



St. Raphael Catholic Parish

December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

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Liturgy Schedule

Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays :
9:30am

Wednesdays 5:30 pm

Saturdays: 6:00 pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 5:00 to
5:30 pm or by appointment

Rosary: Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Every 2nd
Thursday 4:00 –8:00 pm

Our Parish Mission:

As a Catholic parish working together in harmony with God, we share our gifts and talents to promote healing, helping and hospitality.

WELCOME VISITORS AND GUESTS

We are glad you chose to join us. If you have any questions please ask our hospitality ministers.

If you are new in town and looking for a parish home we welcome you. If you are visiting and only here for a weekend we welcome you.

Visit our website:

www.straphaelfairbanks.org

Our homepage has the daily readings as well as Father Ross' daily homilies. There is also an updated calendar link, a link to the weekly bulletin, and information on our COVID safety procedures.



Entrance Antiphon **Philippians 4:4-5**

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

First Reading **Zephaniah 3:14-18a**

Be joyful, Jerusalem! The Lord will come and save you from your enemies. Do not be discouraged or lose heart, for "the Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior."

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6**

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading **Philippians 4:4-7**

"Rejoice in the Lord always," wrote Paul. "I say it again: rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God; then the peace of God that surpasses understanding will guard your hearts and minds."

Gospel **Luke 3:10-18**

John the Baptizer said to the crowds, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." In that way he preached good news to the people.

Please call the office if you are ill or need assistance.

In the Hospital? Contact Fr. Ross to arrange a visit, Holy Communion, Confession, and/or Anointing of the Sick.

Do you have a need for the parish prayer chain? Please email Gloria Slagle at stclare4@gmail.com

EVENT CALENDAR

Saturday, December 11th: Mass - 6:00pm
Sunday, December 12th: Mass - 9:30am
Tuesday, December 14th: Mass - 9:30am
 ~Reconciliation Service - 7:00pm
 ~Confessions will be heard until 9:00pm
Wednesday, December 15th: Mass - 5:30pm
 ~First Reconciliation Class - 6:15pm
 ~Marian Prayer Group - 6:00pm
Thursday, December 16th: Mass - 9:30am
Saturday, December 18th: Mass - 6:00pm
Sunday, December 19th: Mass - 9:30am
 ~4th Sunday of Advent
 ~Church decorating after Mass

Latin Mass Schedule: Sacred Heart Cathedral

December 18th, 6:30pm
January 15th, 6:30pm
January 22nd, 6:30pm

Mitten Tree



Our St. Raphael donation tree, which is also known as our Mitten tree, is up in the social hall. Our parish goal is to provide needed support to children, families and the hungry in our community. This year we are offering support to SOAP (the Youth Street Outreach and Advocacy Program) and their Basic Shelter for Youth; Immaculate Conception Church Soup Kitchen; and The Fairbanks Foodbank. Their needs requests are printed on the ornaments hanging on the tree. If you would like to help with providing needed donations to any of these organizations please pick from the ornaments on the tree, make your purchases and bring them back. Put them under the tree with the ornament taped to the donation. You can also call our Office Manager, Robin, and ask her to select ornaments for you for the organization of your choice. **Please return your gift/s by Sunday, December 19th!**

Thank you for your generosity.

SYNOD OPPORTUNITIES **Your voice counts!!**

Thank you to those that participated in the Synod discussions here at St. Raphael and those who have mailed in their written response to the questionnaire!

If you have not yet participated in the Synod, there is still time! You can drop off your questionnaire with your written comments in the basket by the entrances to the church or find a staff member to give it to.

You can also go online to the diocesan webpage at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org> and go to “What’s Happening” tab and then to “Current News” to fill out the Synodal Nature of the Church questionnaire. Bishop Chad’s letter on this can be found at our website www.straphaelfairbanks.org



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Donald Aymes, father of Charla Rayburn. May the good Lord grant peace and comfort to his family.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of



St. Raphael’s Advent Reconciliation Service is next Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00pm. There will be a number of priests available to hear your confession until 9:00pm. If you can’t make the reconciliation service, please feel free to stop by the church for confession at any time until 9:00pm.

VOCATIONS

“All were questioning in their hearts.”

Are you considering a vocation as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life?

Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: vocations@cbna.org.



GRUDETE SUNDAY

What is special about the Third Sunday of Advent? For much of the Church's history, this Sunday had a special name:

"Gaudete" Sunday. The traditions surrounding this Sunday go back as far as the fourth or fifth century, as does the season of Advent itself. Advent, our preparation for Christmas, was originally a forty-day penitential season like Lent. In fact, since it used to begin on November 12 (just after the Memorial of St. Martin of Tours), it was called "St. Martin's Lent." "Gaudete Sunday" was the Advent counterpart to "Laetare Sunday," which marks the midpoint in Lent.

