

St. Charles Borromeo Church

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

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“He will rejoice over you with gladness.” (Zephaniah 3:17)

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* is Latin for “rejoice.” Today, we light the rose-colored candle on the Advent wreath, the priest wears rose vestments, and the whole Church invites us to celebrate.

Of course, we should celebrate; we’re more than halfway to Christmas! But in today’s first reading, the prophet Zephaniah tells us that God is rejoicing as well. Let’s consider how: *The Lord rejoices* because the time of waiting is over. Just as God’s people longed for the Messiah, think about how much Jesus longed for the time to come for him to be born (Galatians 4:4)! How happy he must be that his desire to forge an unbreakable covenant with us was fulfilled when he came to earth and redeemed humanity.

The Lord rejoices when we invite him to come into our lives. He exults when we accept the salvation he has won for us. Each person who turns to him makes the Lord’s heart sing with gladness.

The Lord rejoices each time he renews us in his love. He delights to take each wound and heal it, to take each sin and forgive it, to take each hurt and soothe it. Every time we come to him with our needs or open our hearts to his healing, he rejoices.

The Lord rejoices because he can share his heavenly life with us. Imagine his immense gladness in welcoming his brothers and sisters into his presence when their earthly journey is finished. Each human life is precious to him, and he celebrates the prospect of sharing the goodness of eternal life with each of us.

The Lord rejoices at being in our midst. He has not only become man and walked the earth *among* us, but he dwells in us through His Holy Spirit. This is personal—He exults to be near you today, to be part of your life. And you can rejoice because He rejoices.

“Jesus, I rejoice with you as we approach the celebration of your birth!”

The Word Among Us Daily Meditation (December 12, 2021)

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon...., 12/13 - NO MASS – Feast of Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Tues...., 12/14 - 7:30 A.M. Mass – Feast of Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church: George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Joyce Ann Arceneaux (B); Lolita & Dave (DA) DeFelice Sr.; Milton & "T" Mire; Lorina Folse (DA)

Wed...., 12/15 - 7:30 A.M. Mass – George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Special Intention

Thurs...., 12/16 - 7:30 A.M. Mass – Carey H. Robichaux (B); George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; N.J. & Camillia Ann Bourgeois; O'Neil, Vesta, Kenneth, Loretta & Michael Bourgeois; Noah & Odile Bourgeois; Mary Ann Bourgeois; Nell Zeringue (B); Pam Blue

Fri....., 12/17 - 7:30 A.M. Mass – David "Bubby" Robichaux Jr.; George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Kory M. Matherne (B); Philip Barrios

Sat...., 12/18 - 4:00 P.M. Mass – Vigil Mass of The Fourth Sunday of Advent: Alcee & Emily Zeringue & Family; Ames & Valerie Rodriguez; Boudreaux, Bourgeois & Dupuis Families; Ces & Rena Zeringue; Yvonne & Charley Plaisance; Mike & Nita Zeringue; Dolores Plaisance Babin; Gene Nichols; Charles & Nell Zeringue; Diana Zeringue (WA-12/16); Donatien & Kate Danos; Dr. Philip Bergeron; Myles Bergeron; Earline & Theogene Gaubert; Jeannie Gaubert; Euel J. & Marguerite Zeringue; Eunice & Philip Ledet; Joyce Ledet; Milfred Degruise; Frank & Edna Weimer; Gautreaux & Richard Families; George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Helen & Freddie Dudoit; Hugh & Irene Rodriguez; Jules Quatrevingt; Leroy & Mary Ann (B) Zeringue; Scott Babin (B); Louis & Inez Devillier Family; Mary Richard (B-12/23); Nell France; Philip Ledet III; Ruth, Charlie & Gerald Brown; Ralph Melancon; Barbara Melancon; Wilson J. & Gabriella W. Melancon; Richard Babin; Richard E. LeBlanc Jr.; Ricky Zeringue; Roland Paul Knoboch Jr.; Rose Mary LeBlanc; Roy & Josephine Foret & Allen; Roy Bourgeois; Sally Thibodaux; Stone Savoy; Wilbert Dufrene; Ashley Dufrene; Beth Dufrene; Susan M. Trahan; Todd Cashio (B-12/19); Tyler Hebert; Velma & Scuddy Hebert; Betty Ann Hebert; Warren LeBlanc; Willard Chauvin Sr.; William "Bill" Champagne; Billy Champagne; William "Bill" Nezzio; Zeringue & Danos Family

