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December 11, 2022

My dear spiritual sons and daughters,  
my brothers and sisters in Christ,

**A Blessed Advent to you!** Instead of a "holidian" greeting, I salute you in the true spirit of the season, that is, the **Advent** season. On today, the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as **Gaudete Sunday**, I am grateful for the **rose**-colored flowers sponsored by the **Women's Society** at Presentation and at Sacred Heart by our new Parish Councilor, **Mrs. Maria Silva**. "**Gaudete**" means "rejoice" in Latin. Today is one of **two** Sundays per year in which **rose** - from the Latin "**rosacea**" - vestments may be worn at Mass. As tomorrow happens to be the feast of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, the patroness of Mexico, Empress of the Americas, and patroness of the pro-life movement in the United States, kudos go to the **Women's Society** for preparing a side altar at **Presentation Church** in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe while Mrs. Silva's flowers will adorn the **Sacred Heart sanctuary** for the parish Mass scheduled **tomorrow at 11 a.m.** If we are preparing **firstly** this Advent for the coming of **Christ** at Christmas, then **Gaudete** ("rejoice") for **His coming is near** and the joyful Christmas season will begin. **On the other side of this page is the schedule of Masses and rites for Dec. 14, 19, 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.** Kindly read the bulletin or visit our website for the **change of schedule of Mass and confessions on Sundays**.

Amidst a culture that is inimical to Christian values and to living our Catholic identity in the public square, **the need to reclaim** loving and serving God with all our **mind** as well as with all our heart is evident, especially with our beloved children and youth in the *domestic Church* (per St. John Chrysostom), that is the **family**. Heartfelt thanks to **Mrs. Michelle Metelski**, Coordinator of Religious Education, **Dcn. Timothy Dean**, Director of the R.C.I.C. program, **and their collaborators** for helping our **parents** to form the next generation of saints. On December 7<sup>th</sup>, with the help of the local **Knights of Columbus**, we celebrated the **real** Santa Claus, that is **St. Nicholas of Myra**, at Port Ewen to teach local children and families some of the true meaning of these times. I recall with gratitude the **in-person Bible study** initiated in the fall at Sacred Heart by **Fr. Marc Oliver**, which we will renew early next year, as well as the **growing unity** of our diverse Mass communities in both Ordinary and Extraordinary Forms.

Appealing to the **ardent love** in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, through the **prayers** of Our Lady presented at the Temple of Jerusalem at three years of age, may **Almighty God** grant you and your families **His choicest blessings** in these days of Advent, throughout Christmastide, and the New Year. **I look forward to seeing you** at Holy Mass and the other devotions of these blessed days. *May the Christ Child find us ready to receive Him in our hearts and minds, at our parish, and in our homes!*

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Fr.   
Rev. Fr. Arthur F. Rojas, Administrator





Let's get ready FOR Christ this Advent and then KEEP Christ present in the CHRISTMAS SEASON.

#### SCHEDULE

#### ***Special Family Catechesis on Confession (Religious Education Program)***

Wednesday, December 14 at 6 p.m. at Presentation Church. This is required of ALL Religious Education students and *at least one parent from each family.* R.C.I.C. students who have been prepared by their catechists for First Confession are to come with at least one parent. For these students up to and including Confirmation, confessions will be available firstly to them and then to their parents and Religious Education staff.

#### ***Advent Reconciliation Monday, December 19.***

Sacred Heart, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Presentation, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. (At P.B.V.M., English and Spanish)

#### ***Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24.***

The daily Mass at 8 a.m. will **not** be offered today.

The Vigil Mass will be offered at **5 p.m. at Sacred Heart** and at **8 p.m. at Presentation.**

Attendance of either Vigil Mass **will fulfill** the Christmas obligation.

#### ***Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS/FELIZ NAVIDAD/JOYEUX NOEL***

**9 a.m.** Sacred Heart. **11 a.m.** Presentation. **11 a.m.** Sacred Heart (*Extraordinary Form*).

**The Rectory and both parish offices are closed on Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.**

#### ***Saturday, December 31.***

Presentation: Morning Mass at 8 a.m.

Sacred Heart: Confessions from **4:15 to 4:45** p.m. Vigil Mass at 5 p.m.

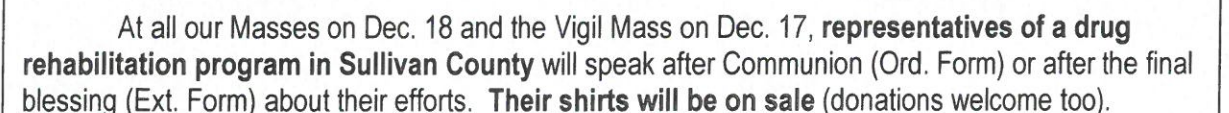
End-of-Year Holy Hour at Presentation, 11:15 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

***Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*** (Sun., Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Start the New Year *right* with Mass.)  
**NEW SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY MASS AND CONFESSIONS TAKES EFFECT TODAY.**

Presentation: Confessions from **8:15 to 8:45** a.m. Mass at **9 a.m.**

Sacred Heart: Confessions from **10:45 to 11:30** a.m. Mass at **11:30** a.m.







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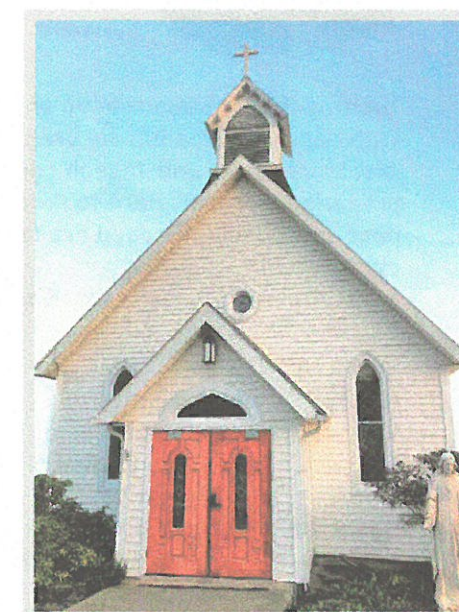
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Presentation: Thr/F 10 am - 3 pm  
Sacred Heart: T/W 9 am - 4 pm

## Sunday Masses

**Presentation B.V.M.**  
Sunday: 10:00 AM

**Sacred Heart**  
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday: Extraordinary Form:  
11:00 AM

## Daily Mass

**Sacred Heart**  
Tuesday, Wednesday: 8:00 AM

**Presentation**  
Thursday, Friday &  
Saturday: 8:00 AM

## Holy Day Masses

See bulletin or Website

## Novena

Our Lady of Perpetual  
Help during 8:00 AM  
Mass on Wednesday.

## Confessions

By Appointment or

**At Sacred Heart**  
Saturday:  
4:30 to 4:55 PM

**At Presentation**  
Sunday:  
9:15 to 9:45 AM

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## Wedding

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