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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 12, 2021

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Fr. Raul G. Miguez, ~ Pastor
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Fr. Roberto Perez, O. Carm. ~ Weekend Associate
Deacon Paul Hveem

RECTORY HOURS

Monday thru Friday:
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Saturday & Sunday: CLOSED

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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY : CHURCH IS CLOSED.
TUESDAY THRU FRIDAY: 9:00AM
SATURDAY: (PRIVATE PRAYERS ONLY) 3:30PM - 5:30PM
SUNDAY MASS: 8:30AM, 10:00AM, *11:30AM (ESPAÑOL)*, 1:00PM

CONFESSIONS:

EVERY SATURDAY 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Due to the present health crisis with COVID-19

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

As Jesus said at Gethsemane,
"Will You Not Spend An Hour With Me?"

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: TO BE CONSIDERED ACTIVE MEMBERS, EACH FAMILY AND SINGLE ADULT MUST BE PROPERLY REGISTERED AND REGULARLY USE THE WEEKLY SUNDAY DONATION ENVELOPES. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY WE CAN ATTEST TO ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND PRACTICE OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON THIS BASIS WE ARE ABLE TO ISSUE SPONSOR LETTERS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS OF GOOD STANDING. *NEWLY REGISTERED* PARISHIONERS MUST BE REGISTERED AND ATTENDING MASS FOR AT LEAST **ONE (1) YEAR** BEFORE ANY DOCUMENT CAN BE ISSUED.

MARRIAGES: PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE AT LEAST **6 MONTHS** PRIOR TO THE PROPOSED DATE OF MARRIAGE. COUPLES MUST SPEAK TO A PARISH PRIEST TO ENROLL IN ***MARRIAGE PREPARATORY COURSES*** AND TO SCHEDULE USE OF THE CHURCH.

BAPTISMS: INSTRUCTION IS REQUIRED FOR PARENTS AND GODPARENTS. PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY **4 MONTHS** IN ADVANCE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

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LITURGICAL LIFE!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

8:30 AM ***Luz Pieszko (LIVING)***
Sr. Gregoria Getubig (LIVING)

10:00 AM Norah Foley +
Patrick Spellman +

11:30 PM **En Honor a la Virgen De Guadalupe**
Evelyn Mechler +
Aida Esposito +
Rafaela Soto +
Reina Rosario +
José Andre Grullón +

1:00 PM Patrick Gaine +

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021
ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

9:00 AM Arsenio Sy +

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021

9:00 AM Catherine & Frances Flood +

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021

9:00 AM Louis Czerwinski +

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021

9:00 AM ***Mrs. Jeannie Hveem (LIVING)***

NOTE FROM FR. MIGUEZ

Mass on Mondays and Saturdays are celebrated ***privately*** for all requested intentions.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Roberto Lopez-Muñoz
Daniel Carabot
Angelita Leon
Helen Kohlhepp
Winifred Preston

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Majorie McGauley
Bruce Bernard Laspina
Rosemary T. Dumberger
Eleanor F. Allen
Aida Esposito

HOST & WINE

THE HOST & WINE IS OFFERED THIS WEEK ***FOR THE INTENTIONS OF:***

HELEN KOHLHEPP

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THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS OFFERED THIS WEEK ***IN LOVING MEMORY OF:***

AIDA ESPOSITO

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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

St. Brendan School

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

For the month of December, we have been asked to donate **NEW UNWRAPPED** Christmas Gifts for children ranging in age from Infancy to 18 years of age. The gifts will be distributed to needy children entrusted to the Catholic Guardian Society.

TOY SUGGESTIONS:

Puzzles and Stuffed Animals; Books and Art Sets; Wood Block Sets & LEGO Sets; Dolls and Action Figures; Sports Equipment (Soccer, Baseball, Basketball. etc.); Electronics; Walkie Talkies, hand-held video games, Board Games and Trading Cards; Model Kits.

Pease *bring it to the school* during school hours from now thru Dec. 16th.

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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021

CHRISTMAS EVE

VIGIL MASS - 7:00 PM - BILINGUAL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9:00 AM

11:00 AM Spanish

1:00 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2021, THRU FRIDAY DECEMBER 31, 2021

9:00 AM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

(NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

10:00 AM BILINGUAL

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:30 AM

10:00 AM

11:30 AM Spanish

1:00 PM

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WEEKDAY READINGS

MONDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2021
ST. LUCY, VIRGIN & MARTYR
NUMBERS 24:2-7, 15-17A
MATTHEW 21:23-27

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 14, 2021
ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
ZEPHANIAH 3:1-2, 9-13
MATTHEW 21:28-32

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 15, 2021
ISAIAH 45:6C-8, 18, 21C-25
LUKE 7:18B-23

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 16, 2021
ISAIAH 54:1-10
LUKE 7:24-30

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 17, 2021
GENESIS 49:2, 8-10
MATTHEW 1:1-17

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 18, 2021
JEREMIAH 23:5-8
MATTHEW 1:18-25

SCRIPTURE INSIGHTS

Entering the third week of Advent, we remain in expectant preparation for the coming of the messiah. Yet, our focus shifts to joy. Indeed, this Gaudete Sunday: the Sunday of Joy! As John the Baptist continues his ministry of the good news in Luke's Gospel, Paul expounds on his manifesto of rejoicing in the Lord in his Letter to the Philippians, and the prophet Zephaniah exhorts all God's people to shout for joy. Today's readings exemplify how looking inside to God for guidance and outside to one another for our mission grounds us in authentic joy in this life.

Writing in the seventh century BC in Jerusalem during the reign of King Josiah, Zephaniah looks ahead to the day of the Lord and living in the kingdom of God. Once God's people are purged of their wrongdoings and shortsighted turning away from God, they will be restored to right relationship with God, who will live in their midst as a mighty savior. Here we can find true joy, relieved of the burdens of this life, living in unmediated relationship with God. Writing to Christians in first century Philippi, the apostle Paul reinforces "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7) found in laying ourselves bare before our God in relationship with Christ Jesus. This is how we can live in the joy of our innermost selves.

The missional activity of John the Baptist teaches us to turn this profoundly personal relationship to those we encounter in the world. Giving from our excess and holding ourselves to a strict integrity are required, even if others do not manifest this joy that radiates from our grounded center. Thus, we await in hope and, indeed, bring near the kingdom of God.

- How can looking inside for God's guidance ground you to turn outside of yourself in relationship with others?
- All are called to some type of ministry. How do you see your mission manifesting itself?
- Consider ways to find joy in the mundane, everyday experiences of your life to help you find the surpassing peace of God.

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