Sun....., 12/19 - 7:30 A.M. – The Fourth Sunday of Advent: Benson Plaisance Jr.; M/M Benson Sr.; Romy Morvant; Calvin Boudreaux Sr.; Carroll Acosta Sr.; Christine A. Tabor; Donald Aucoin Sr.; Harry Becnel; Marguerite Thibodaux; Helen Schexnaydre; Joy Lynn Naquin; Jules J. & Jeanne L. Ball; Michael Troclair; Michael Poussard; Brandon Courteaux; Jules Quatrevingt; Edward Comeaux Jr.; Leon Dufrene; Linda Kliebert; M/M Jessie Pierce Sr.; M/M Roy Ledet; Milton Ledet; Mary W. & Dave J. Robichaux; Hazel & Chester Boudreaux Sr.; Chester Boudreaux Jr.; Mrs. Marrial Pitre; P.J. & Joyce Zeringue; Philip & Goldie Weimer; Rosa & Wilson Andras Sr.; Jason & Wilson Jr.; Rosa Comeaux; Sedonia Benoit; Todd Cashio (B); Verdie Knoblock; Wilbur J. Brown & Ethlyn "Toot" Brown

Sun....., 12/19 - 10:00 A.M. – The Fourth Sunday of Advent: Arlene G. Thibodaux; Cody Theriot; Arlene Thibodaux; Matthew Knobloch; Calvin Boudreaux Sr.; Cherie Pierce Raidl; Christine Martin; Madison A. Lagarde; Cora Lee Smith; David "Bubby" Robichaux Jr.; David "L.J." Lagarde Jr.; For more Vocations to the Priesthood; Freddie Pierce; Gary "Gabby" Barrilleaux; Gaudet & Theriot Families; Irvin & Marie Prejeant; George & Bernice Whitman; Joseph E. Blanchard Jr.; Poor Souls in Purgatory; Joseph Lagarde Sr.; Dorothy "Dot" Lagarde; Beverly L. Breaux; Stephen Gossen; Ronny Gossen; Betty Lou Babin; Coleen Cuneo; K.C. Touns, DVM;

Kerry Robichaux; Mary Ruth Boudreaux; Michael Lirette Sr.; Myra Blanchard; Nolan "Pip" Bourgeois; Toudell Guidry Bourgeois; Owen Weimer (B-12/20); Ray Weimer Jr.; Parishioners of St. Charles Borromeo; Parrish Hebert; Special Intention; Ray Weimer Jr.; Todd Cashio (B); Yvonne Martinez

DATES, TIMES, & PLACES

❖ **Blessed Sacrament Adoration: 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Monday – Thursday;
7:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon on Friday (MFLC)**

Mon..., 12/13 - **NO MASS**

6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. – Youth Formation Class for 6th-8th Grades (MFLC)

Tues..., 12/14 - **7:30 A.M. – Mass (MFLC)**

Wed..., 12/15 - **7:30 A.M. – Mass (MFLC)**

10:00 A.M. – Rosary (MFLC)

4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. - “The Light is on for You” Confessions (MFLC)

Thurs..., 12/16 - **7:30 A.M. – Mass (MFLC)**

Fri..., 12/17 - **7:30 A.M. – Mass (MFLC)**

Sat..., 12/18 - **4:00 P.M. – Vigil Mass (MFLC)**

Sun..., 12/19 - **7:30 A.M. – Mass (MFLC)**

10:00 A.M. – Mass (MFLC)

BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE (IN MFLC) IN MEMORY OF: (12/10-16)

Poor Souls in Purgatory

MISSALETTES IN MEMORY OF: (12/10-16)

Joy Lynn Naquin

BAPTIZED INTO GOD’S FAMILY: (12/5/2021)

Bailey Jo Frederick, daughter of Dylan & Sammi Frederick

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT (December 4-5, 2021)

\$5,086.00	Envelopes
277.00	Loose
<u>260.00</u>	Online Giving
\$5,623.00	Total

Maintenance Collection: \$861.50

St. Anthony: \$15.00

CHRISTMAS CHARITIES COLLECTION

As in the past, the annual Christmas Charities Collection of the Diocese will be dedicated to the diocesan ministry of Catholic Charities and its charitable works. Catholic Charities focuses on feeding, sheltering, clothing and comforting the people of our communities locally. We ask that you pray for Catholic Charities, and if you are able, please consider supporting this worthy cause. You may drop your donation in the special collection box in MFLC, bring it to the Administration Office, donate online <https://catholiccharitiesht.org/give>, or you may use the QR code. By opening your camera app on your smart phone, hold your phone over the **QR Code** (in the bulletin) until it recognizes the code and displays a notification. Tap on the notification to open the link, and simply submit your donation.



Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

2022 CHURCH ENVELOPES

The 2022 Church Support Envelopes are available in MFLC if you have not already picked them up. For those already using the envelopes, **they are clearly labeled with your name and number**. A separate section of envelopes without labels are for “New Envelope Users”.

We thank those who faithfully contribute weekly, whether in the envelopes, in our loose collection, or through on-line banking services.

YOUTH FORMATION NEWS!

Youth Formation Class:

Grades 6-8 December 13 6:00 – 7:00 P.M.

- If you have changed your email address from last year, please let the office know. Some emails sent to parents are being returned as invalid addresses.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

MONDAY (12/13):	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
TUESDAY (12/14):	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
WEDNESDAY (12/15):	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Lk 7:18b-23
THURSDAY (12/16):	Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30
FRIDAY (12/17):	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
SATURDAY (12/18):	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
SAT/SUNDAY (12/18-19):	Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

BIBLE VERSE OF THIS WEEK:

“I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.” (Luke 3:16)

Third Sunday of Advent Gospel Reflections C

At that time, the crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?"

· Some of them had already repented and were baptized. Now they were asking for more. This should be our question as well, as we prepare for the continuing and final coming of Jesus. This was the question of the rich young man to Jesus. Unfortunately, asking isn't enough. We have to act on the answer.

He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise."

· John called them (and us) to examine our true needs and to share with those who have less. It is not enough to do the minimum, namely repentance and forgiveness, but we must be willing to follow the call to love through providing for the needs of others whenever possible. Will not this be the issue at the Last Judgment when God will say: "What you did or did not do to the least you did or did not for me?"

Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages."

· How fairly and justly do we treat others? Ask this question within the context of being judged by God one day.

· Again, it is not enough to ask, if we are not determined to act accordingly.

Reflection from "Spirit Aflame" – Most Rev. Sam G. Jacobs

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!

Advent is a perfect time to look deep into our hearts in a sense of renewal, realizing the beautiful mystery of God's grace in the Sacrament of Penance (confession).

The "Light is on for You" will be Wednesday, December 15th from 4:00 – 8:00 P.M. in MFLC.

HEARTFUL THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!!!

A big "THANK YOU" goes out to **all** who had a part in making our Christmas Social\Family Day a huge success; namely, those who prepared and served the food; those who brought desserts; musicians; Santa Claus for making an appearance; St. Charles Volunteer Fire Departments for assisting the arrival of Santa; photographer; those who helped set up and pick up; and all those who attended. It was a great opportunity to spend time together as a Church family!

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY DUES

Members are reminded that now is the time to pay your 2022 dues (\$10.00). You may do this either by paying the treasurer (Katina Navarre), placing it in an identifiable envelope in the collection basket, or mailing it to the Administration Office. Members over 80 years of age are not required to pay dues. All ladies, young and old, are invited to join the Society at any time.

A LOOK AHEAD: CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES

Please Note: Due to limited space in MFLC, the 4:00 P.M. Christmas Vigil Mass will be offered in MFLC **AND** outside under the tent to accommodate the overflow. The Mass time under the tent will begin at 4:10 P.M. The 6:00 P.M. Christmas Vigil Mass will be in MFLC only. Christmas Day Masses will be at 7:30 A.M. & 10:00 A.M. in MFLC.

Mass times are as follows:

December 24 – Christmas Eve: 4:00 P.M. **(MFLC & Tent)** & 6:00 P.M. *(MFLC)*

December 25 – Christmas Day: 7:30 A.M. & 10:00 A.M. *(MFLC)*

December 26 – Feast of the Holy Family: 7:30 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

Please note: *No Vigil Mass on 12/25 for this Feast Day*

New Year's - Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 31 – New Year's Eve Vigil Mass: 4:00 P.M. *(MFLC)*

January 1 – New Year's Day: 8:00 A.M. *(MFLC)*

Epiphany of the Lord

January 1 – Vigil Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord: 4:00 P.M. *(MFLC)*

January 2 – Epiphany of the Lord: 7:30 A.M. & 10:00 A.M. *(MFLC)*

QUOTE:

"Don't ruin a good today by thinking about a bad yesterday. Let it go."