



SAINT BENEDICT

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SAINT SCHOLASTICA

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 13, 2020



St. Scholastica Parish
17320 Rosemont
Detroit, Michigan 48219
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Fr. James W. Lowe CC, Administrator

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday through Friday	8:00 a.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Holydays	8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

MARRIAGE

Parish priest must be contacted six months prior to date of intended marriage.

BAPTISMS
Contact Fr. James W. Lowe, CC

CONFESSIONS
Tuesday-Saturday Mornings: Immediately Following Mass
Saturday Evening Mass: 3:45 p.m. until 4:15 p.m.
Sunday: 9:15 a.m. until 9:45 a.m.
All other times - Call Parish Office For Appointment

ROSARY
Sunday 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

PHONE NUMBERS
Parish Office(313) 531-0140
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FR. JAMES W. LOWE, CC

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In today's Gospel, we hear about 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 knew his purpose. He was not brought into this world to draw people to himself. His purpose was to lead people to Jesus. "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord'".

Like John, our purpose is to lead as many people as we can into a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ. Like John, this requires us to humble ourselves and to allow God to be the one who changes lives. We are simply the messengers. We are sent out on mission to tell everyone the basic Gospel message of salvation.

To be sent on mission requires several steps on our part. First, we must be open to an ongoing encounter with the One who sends us out; our Lord Jesus Christ. If He is not the one forming us and empowering us to be sent forth on mission, then the fruit will be limited. Second, we must be open to being formed as disciples and working together as many members of one body.

Friends, this is why Archbishop Vigneron is asking us to form families of parishes. We are limited in what we can accomplish when we are isolated from one another. Imagine the potential of partnering with 5 other parishes. Imagine coordinating evangelization with hundreds of leaders instead of 10 or 15. Imagine more opportunities for praise, worship, adoration, spiritual and intellectual formation. This is the goal of Families of Parishes. Together, God can use us powerfully. Isolated from one another, we are limited in what we can accomplish.

Friends, I encourage you to begin praying now for the parishes in our family. Ask the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom to see the path forward and to be obedient to the will of God. As we continue this Advent period of preparing the way of the Lord, let us begin to prepare our hearts and minds to become a band of joyful missionary disciples to be sent out on mission as a "Holy Spirit filled beacon of God's love guiding all into a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ".

.Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Jim Lowe, CC

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS**Third Sunday in Advent
(December 12-13, 2020)**

The theme of "Rejoicing in the Lord" links today's Scripture passages. In Isaiah's prophecy he declares, *The spirit of the Lord is upon me ... I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul.* In today's Gospel from St. John, John the Baptist witnesses to the Light that is Jesus; that through Christ, all people may believe. The evangelist St. Paul, in his First Letter to the Thessalonians, encourages them, and us, to *rejoice always, never cease praying, render constant thanks; such is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.* How do we, as the Lord's disciples, respond in thanksgiving for this tremendous gift: our life in Christ Jesus? Before retiring to sleep each night, take a few moments to acknowledge in prayerful gratitude to the Lord five blessings bestowed upon you this day.

From the AOD Bulletin Inserts

WHY IS THE THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT ROSE?

The color of the Third Sunday of Advent is rose. This color symbolizes joy and represents the happiness we will experience when Jesus comes again. The Third Sunday is a day of anticipatory celebration. It is formerly called "Gaudete" Sunday; gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Psalm: Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28



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Tuesday, December 15, 2020

8:00 a.m. No Intention

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

8:00 a.m. † Aristeo Galit by Jay and Maria Fetizanan

Thursday, December 17, 2020

8:00 a.m. † Willieann Heard by Gerald and Mary Ellen Clark

Friday, December 18, 2020

8:00 a.m. Healing for Michael and Paulinda Deller by Gerald and Mary Ellen Clark

Saturday, December 19, 2020

8:00 a.m.

4:30 p.m. † Mary Harrison by Marianna Bailey

Sunday, December 20, 2020

10:00 a.m. For Parishioners

FAMILIES OF PARISHES

St. Scholastica will be welcoming 5 new parishes into our family. We are excited to be sent on mission with our new brothers and sisters in Christ...