On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "The Lord is coming." But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, "The Lord is near." This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation.

Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose-colored vestments, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday and Laetare Sunday. On this day, we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is also rose-colored, or if you prefer, pink.

The word "Gaudete" is Latin for "Rejoice." In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.

Today's second reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, reflects this joy:

"Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."



Looking for that special **Christmas gift** to give someone who has everything. Consider giving a Mass Intention! It is a beautiful way to celebrate them! Just stop by the office or call 907-457-6603 to schedule the Mass intention.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

The KOC sponsored blood drive concluded on Friday, December 10th. A huge **THANK YOU** to all who participated for your gift of life! The blood bank was not recording names of St. Raphael donors, so **please be sure to give your name** to Mike Mathers or one of the office staff. The donor names will be tallied for a random drawing to one lucky winner of a \$100 gift card!



CALLING ALL HANDS OF DECK

We will be decorating the parish for Christmas on Sunday, December 19th after Mass. Please stay to help and have some fun with your parish family! Even if you can only stay for a few minutes your help will be greatly appreciated!

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!



To encourage the maximum number of parishioners to our weekend masses, our most vulnerable parishioners usually prefer to sit in the social hall. Out of respect for these parishioners, we ask that all who sit in the social hall for mass, wear a mask. Thank you for helping to keep each other healthy.



Marian Prayer Group:

Meets Wednesdays at 6pm after mass.
You are welcome to join in person OR on ZOOM. If you would like to join through ZOOM please contact Gloria Slagle at stclare4@gmail.com.

All ages are welcome!

Office Hours
Tuesday-Friday: 10am-3pm

Pastor

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Sacramental Information:

Baptism: Please call the office to schedule class a month in advance.

Marriage: Please contact the office at least six months prior to schedule your date and begin preparation classes.

Area Mass Times

Sacred Heart Cathedral

Sat. 4:30 PM
 Sun. 8:00 AM; 11:00 AM livestreamed
 1:00 PM Spanish
 Mon-Friday. 7:30 AM

Immaculate Conception

Sat. 4:00 PM; Sun. 7:30 AM 10:00 AM
 M, T, Th, F. 12:10 PM Wed 5:30 PM

Saint Nicholas, North Pole

Sat. 5:00 PM; Sun. 9:00 AM 12:00 PM
 M, T, Th, F. 9:00 AM; W 6:00 PM
 (Adoration 8:30 –9:00 am M,T,Th,F,
 6:00-6:30 PM W)

St. Mark University Parish

Sun. 5:30 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral

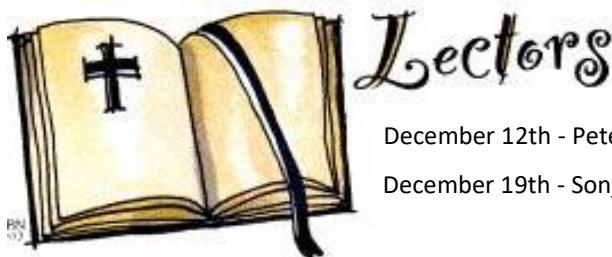
Good Shepherd, Ft. Wainwright

No regular Masses

Mass Intentions

Sat	Dec. 11th	6:00pm	Mari Cato
Sun	Dec. 12th	9:30am	Our Parish
Tues	Dec. 14th	9:30am	Souls of Elizabeth's loved ones +
Wed	Dec. 15th	5:30pm	Joseph Pendergast +
Thurs	Dec. 16th	9:30am	John Mortimer
Sat	Dec. 18th	6:00pm	Gloria, Eusebio, Jovita, And Bobby +
Sun	Dec. 19th	9:30am	Our Parish

If you would like to have a mass said, call the parish office 907-457-6603 to have one scheduled.



December 12th - Peter S.

December 19th - Sonja T.

Parish Finances July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

Budgeted Need \$224,000.00

Monthly Need \$18,667.00

September Collection: \$14,590.00

October Collections: \$13,060.00

*The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful ...
 ~ James 5:16*

Please remember these friends in your prayers....



The people of Haiti, Afghanistan,
 Nancy Kelly (d), Scott Tanner (d), Rob Johnson, Betty &
 Frank Johnson, Robin Eagan, Fred, Bill Love, Michael &
 Leslie Harrington, Ellen Brown, and Jeannette Grasto

All those suffering from Covid-19.

Annunciation House workers and shelters across the Southern borders.

For seminarians: Josh Miller, Piotr Oprych, Dominik Wojcick,
 and all priests & religious.

* Names will remain on the list for three months. Please email or call the parish office if you would like to continue with your request.