

Third SUNDAY of Advent



December 13, 2020

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Fr. Vincent Nguyen

**WEEKDAY
CHURCH HOURS
MONDAY-FRIDAY
6:30 am - 6:00 pm**

Pray with us on Saturdays!
**Divine Mercy Chaplet
at 3:00 PM**
Rosary at 3:20 PM
Mass 4:00 PM

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday: 7:30 AM Mass
4:00 pm Vigil Mass (Live-Stream**)**
Sunday Masses:
8:00 AM, 9:30 (Live-Stream**),**
11:00 AM & 5:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Friday:
6:30 AM
8:45 AM (Live-Stream**)**

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00
Tuesday 6:00 PM

**Updates on parish activities
with regard to
coronavirus precautions
can be found on our website:**

**[stannchurchandshrine.org/
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Lindsay Guidry, Principal

**Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
In all circumstances give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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PARISH CALENDAR

Any meetings on St. Ann Parish campus must be cleared through the parish office and scheduled on the calendar. If your ministry has a meeting, please wear masks out of Christian charity for the good of others around you. If you have fever or any symptoms at all, please STAY HOME.

- 13** 6 PM CYO Christmas Party
- 14** St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor
Dress Down Day - Christmas Attire - All Grades
11 AM Money Counters Christmas Luncheon - St. Cecelia
6:30 PM KC Ladies Auxiliary - JPIL
7 PM Men's Club Meeting - Cafeteria
7 PM RCIA— St. Raymond
7 PM St. Ann Bible Study - St. Cecelia
- 15** 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study - St. Raymond
6 PM Confessions - Church
6:15 PM PSR Classes - Cafeteria & Classrooms
6:30 PM St. Anthony Ministry - JPIL
7:30 PM Boy Scouts - Youth House
- 16** 8:45 AM School Mass
9:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group - St. Raymond
1 PM Sewing Seams of Faith Class - St. Raymond
- 17** 9:30 AM Adult Catechism - St. Raymond
7 PM Adult Faith Formation - St. Cecelia
- 18** End of 2nd Quarter—Christmas Activities
Early Dismissal - No Afternoon Extended Care - No Lunch
- 19** 3 PM Confessions - Church
5 PM Rosary Group - JPIL

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Friday** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Saturday** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Sunday** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sunday December 13**
- 4:00 pm Vigil** George A. Sanderson, Jr., Bob & Jean Segura, Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Alexander, Ernie Becnel, Mike Jamison, Marina Cochrane, Ignatius (Brad) Willoz, Gloria Venezia, Rosalie & Tony Benigno, Shirley Mirambell (Health), Jerome & Mary Centanni, Lloyd & Anna Rickoll, Tony & Maria Ricotta, Ollie French, Jr., Karen Lambert, Freida Pareti, Jonn Conti
- 8:00 am** Anthony L. Musso
- 9:30 am** Norma Rivero
- 11:00 am** Lester R. Tillman, Norma Mulligan, Irwin LaBorde, Marina Cochrane, Dominic & Mario, Isle Bischoff, Natale James Lopiccolo, Gus Guitart, Robert Meehan, Sr., Christina Maria Hrabec, Mark Strain, Ray Bollinger, Rion Loisel, Margaret LaBorde
- 5:00 pm** Parishioners
- Monday December 14**
- 6:30 am** Blessed Mother for Health (L.M.)
- 8:45 am** RB & SD
- Tuesday December 15**
- 6:30 am** Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Alexander
- 8:45 am** Juanita Delhommer
- 7:00 pm** Olga Marina Haughton Darensbourg
- Wednesday December 16**
- 6:30 am** Beth Henson
- 8:45 am** Thomas J. Kelly
- Thursday December 17**
- 6:30 am** Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Alexander
- 8:45 am** Katherine Montague
- Friday December 18**
- 6:30 am** Gertrude McDermott
- 8:45 am** Larry Firmin
- Saturday December 19**
- 7:30 am** Frank Scalia

