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3rd Sunday of Advent (English)

3rd Sunday of Advent (Latin)

December 17, 2023

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

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RECONCILIATION / SACRAMENT of PENANCE

Tues **after** 6:30 pm Latin Mass
during Rosary

Thurs **after** All-Day Adoration **10:00 am – 6:00 pm**
followed by Benediction.

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Tues **6:30 pm** Latin Mass-Rosary-Benediction
CONFESSION **after** Mass during Rosary

Thurs Eucharistic Adoration **10:00 am – 6:00 pm**
followed by Exposition and Benediction
CONFESSION **after** Benediction

Fri 9:00 am Latin Mass **Every 1st Friday**
of the Month

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Sundays 9:00 am (English - livestreamed)

Sundays 11:00 am (Latin - livestreamed)

**Mass Intentions for the week. Loving God,
we lift these intentions into your hands.**

Dec 17 9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Kevin & Cathy Cochran

Dec 19 6:30 pm +Pat Galioto


**For these whose anniversary of death
occurs this week.**

Dec 17 Josephine Llowes

Dec 19 Gertrude Kathryn McLellan Albregts

Dec 19 +Pat Galioto

Dec 21 Annie Duffy



JOY

GAUDETE SUNDAY

*"I baptize with water;
but there is one among you whom you
do not recognize,
the one who is coming after me,
whose sandal strap I am not worthy
to untie."*

- John 1:23

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DECEMBER PRAYER THEME LISTENING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

That the Spirit may find our hearts welcoming the promised gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord, and that we who open our lives to the Incarnate Word may, by that same Spirit, be signs of the Spirit's joy to all whom we encounter.

WEEKLY REPORTING	Income STEWARDSHIP	Budget	Difference*
Offertory + On Line	2,129	2,883	754
YEARLY STEWARDSHIP REPORTING			
Total to Date	62,802	63,309	3,507

* A **black** number means we collected more than planned.
A **red** number means **we did not collect enough**.

First Reading: Isaiah rejoices over God's call in his life and the promise of restoration for all nations. *As we continue in the season of Advent, what has brought some joy to you or your family?*

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11;
(Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24;
John 1:6-8, 19-28

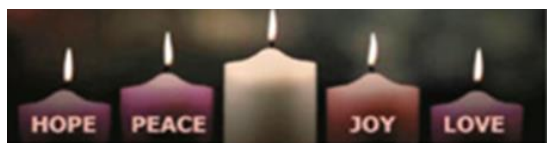
Second Reading: Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be people of prayer and joy, open to the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. *Is there anything recently that has brought you joy?*

Gospel: John present the religious leaders of Jerusalem as puzzled and uncertain as to who John the Baptist was. *How do you approach friends or family in your life who are confused or questioning the faith?* LPI®



LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION OF THE WEEK

God sends a John the Baptist into every person's life – someone who prepares His way, who calls out His truth. Look for the John the Baptist in your life. Pray you can be this person for someone else. LPI®



PRAYER FOR ADVENT 3rd Sunday

Dear Lord, give us boldness as we move through the motions of the holiday season, to reflect and remind those around us of your deep and abiding love for them. Allow them to encounter your love, through us. Amen

CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

Go to stcveneta.com

Saturday, Dec 16

Sunday, Dec 17

2nd Collection-Christmas Flowers

English Mass 9:00 am

Latin Mass 11:00 am

Coffee & Donuts 12:15 pm

Monday, Dec 18

Office Closed

Tuesday, Dec 19

Latin Mass 6:30 pm

Followed by Rosary with
Exposition and Benediction

CONFESSIO during Rosary

Wednesday, Dec 20

Refresh Christmas Decorations

Parish Hall 2:00 pm

Thursday, Dec 21

Adoration 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Followed by Benediction

Confession 6:00 pm

KC General Meeting 7:00 pm

Friday, Dec 22

Parish Christmas Decorations

Church 2:00 pm

Saturday, Dec 23

Sunday, Dec 24

English Mass 9:00 am

Latin Mass 11:00 am

Coffee & Donuts 12:15 pm

Midnight Mass-Latin 12:00 am



CLASS SCHEDULES

SUNDAYS

(2024 DATES)

January 7

January 21

February 4

February 25

March 3

March 17

April 7

April 21

First Communion TBD

Bulletin Items * Deadline
12 noon * Wednesdays

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained

Question: What is **Gaudete Sunday**?

