

DECEMBER 13, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" is a Latin word, meaning "rejoice." The Christian steward should be characterized by a spirit of rejoicing.



Our First Reading, from Isaiah, expresses a fitting motto for us. "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul." It is God Who is the source of our joy and contentment — not things or achievements or comfort, but our relationship with God.

This is why stewards can share so freely of their time, talents and material possessions — because ultimately, we are not attached to these things. We recognize them as good gifts from our loving Father, but we are attached to the Giver of the gifts, not the gifts themselves. This allows for great freedom in life and the capacity for great joy in the Lord.

We can become like John the Baptist, in today's Gospel passage from the Book of John. We read this description of the prophet: "He came for testimony, to testify to the light... He was not the light but came to testify to the light." This is our calling too — to testify to the Light, our wonderful Savior — by the way we make use of the time, talent and treasure He has entrusted to our care.

When God Himself is the source of our joy, it cannot be taken away from us. There is still time, this Advent season, to clear away any "clutter" in our lives that may take our focus away from Him. Let us strive to detach from any of these things so that we can be free to truly rejoice in God on Christmas Day.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, December 14

8:30 a.m. - Special Intention | Chester Jewula †

Tuesday, December 15

8:30 a.m. - Gloria Sarsonas | Alex Bavarskis †

Paul McGrath † | Connie Zwierschke †

7:00 p.m. - RCIA

Wednesday, December 16

8:30 a.m. - Guiseppe Rodrigues and deceased members of the Rodrigues family †

7:00 p.m. - Advent Reconciliation Service

Thursday, December 17 - No Mass

Friday, December 18

8:30 a.m. - Ted & Neen Nelson †

Special Intention Marion & Gary Turple Marriage

Saturday, December 19

5:00 p.m. - Neil Smith † | John Devoe †

Deceased members of : MacIsaac & O'Neill Families †
McElheran & Stasiak families

Sunday, December 20

9:00 a.m. - Richard McNelis † | Domenic Alfieri Sr. †
Angela Napoli †

11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People

HOLY BAPTISM

We welcome the following children into our Catholic family.

Gavin Severy

Zion Falletta

Emilie Salewski

Kylan Foreman

Kayson Foreman

Avery Gazzellone

Domenic Felice

We wish them God's blessings.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

"The One who calls you is faithful."

Will you be faithful to His call?

Listen; God may be inviting you to be a priest, deacon or consecrated religious.

Call Fr. Greg at the church office,

905 684 5603

or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

FAITH FORMATION & CATECHESIS

We welcome you to join our RCIA session for *"The Sacrament of Confession"* at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, December 15th in our parish hall.

CHRISTMAS 2020 MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24th

5 p.m. 8 p.m. 10 p.m.

Christmas Day - Friday, December 25th

9 a.m. 11 a.m.

Ticket System

In order to keep everyone safe, a limited number of tickets are available for each Christmas Mass. Tickets must be secured / picked up in advance and must be presented upon entering the Mass. Tickets can be picked up at all weekend Masses and at the parish office Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. until capacity is reached.

Unable to get a ticket or concerned about the crowds? Consider joining us at another Mass during the Octave of Christmas. Weekday Mass is celebrated Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Friday at 8:30 a.m.

New Year's Masses will follow our regular Sunday Mass Schedule. Tickets are not required.

Thursday, December 31st - 5 p.m.

Friday, January 1st - 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

LESSONS & CAROLS



Christmas at St. Julia

Virtual YouTube Presentation

Join our Director of Music Dr. David Holler and members of our parish as they present a program of "**Lessons & Carols**" this Sunday, December 13th, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

NEW: This will now be an exclusive virtual event on the St. Julia YouTube channel. From the comfort of your home embrace the season with scripture and music as we prepare for the coming of Christ.

ST. JULIA CWL



It is that time again for our Annual Dues for 2021. We are most grateful for your continued support. Through your membership, it enables us to help the different charitable organizations in our community. Please put your cash or cheque for **\$25.00** made payable to **St. Julia CWL** in a plain envelope which can be placed in the offertory basket or dropped off at the parish office. We will be happy to do a pick-up as well. Please ensure your envelope is clearly marked with your name, address, telephone number and email if you have one. Thank you!

POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS "YEAR OF ST JOSEPH"

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.



Prayer to St. Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy,
and courage,
and defend us from every evil.*

Amen.