December 13 ~ 19, 2020:
Sanctuary Light (Church):
 Grundmann/Soltis Families
Sanctuary Light (Chapel):
 Gerding & Gonzales Families

Bearing Witness to the Light

Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete. Modestia vestra nota sit omnibus hominibus: Dominus enim prope est.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

The Eucharistic Liturgy of the Third Sunday of Advent begins with this beautiful antiphon. This Sunday is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday based on the first word of the entrance antiphon. All the elements of the Mass today are filled with joy. Joyful hymns are chanted in every church in every corner of the world. The rose candle is lit and the rose vestment is worn. We are rejoicing because the wait is almost over. The Savior is coming to save us and He will not delay. He will bring light to those who are sitting in the darkness of sin and death. Jesus Christ who is God from God and Light from Light will come and bring us to new life.

Today's Scripture readings are filled with joy. First we hear from Isaiah the prophet:

*I rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul;
for He has clothed me with a robe of salvation
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice...*

Isaiah gives thanks to the Lord for the deliverance of His people. The prophet rejoices at the coming of the Anointed One who came to bring salvation and justice to God's chosen people. The message of joy also can be found in the second reading from Saint Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians:

*Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
In all circumstances give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.*

The central figure of today's Gospel is John the Baptist:

*A man named John was sent from God.
He came for testimony, to testify to the light,
so that all might believe through him.*

***He was not the light,
but came to testify to the light.***

John's life and ministry are all about God, never about himself. When he preached and baptized, many thought he was the Christ - the Anointed One of God. John admitted: "*I am not the Christ.*" He dedicated his whole life proclaiming and testifying to the light. He bore witness to the light to the end and gave his own life to defend the uncompromising truth.

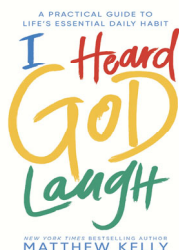
December 13 is the feast of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr. Because it falls on a Sunday this year, we do not commemorate her on the Sunday liturgy. I want to mention the holy virgin martyr in this reflection because she is a true witness of the Light. First, the name Lucy comes from the Latin word ***lux*** which means light. As a young girl, Lucy dedicated her life to God and wished to devote all of her earthly possessions to the service of the needy. Eutychia, Lucy's mother, arranged a marriage for her but later consented to Lucy's wish to live for the Lord. Paschasius, Lucy's denied groom, was filled with anger and hatred and denounced her as a Christian. Lucy was imprisoned and tortured brutally. Saint Lucy is depicted in art as a young girl holding her eyes on a golden tray because her eyes were torn out because of the cruel suffering she endured. Eventually, the courageous virgin was executed by being stabbed to death. Lucy lost her eyesight but her eyes of faith saw the great light. She lived and died for the Light.

Through the intercession of Saint John the Baptist and Saint Lucy, may we have the fortitude and strength to bear witness to the Light.

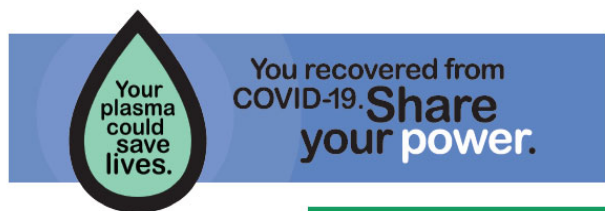
Reflection by Fr. Vincent Nguyen

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The Power of Plasma

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How Can You Help?

If you have recently recovered from COVID-19, please consider donating your plasma. If you know someone who has recently recovered from COVID-19, please share this information and encourage them to donate plasma.



