

DECEMBER 15, 2019

Good news, Christian stewards — we are gaining ground on our Advent mountain climb and it is time to take a moment to rejoice in the Good News that our Savior will come again in triumph one day. Today's readings on this Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday are filled with reminders of God's final victory over suffering and injustice, and encouragement to remain steadfast in our mission to live as faith-filled disciples.



Such a day almost seems too good to be true, especially when we look around at the dire circumstances we face in our world at present. But by faith we know this day is coming. Lest we grow weary as we await the glorious day of Christ's return, St. James, in our second reading, offers wise counsel. "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord... Make your hearts firm... Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged."

This is excellent advice for us Christian stewards as we face the challenges of everyday life in our broken world, especially in the hectic days that precede Christmas, when stress can make us and those around us less than our best selves. St. James reminds us that we can choose our response to both the great strains and the minor annoyances of life.

In other words, we can be good stewards of our attitude, "making our hearts firm" by practicing patience with others and refusing to give in to the temptation to complain.

CATHEDRAL APPEAL UPDATE

It has now been six months since we launched our Cathedral Appeal, and as of October 31, 2019, our appeal has raised \$594,304.46 in cash donations and \$119,052.67 in pledges. This brings our **total raised to \$713,357.13** or 59% of our \$1,200,000 goal. **THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROSITY OF SO MANY!** Thinking of a special gift in memory of a loved one? Consider making a donation for a hand-painted ceiling medallion for \$1,500. Your name and the name of your loved one will forever be in the Cathedral on our wall of donors. Call the Cathedral at 905-684-3964 for more information. And be sure to visit us on the web at www.saintcd.com/appeal or pick up a brochure and pledge form in your church today to play your part in this amazing restoration project. May God bless you!

PARISH CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

MON, DEC 16	8:30 am	Julia Strano Banach † Tom Longo †
	6:30 pm	Development & Peace Meeting
	7:00 pm	RCIA
TUES, DEC 17	8:30 am	Kevin Canough † Edgar Family †
	School Day	St. Peter Classroom Visit
WED, DEC 18	8:30 am	Ted & Neen Nelson † Special Intention for Lorraine Callaghan
	7:00 pm	Advent Reconciliation Service followed by individual confessions
THURS, DEC 19	8:30 am	No Mass
FRI, DEC 20	8:30 am	Eugene Rudachuk † Katherine & James Doyle †
SAT, DEC 21	5:00 pm	Marg Doodeman † Coffee Social
SUN, DEC 22	9:00 am	Mass for the People Coffee Social
	11:00 am	Vittoria Passero † Patricia Corbett † Donna Culp † Coffee Social

ONGOING FAITH FORMATION & CATECHESIS

We welcome you to join our RCIA session this week for
"The RCIA process & rites and the sacraments"
at 7:00 pm, Monday, December 16th
in our parish hall.

OFFERING FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Offertory:

237 Envelopes.....\$7,367.35
Loose\$232.80
Pre-authorized Giving\$4,835.00
Total Offertory....\$12,435.15

Special Collections:

Development & Peace.....\$100.00
Total to Date.....\$380.00

Cathedral Restoration..... \$700.00
Total to Date.....\$26,831.50

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish

Third Sunday of Advent

GAUDETE SUNDAY

DID YOU KNOW.....

...that the 3rd Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday (Rejoice Sunday)? I will admit that I only captured the meaning of this Sunday in Advent when I entered the Seminary. The entrance antiphon of today's Mass says "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near" Advent is a time of waiting, anticipation, a time for a deeply religious experience – a time of hope and renewal- a penitential time, preparing for the coming of the Lord. But today, Gaudete ("rejoice") Sunday addresses the joy of Christ's coming. The time is near, and we should be prepared, but are joyful in anticipation of the great gift of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity coming to redeem us. As we are now at the midpoint of Advent, let us rejoice, and take comfort in knowing that our Lord is indeed near.

Rejoice

ST. JULIA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The St. Julia Church Choir and Dr. David Holler will be presenting their annual Christmas concert "*Christmas at St. Julia*" this Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Please join us for an afternoon of music celebrating the seasons of Advent and Christmas. A reception will follow in the parish hall – all are welcome! A free-will offering will be collected at the door to support the music program at St. Julia.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT

*The Nativity of the Lord,
Wednesday, December 25, 2019, and
The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God,
Wednesday, January 1, 2020,
are Holy Days of Obligation.
Please refer to the Christmas Liturgical
Schedule for Mass times.*



Holy Day of Obligation

THANK-YOU, THANK-YOU, THANK-YOU



The CWL bake sale committee owes a large debt of gratitude to many. We are grateful to all who gave so generously of their time and talent to decorate, to bake (and bake and bake) and to assist with sales before and after all Masses. We are grateful also to those who donated prizes for our draw table and items for the sale table. Finally we are grateful to the many, many, many who stopped downstairs after each Mass to make purchases and support our St Julia Catholic Women's League. **We thank all of you.**

Christmas Liturgical Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE, Dec 24, 2019

Children's Christmas Mass – 5:00 PM
Family Christmas Mass – 7:30 PM
Christmas Carols – 11:30 PM
Midnight Christmas Mass – 12:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY, Dec 25, 2019

Christmas Mass – 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

NEW YEARS EVE, Dec 31, 2019

New Years Eve Mass – 5:00 PM

NEW YEARS DAY, Jan 1, 2020

New Years Day Mass – 10:00 AM

Liturgical Ministries

December 21 – 23, 2019

	5:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Eucharistic Ministers	D. Jeynes R. Stasiak L. McEwen	K. Masse I. Masse P. Palombo	S. Pyper M. Dugo F. Mascia
Readers	M. Tacinelli M. Frendo	L. Petroff A. Milligan	V. Tommasini G. Treanor

Counters: L. Salfi (Dec. 23)