle
 Martin and Nina O'Leary: brother and sister-in-law of Mary June Lavelle
 Hartley Kittle: grandson of Kathy Kimbrell
 Shawn Bastow: nephew of Tim Bastow
 Repose of the soul of J. D. Jones: friend of Bill Murphy
 Ginger Martin: daughter of Jim & Jamie Ellis and friend of Emily Jones
 Mike Delouche: son of Curt and Shirley Delouche
 Alex Meiring: nephew of Barb Meiring
 Jimmy Lang: friend of Jim and Greer Smith
 Emily Hairston: granddaughter of Frances Hairston
 Brian Pitre: son of Lea Pitre
 Jimmy Nunnery: brother of Cindy Villavasso
 Anna Keefe Atkinson: requested by a parishioner
 Abby Bosarge: friend of Greer Smith
 Brian Engelland: friend of Dawn McGinley and Lea Pitre
 Kim Corroero Fandell: daughter of John and Gloria Corroero
 Matthew Cini: son of Peggy Cini
 Jean Thrailkill, Jim McCoy, Edgar L. Miller and Asa Cistrunk; friends of Felecia Miller-Beber
 Ellen Kanatzar: mother of Meg Ferguson
 John Haug: friend of Ronnie Puckett

Bobby & Lynn Martin: friends of Ethan Seal
 Brian McKee: brother of Jay McKee
 Abraham & Bobbie Potts: friends of a parishioner
 Jacob Weber: brother-in-law of Mark and Karen Lilly
 Deanne and Henry Coolidge: relatives of Barbara Frank
 John and Lois Riske: parents of Sarah Twietmeyer
 Deborah Cox: sister-in-law of Hillary Smith
 Myra and Bob Fritzius: friends of Barbara Frank
 Susan Griffin: friend of Jeri Mangum
 Stan Rodgers: friend of Dennis & Deborah Reginelli
 John Reginelli: brother of Dennis Reginelli
 Ledge McDowell: brother-in-law of David and Mike Reese
 Dave Hogue: relative of Robin Pigg
 Mike Buisson: friend of Robin Pigg
 Sara Wilson: sister-in-law of Beverly Wilson
 Kim Coenen and John Lord: friends of Beverly Wilson
 Vic "Sarge" Nickels: friend of David Darce
 Denise Kidd former parishioner and friend of Katy Richey
 John B. Lane, III: uncle of Dianna Janus
 Alexander Rosener & family: brother of Dianna Janus
 Logan McPhail: grandfather of Laura McPhail
 Mary Kay Collins: sister of Barbara Setaro & Rich Herschede
 Bernie McGinley: father of Deacon John
 Donnie Buckner & family: friends of parishioner
 Edmund and Shirley Blancher: uncle & aunt of Kathryn Barbier

Charles Gerald: both of Hugh Gerald
 Larry Priest: friend of parishioner
 Ida Harrell: friend of parishioner
 Catherine and Michael: sister and brother of Trish Auel
 Jon Walker and Carly: friends of Tim Bastow
 Stefanie Zdravec, LS Wills, Mary Hellen & Chloe Zamiela, and T. Moore: friends of Demi Dunne
 Cody Ray Slaughter: friend of Jack Day
 Michael Goff: friend of Susan Brown
 Monica Monts: sister-in-law of Dave & Barbara Monts
 Muse Davis: brother-in-law of John & Gloria Corroero; husband of Linda Davis
 The Burnham family: friends of a parishioner
 Chris Coleman & family: friends of a parishioner
 George Bond: relative of Melissa Follett
 The Dakhllalla family: friends of the Folletts
 Eugene Sheehan: friend of Joel Okula
 Gizela Jalocha: mother of Bo Haupt
 Mary Delaney Hall: niece of Mark Janus
 Mary Lynn McKee: sister of Jay & Laura McKee
 Pat Wilkes: sister of Liz Rook and Barbara Coats
 Kyle Williams & Hector Mula: friends of John & Jean Marszalek
 Gary Dildy: cousin of Kathryn Barbier
 The Shippel family: friends of the Keiths
 Jean Kelley: sister of Mary June Lavelle

Prayers for our soldiers

Adam Fuhrmann Christian Bondi Ryan Mangum Matt Savage	Conor Mangum Cory Delouche Robert Elias Clayton Eckler
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Prayers for our seminarians

Carlisle Beggerly Ryan Stoer Will Foggo	Andrew Bowden Tristan Stovall Grayson Foley
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Hail and blessed be the hour and moment
 In which the Son of God was born
 Of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem,
 In the piercing cold.
 In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee,
 O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires,
(here mention your request)
 Through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of
 His blessed Mother. - Amen
 (Novena to St. Andrew)