Corpus Christi Parish, Detroit
Presentation – Our Lady of Victory Parish, Detroit
SS. Peter and Paul (Westside) Parish, Detroit
St. Juan Diego Parish, Detroit
St. Mary of Redford Parish, Detroit
St. Scholastica Parish, Detroit

We are in the first wave, which means we will already be collaborating in mission by July 1st, 2021
Please keep our new brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers

For more information of Families of Parishes, please go to <https://www.familiesofparishes.org/>

CHRISTMAS UPDATES.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS: The church will be decorated on Sunday, December 20th after the Presentation of Our Lady of Victory Mass. We are looking for volunteers to help with this project of fellowship and coming together. Please contact the Parish office if you can assist.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY: The annual Parish Christmas Party will be held virtually on Sunday, December 20th. More information will be coming soon. The event will be as festive and enjoyable as ever.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES

**You are invited to participate
In the Sacraments at home!**

If you are homebound (due to COVID or other reasons) and would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation or Sacrament of the Sick, we are just a call away. We know that it is hard not being able to attend church on a regular basis. We are in the process of organizing a homebound ministries program for our parishioners. Father and/or the Eucharistic Ministers who come to your home, would of course, wear a mask, sanitize hands before contact and practice social distancing to the extent possible. They would be screened for COVID in terms of not having symptoms, not having recently traveled out of the area, not having been diagnosed with COVID or had recent significant contact with someone who has. In most cases, we would provide the service on your porch or at your door but could, come in if that was more appropriate for your situation.

Please call the parish office 313-531-0140 to arrange for this service. Someone will call you regarding your needs and scheduling preferences. We will not be able to come to a home where a household member has been diagnosed with COVID and has not had a subsequent negative test or is quarantining due to a recent contact.



We continue to pray for our sick and homebound parish members, Bruce Henderson, Elma Thorpe, Annie Laurie Shannan, Courtney Atlas, Eileen Clark, Sandra Moulton, Christopher Staff, Margaret Porath, Drew Lund, Roland Martin, Marian Hubbard, Jean Geran, Betty Kell, Gloria Seacord, Fermon Sanders, Diverna Stephenson, William Walker, Albert Jackson, Daisy Allen, Victoria Crowe, Dennis Lund, Matthew Onwudingo, Irma Gisstennar, Justin Doucette, Ellen Casey, Denise Goodine, Jonathan Jackson, Gwendolyn Dickerson, Yolanda Stephens, Suzanne Ross, Thomas Norfolk, Bennie Bailey, Julie Hacker, Michele Mooney, Robert Weed, Jerome Bies and Annie Stacherski.

UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

PRAYER for the NEXT PHASE of UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

HEAVENLY FATHER,

Thank you for the abundant graces of Synod 16:
for awakening in us the vision and resolve to become
again your Church on mission, eagerly working together
to "make disciples of all nations," according to our
commission from the Lord Jesus.

Pour out upon us your Holy Spirit, as a new Pentecost,
to guide us in our next phase in our movement to Unleash
the Gospel. By his power at work in us, transform our
parishes into bands of joyful missionary disciples.

COME HOLY SPIRIT:

Set our hearts on fire to share the Good News of Jesus
with all those who stumble in darkness, who hunger for
hope, who thirst for eternal life. Above all, grant us the
boldness and courage of the apostles to put the mission
above all else, so that our community becomes the spark
to ignite the fire of divine love that transforms this time
and this place into the Kingdom of Heaven.

We pray through the intercession of Our Lady, Star of the
New Evangelization, and her mother, our Patron, St. Anne;
and in the spirit of Blessed Solanus we thank you ahead
of time for "accomplishing in us far more
than all we ask or imagine."

We ask all of this in the all-powerful name of the Lord
Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever.

AMEN



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With joy in our hearts, we turn to our heavenly Father
with our prayers and petitions.

That the Church may be blessed with an ever more ef-
fective voice in the world to herald the joy of the Gospel
to all people, we pray to the Lord...

That all Church leaders through their ministry of service
may help prepare the way for the coming of the Lord,
we pray to the Lord...

That world and local leaders may seek the values of
heaven rather than the values of the world, we pray to
the Lord...

That the Lord who comes to bring liberty and justice
may inspire us to secure protection for our unborn
brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord...

That each of us may proclaim the greatness of God
through our actions of love and kindness to others, we
pray to the Lord...

For all who have died, that they may rest in the peace of
the Messiah, we pray to the Lord...

For the Intentions of this Mass, we pray to the Lord . . .