Answer: Gaudete Sunday, the third **Sunday** of **Advent**, so called from the first word of the **Introit** at Mass (Gaudete, i. e. Rejoice). The season of **Advent** originated as a fast of forty days in preparation for **Christmas**, commencing on the day after the feast of St. Martin (November 12), whence it was often called “St. **Martin’s Lent**” — a name by which it was known as early as the fifth century. The introduction of the **Advent** fast cannot be placed much earlier, because there is no evidence of **Christmas** being kept on December 25 before the end of the fourth century (Duchesne, “Origines de culte chretien”, **Paris**, 1889), and the preparation for the feast could not have been of earlier date than the feast itself. In the ninth century, the duration of **Advent** was reduced to four weeks, the first allusion to the shortened season being in a letter of St. Nicholas I (858-867) to the Bulgarians, and by the twelfth century the fast had been replaced by simple abstinence. St. Gregory the Great was first to draw up an Office for the **Advent** season, and the Gregorian Sacramentary is the earliest to provide Masses for the Sundays of **Advent**. In both Office and Mass provision is made for five Sundays, but by the tenth century four was the usual number, though some churches of **France** observed five as late as the thirteenth century.

Notwithstanding all these modifications, however, **Advent** still preserved most of the characteristics of a penitential season, which made it a kind of counterpart to **Lent**, the middle (or third) **Sunday** corresponding with Laetare or Mid-**Lent** Sunday. On it, as on Laetare **Sunday**, the organ and flowers, forbidden during the rest of the season, were permitted to be used; rose-colored vestments were allowed instead of purple (or black as formerly); the deacon and subdeacon reassumed the dalmatic and the tunicle of the chief Mass, and cardinals wore rose-color instead of purple. All these distinguishing marks have continued in use, and are the present discipline of the Latin Church.

Gaudete Sunday, therefore, makes a break, like **Laetare Sunday** about midway through a season which is otherwise of a penitential character, and signifies the nearness of the Lord’s coming. Of the “stations” kept in Rome on the four Sundays of **Advent**, that at the **Vatican** basilica is assigned to Gaudete, as being the most important and imposing at the four. In both Office and Mass throughout **Advent**, continual reference is made to our Lord’s second coming and this emphasized on the third **Sunday** by the additional signs of gladness permitted on that day.

Gaudete Sunday is further marked by a new Invitatory, the **Church** no longer inviting the faithful to adore merely “The Lord who is to come” but calling upon them to worship and hail with joy “The Lord is now nigh and close at hand”.

The Nocturn lessons from the **Prophecy** of **Isaias** describe the Lord’s coming and the blessings that will result from it, and the antiphons at **Vespers** reecho the same prophetic promises. The joy of expectation is emphasized by the constant Alleluias, which occur in both Office and Mass throughout the entire season. In the Mass, the **Introit** “Gaudete in Domingo Semper” strikes the same note, and give it’s name to the day.

The **Epistle** again incites us rejoicing, and bids us prepare to meet the coming savior with prayers and supplication and thanksgiving, whilst the Gospel, in the words of St. John the Baptist, warns us that the **Lamb of God** is even now in our midst, though we appear to know Him not. →

The Spirit of the Office and **Liturgy** all through **Advent** is one of expectation and preparation for the **Christmas** feast as well as for the second coming of Christ, and the penitential exercises suitable to that spirit are thus on Gaudete Sunday suspended, as it were, for a while in order to symbolize that joy and gladness in the promised **Redemption** which should never be absent from the hearts of the faithful. ©CA

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sun. Dec 24 – 9:00 am English Mass
11:00 am Latin Mass

Christmas Eve

Sun. Dec 24 – 12:00 am Latin Mass

Christmas Day

Mon. Dec 25 – 9:00 am English-Mass
11:00 am Latin-Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass

Sun. Dec 31 – 5:30 pm Combination
of English & Latin Mass

No Mass Mon ♦ Jan. 1: NOT a Holy Day of Obligation. Carmel at Maria Regina will
Have a Mon. Jan 1, 7:30 am Mass

Volunteer
Opportunities

Decorate our Parish for **Christmas!**

Two ♦ ways you can help.

Wed ♦ Dec 20 ♦ 2:00 pm
Sort / Refresh Christmas Decorations

Fri ♦ Dec 22 ♦ 2:00 pm
Decorate the Church

Please let Mila know if you can lend a hand.

Catholic Community Services

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St Catherine's SVdP Meetings Schedule

- 1st Monthly Meeting is on the 1st Monday of the month.
- 2nd Monthly Meeting is on the 3rd Monday of the month.

**Both meetings are held at the
 Fern Ridge Library Conference Room.**



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