

December 15, 2019

ADVENT
Third Sunday of Advent



Healer of All Our Brokenness

In response to John the Baptist's question
*"Are you the one to come
or should we look for another?"*

Jesus gave evidence of his works: "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised ..." Jesus' encounter with people brings about transformation – signs of God's salvation. The evidence abounds! The Messiah is here!

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, December 21
4:30 p.m. Mark Anderle
Sunday, December 22
8:00 a.m. Marcella & Eugene Chaloupka

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14
Responsorial Psalm: 24
Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
for Julie & her family.



Parish Advent Penance Services



Moulton – Dec. 16, 5:30 p.m.

Praha – Dec. 18, 4:30 p.m.

Come express your desire for holiness by embracing your brokenness. Join us celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Come and experience

God's mercy. *See insert.*

**St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund
Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha**



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Liz & Leo Janak - \$2,000

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Gaudete! Rejoice!

This Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday* after the Latin word *gaudere*, to rejoice. Rejoicing is the theme of the day. Today's Entrance Antiphon says:



*Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I say, Rejoice.
Indeed the Lord is near.*

– Philippians 4:4-5

It reminds us of the tone of joy that permeates the entire Season of Advent. The basis of our joy is this: "THE LORD IS NEAR". The use of rose vestments and the rose candle on the Advent Wreath underlies this day's special character. It expresses our joy.

The 13th Annual Mass for the Feast Day of the Holy Innocents at Raphael's Refuge will be celebrated by Bishop Brendan Cahill. The Rosary is to begin at 9:15 a.m., followed by announcements and singing of Christmas carols. Mass is to begin at 10:00 a.m. Refreshments will be served following the Mass. All are welcome.

The Monument to the Innocents is located 2 miles west of Flatonia at 2715 W US Hwy 90. For directions or other information call 361-258-1514 or visit raphaelsrefuge.org.

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Marvin Zemlicka
and the comfort of his loved ones.
May he rest in peace.