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1971 ~ 2021
ANNIVERSARY MASS
SUNDAY / MAY 2, 2021 / 3:00 PM
CHIEF CELEBRANT, ARCHBISHOP GREGORY AYMOND

St. Ann Parish will celebrate our 50th Anniversary with a special Mass on May 2, 2021 with Archbishop Gregory Aymond as the Chief Celebrant. As we make plans for this very special event, we need your help. Please send in any **photos** or **stories/memories** you may have from the past 50 years. If you received your **Sacraments** at St. Ann, please send us your name, which Sacrament, and the year. **We particularly want to know of anyone who received ALL of their Sacraments and successive generations who have received their Sacraments at St. Ann.** You can email these to contact@stannchurchandshrine.org or bring them to the parish office to be scanned. **Please mark the date on your calendar and follow us for additional announcements.**



Silver Anniversary
Archdiocesan Silver Wedding
Anniversary Celebration
MARCH 14 2021
3PM St. Joseph Church, New Orleans

If you will be celebrating your 25th Wedding Anniversary next year (married in the year 1996) and wish to attend, please register with the parish office by January 15, 2021.

Please Note: This celebration will not be a Mass, but a prayer service.
Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one's parish.

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
2020



Because of the seating limit of our Church and the need for social distancing due to COVID-19, we have planned for overflow from the church to a Mass in the auditorium/gym. Once we have reached our 400-person capacity in church, ushers will direct everyone else to the gym. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we seek to accommodate everyone in a safe and orderly manner.

**Solemnity of the
Nativity of Our Lord**

Thursday, December 24th

No 6:30 AM Mass
There will be an
8:45 AM Mass

Vigil Masses
3:00 PM in Church
3:15 PM Overflow in Gym

5:00 PM in Church
5:15 PM Overflow in Gym

10:00 PM
Candlelight Christmas Mass

Friday, December 25th
Christmas Day Masses
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
in Church

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
New Year's Day**

Thursday, December 31st

All Masses in Church

No 6:30 AM Mass
There will be an
8:45 AM Mass

6:30 PM Mass

Friday, January 1st
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
in Church



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GIVE BACK NIGHT

Tuesday, December 15th

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"Giving again?!" I say.
"And must I keep giving and giving away?"
"Oh no," said the angel looking me through. "Just keep giving until the Master stops giving to you!"



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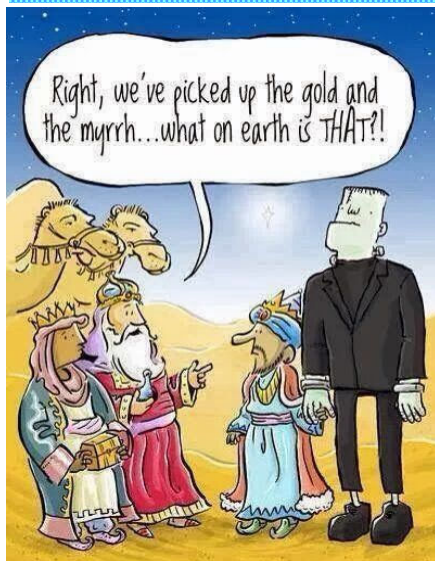
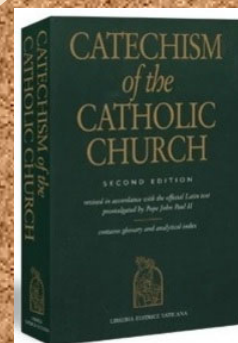
- \$2,000 Columbus day
- \$1,000 New Year's Day
- \$250 April 1 & December 1
- \$150 1st day of Feb, Mar, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, & Nov.
- \$100 Saturdays (51 drawings)
- \$ 20 All other days (301 drawings)



The Cate-Corner

Each week we will highlight a specific article from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

"Angels and men, as intelligent and free creatures, have to journey toward their ultimate destinies by their free choice and preferential love. They can therefore go astray. Indeed, they have sinned. Thus has moral evil, incommensurably more harmful than physical evil, entered the world. God is in no way, directly or indirectly, the cause of moral evil. He permits it, however, because he respects the freedom of his creatures and, mysteriously, knows how to derive good from it: For almighty God. . . , because he is supremely good, would never allow any evil whatsoever to exist in his works if he were not so all-powerful and good as to cause good to emerge from evil itself." (CCC 311)





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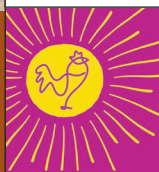
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