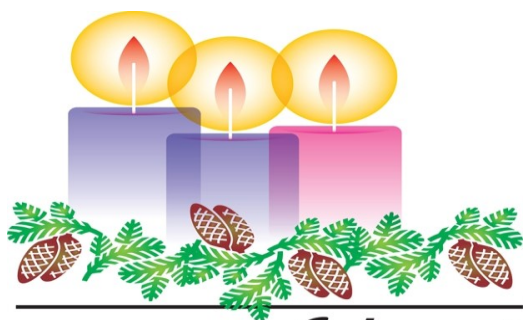


THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Please Pray For All The Sick

Augusta D'Souza, Joanne Milligan, Ann MacGillivray, Gregory Kelly, Kenneth Hill, Fred Weber, Miyanna Figueroa, Brian Cabral, Mariana Weglinski, Boguslawa Cop, and Aissa Aro.

And we pray for those whose death anniversaries occur about this time that they may live in glory forever with God and all the Saints.



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Rejoicing amidst the Darkness

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." These are the words proclaimed in the entrance antiphon of Mass for Gaudete Sunday this week. It urges us to constantly rejoice in the Lord, and as good stewards of Christ, we should always strive to live lives inundated with the joy that flows from the Lord.

In order to do this, we must understand the difference between joy and happiness, for the Lord never promised us happiness. Instead He says, "I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete" (John 15:11). Happiness is a result of our good circumstances, because we feel good, or we had something positive happen to us, etc. Joy on the other hand goes much deeper. Henri Nouwen describes it as 'the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing –sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death – can take that love away.'

So joy is the ability to remain happy due to our awareness of being beloved sons and daughters of God even amidst the trials of our life. Henri Nouwen further describes joy as a choice we must make every day. How often in our difficult lives do we take solace and rejoice in our identities of being beloved children of God? This Gaudete Sunday let us strive to be more intentionally joyful, and to pray to Christ for strength, for He says, "Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete" (John 16:24)

8:30 am **Monday, December 12**
For the repose of the soul of David Jushkevich;
Requested by the Jushkevich Family

8:30 am **Tuesday, December 13**
For the repose of the soul of Fr. Alexander Affonso;
Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Floro Ayson;
Requested by Nida

For the repose of the soul of Lucia Telles;
Requested by the Family

8:30 am **Wednesday, December 14**
For the repose of the soul of Matilde Natividad;
Requested by Ernie & Vida Nerona

Special Intentions and Birthday Blessings for Chris Conception Hortillo;
Requested by the Hortillo Family

8:30 am **Thursday, December 15**
Special Intentions and Birthday Blessings for Carolina Mejia;
Requested by Linda

For the repose of the souls of Aurora & Eduardo Cuento;
Requested by Zenaida Mallilin

For the repose of the soul of Jovencio Batara;
Requested by Batara Family

8:30 am **Friday, December 16**
Special Intentions and Birthday Blessings for Linda Amio;
Requested by the Family

Special Intentions for Alexandra MacDonald;
Requested by the MacDonald Family

Special Intentions for Nunila Flores Tallara;
Requested by the Family

9:00 am **Saturday, December 17**
Special Intentions and Birthday Blessings for Christy Mejia;
Requested by Linda

For the repose of the soul of Godwin Devarajah;
Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Andrew Cabral;
Requested by Ashley Cabral & Family

5:00 pm
For the repose of the soul of Antony Mendez;
Requested by Carmen Mendez

For the repose of the soul of Joseph de Souza;
Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Deodato Da Silva;
Requested by the Family

8:00 am **Sunday, December 18**
For the repose of the souls of John & Polly Fava;
Requested by George & Polly Grasso



Masses For The Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

For the repose of the souls of Alex and Bienvenido Yap;
Requested by the Yap Family

For the repose of the soul of Lydia Saluma;
Requested by Arbour Family

10:00 am
For the Intentions of the Parishioners.

- 12:00 pm - Multiple Intentions
- + Vincenzo Presutti
 - + Robert & Olerie Fernandez
 - + Antonio Vivar
 - + Almario Payumo
 - + Wilfreda Manuel
 - + Peter Wochuk



Advent Confessions-Thursdays, December 15th, 2022
7:00pm to 9:00pm

Christmas Eve-Saturday, December 24th, 2022
5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm and 12:00 midnight

Christmas Day-Sunday, December 25th, 2022
10:00am and 12:00 noon

Monday, December 26th, 2022
Morning Mass at 9:00 am

Tuesday, December 27th, 2022
Morning Mass at 9:00 am

New Year's Eve-Saturday, December 31st, 2022
5:00pm 7:00pm
No Morning Mass

New Year's Day-Sunday, January 1st, 2023
10:00am 12:00 noon

Monday, January 2nd, 2023
Morning Mass at 9:00 am

Now Available

The 2022-2023 missals are now available in the Parish Office for a donation of \$5.00 each.

2023 Donation Envelope Boxes are available to be picked up in the parish office. Staff will assist with distribution. Please check labels and inform us of any changes to your address or telephone number.

2022 Tax Receipts: To be eligible for tax receipts for donations made in the 2022 year the deadline is Friday, December 30, 2022

PARISH ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK

Monday, December 12
No Activities

Tuesday, December 13
7:00 pm RCIA – Assisi Rm
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting - L

Wednesday, December 14
7:30 pm Prayer Group – Benediction and Adoration - Church

Thursday, December 15
7:00 pm Parish Advent Confessions
7:00 pm Choir Practice - A

Friday, December 16
6:00 pm God's Family Choir Practice – Church
6:45 pm Advanced Line Dancing – Carmel Hall
7:15 pm Beginners Line Dancing – Assisi Room



BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL & PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS

Please note the Parish Office will be opened on December 24 and 31st until 12 noon. Closed on December 25th, 26th, 27th and January 1st & 2nd.

There will be no morning mass on December 24th & 31st.

Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be closed from December 24th to December 27th and December 31st to January 2nd inclusive.

From December 28th through to January 6th the church, office will be closed at 4pm. There are no evening hours for Church, Chapel and Office. Regular hours will resume on January 7th, 2023.



JOIN US!!!

The Prayer Group invites you to join them for **Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction** on Wednesday, December 14, 2022. Praise and worship begins at 7:30pm followed by Exposition / Benediction. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to Last week's offering.
Weekly Total: \$6,258.90

