

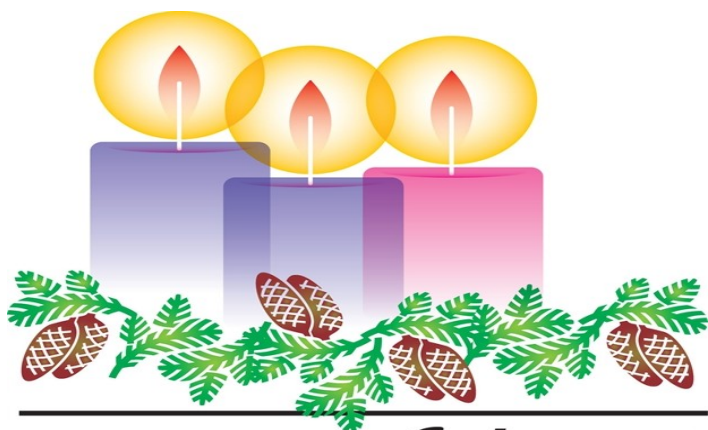
## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Please Pray For All The Sick

Ann MacGillivray, Kenneth Hill, Christina Garde, Miyanna Figueroa, Brian Cabral, Lovrenco Zuvic, Mariana Weglinski, Boguslaw 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)

### Masses For The Week

**8:30 am** Monday, December 13

*For the repose of the soul of Fr. Alexander Affonso;*  
Requested by the Family

*For the repose of the soul of Blesilda Yabut;*  
Requested by Nida Ayson

*For the repose of the soul of Fidelina Notario;*  
Requested by the Couto Family

**8:30 am** Tuesday, December 14

*For the repose of the souls of Ed & Anne Soye;*  
Requested by the Soye Family

*50<sup>th</sup> anniversary blessings of religious life for Sister Maria Rita Fernandez;*  
Requested by the Fernandez Family

*For the repose of the soul of Fidelina Notario;*  
Requested by Stan & Riza Sychangco

**8:30 am** Wednesday, December 15

*Special Intentions and Birthday Blessings for Caroline Mejia;*  
Requested by Linda

*For the repose of the soul of Fidelina Notario;*  
Requested by the Family

*For the repose of the soul of Margaret Walker;*  
Requested by Micheline Venner

**8:30 am** Thursday, December 16

*Birthday Blessings for Linda Amio;*  
Requested by the Family

*Thanksgiving and Special Intentions for the Hector Family;*  
Requested by the Paul Family

*For the repose of the soul of Renato Bordin;*  
Requested by Lucy & Armando Maggiotto

**8:30 am** Friday, December 17

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

*Special Intentions and Birthday Blessings for Odessa Lacsina;*  
Requested by Theresa

*Special Intentions and Birthday Blessings for Chrisy Mejia;*  
Requested by the Family

**9:00 am** Saturday, December 18

*For the repose of the souls of Nathalie Gabelle and Joe Bettencourt;*  
Requested by the Gabelle Family

*For the repose of the souls of Mario & Renato Bordin;*  
Requested by the Zuvic Family

*For the repose of the soul of Bersi Franceschini;*  
Requested by the Family

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### 5:00 pm

*For the repose of the souls of Polly & Johnny Fava;*  
Requested by Pauline & George Grasso

*For the repose of the soul of Amelia Francis;*  
Requested by Pearl & Pascoal Fernandes

*For the repose of the soul of Margaret Walker;*  
Requested by the Leon Family

### 8:00 am Sunday, December 19

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

*For the repose of the soul of Fidelina Notario;*  
Requested by Pat & Lily De Angelis

*For the repose of the soul of Bob Nori;*  
Requested by Silvio & Lidia Sacco

### 10:00 am

*For the Intentions of the Parishioners.*

### 12:00 noon – Multiple Intentions

- + *Vincenzo Presutti*
- + *Robert & Olerie Fernandez*
- + *Rosie Valenzuela*
- + *Margaret Walker*
- + *Pedrinha Fernandes*

*S.I. Thanksgiving for Blessings received*

### 2022 Offertory Envelopes are available to be picked up.

Once again they are arranged in numerical order.

If you don't know your number, please check with the office for assistance. Help us to keep our parish database up to date. Inform us of any changes to your address, and telephone numbers. We have encountered some trouble with telephone numbers not in service or have changed. It is important to notify us of these changes.

**Tax Receipts:** To be eligible for tax receipts for donations made in the 2021 year the deadline is Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, receipts will be issued for a minimum donation of \$50.00

2021-2022 St. Joseph's Missals - are available in the Parish Office for a donation of \$5.00 each.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Council 10619 would like to thank everyone for their support and donations for the Roses for Life, proceeds sent to Birthright's and Keep Christ in Christmas Bracelets, proceeds sent to St. Francis Table.

Your support and generosity is appreciated.



*Thank you to everyone who generously donated to Last week's offering. Weekly Total: \$6,023.85*

### Sponsor a Catholic Christian Pakistani Refugee Family

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me"

The refugee sponsorship is a one-year commitment, where the parish community welcomes and accompanies the refugee family during their first year of arrival to Canada. The Archdiocese of Toronto has asked many parishes to help welcome one of these refugee families from Pakistan to start a new life here in Canada. I recognize the challenges that this pandemic has created for our parish to take on this commitment, but with your help, the lives of many refugees can be saved through the sponsorship efforts of our parish.

Alam, his wife Seemab, children Aaron Joshua and Divine Mary have been living in a refugee camp in Thailand since 2014 following death threats in Pakistan for standing up for the rights of Pakistani Christians. Our parish has agreed to sponsor them, and I am delighted that they are in the final stages of medical and security clearances before arriving in Canada within the next few months. At present we need parishioners to join our Refugee Committee to assist with the planning and welcoming of this family, and their orientation and adjustment to life in Canada. If you can assist, please contact the parish office to leave a message.



Registration for all masses is required through eventbrite on our website, special link will be posted and available to take registrations beginning:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 AFTER 6:00 PM for Christmas Eve/Day  
&  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 AFTER 6:00PM for New Year's Eve/Day

Advent Confessions –Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
7:00pm to 9:00pm

### Christmas Eve-Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm and 12:00 midnight

### Christmas Day-Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

10:00am and 12:00 noon  
No Saturday evening mass

### Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00 noon

### New Year's Eve-Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

5:00pm 7:00pm

### New Year's Day-Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

10:00am 12:00 noon  
No Saturday evening mass

### Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00 noon