

A Word from Fr. Mike



Do you ever find yourself stuck in the monotony of life—same routines, same responsibilities, same *to-do-list déjà vu*—and suddenly you get the urge to plan *something*? A party, an outing, a vacation... anything just to have a spark of joy on the horizon? Or maybe you've been watching a suspenseful movie, heart racing, and you need to pause for a popcorn break or simply crack a joke with your movie-watching buddy just to break the tension. Or think of those little moments of levity that arrive precisely when life feels heavy. They are gifts. We all need them.

Well... that's precisely why your priests sometimes wear pink! Let me explain.

This weekend is **Gaudete Sunday**—Advent's built-in mid-season "joy break." The word *Gaudete* means "Rejoice," and the Church intentionally places this day smack in the middle of a penitential season to tell us: *Hang in there. Hope is nearer than you think.*

So yes, the priests break out the pink vestments (technically it's the slightly manlier shade of **rose**). The rose candle gets lit on the wreath. And this lighter shade of violet becomes a splash of joy—a reminder that even in a season of preparation and penance, God wants His people to experience hope.

Our readings echo that theme beautifully: *The wilderness blooms. The blind see. Good news is proclaimed to the poor. Everything changes because Christ is drawing close.*

In the Gospel, Jesus praises John the Baptist—the forerunner, the trailblazer, the one who points the world toward Jesus. St. James urges us to be patient and steadfast as the Lord's coming draws near. In other words: *Don't lose heart. Stay ready. Joy is on the way.*

But here's what I love most about Gaudete Sunday: Its entire message is that **joy is not a luxury for when life is easy—joy is a discipline because Christ is close.** And that means something for every one of us.

Because let's be honest: whether it's the state of the world, politics, relationships, finances, health concerns, family stresses, Christmas to-do lists, or just the ups and downs of ordinary human living—life has no shortage of tension points. It's very easy for the spirit to sag under the weight of it all.

Gaudete Sunday interrupts us on purpose. It shakes us gently by the shoulders and reminds us: **Rejoice—not because everything is perfect, but because Christ is coming. Rejoice—not because life is light, but because Light Himself is drawing near. Rejoice—because the King of the Universe enters our world as a tiny Child, stepping right into the mess and defeating the darkness from the inside out.**

So yes... we wear pink. But more importantly: we rejoice. Because no matter what season you find yourself in—joy or sorrow, peace or pressure—the **Savior comes close.** And that is always cause for rejoicing!

Advent Night of Prayer & Adoration This Sunday, Dec. 14 at 6:00 PM

Join us for a night of music, readings, confessions, and Adoration as we prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ. *Multiple priests will be available to hear confessions.*

December 14, 2025



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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday at 7:30 AM;
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Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday at 8 AM

Wednesday at 5:15 PM

Saturday at 5 PM & Sunday at 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM

2nd Collection This Weekend

Our second collection for December will be for a Charity Food Drive. This collection helps purchase Grocery Gift Cards for families in need of assistance. Please use your designated 2nd Collection Envelope included in your envelope packets or mark your donation as 2nd Collection.

Feed My Starving Children

Tuesday, Dec. 16 from Noon-1:45 PM

Please join us to pack more meals at the Coon Rapids site. Lunch TBD. Contact Joy Reinhart to pre-register at reihartj@gmail.com.



Welcome our New Parishioners

Thank you for being a part of our parish family!

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Extra Confession Opportunities

During this Advent time of preparation, we are offering extra opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- Tuesday, December 16 from 5:00-7:00 PM (2 priests)
- Saturday, December 20 from 2:00-4:15 PM (2 priests)

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration



To sign up or to be a sub, login to saintvdp.org/perpetual-adoration, or call JoAnne Newman at 763-420-4089.

Help is urgently needed for:
Sunday at 3 AM; Thursday at 11 PM;
Saturday at 2 AM & 2 PM

Our Parish Gift Shop is available for Christmas shopping before and after all the weekend Masses.

We are stocked with all the gifts you might want — from home décor to religious items to stocking stuffers!



Dec. 18 at 7 PM and Dec. 19 at 2 PM & 7 PM at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Steven C will be joined by Grammy award-winning guitarist Pat Donohue and vocalists Jillian Anderson, Kathryn Budzien, and Jack Cassidy. Tickets are \$12.51 and available at stevencmusic.com.

Readings for this Week

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Mass Intentions for December 15-21

Monday	8:00 AM	The Wittig Family (<i>Living & Deceased</i>)
Tuesday	8:00 AM	† Timothy Culhane & † Michael Culhane
Wednesday	5:15 PM	† Tom Schlangen
Thursday	8:00 AM	† Frank Von Ende
Friday	8:00 AM	† Caroline Heidt
Saturday	5:00 PM	† The Neuman Family
Sunday	7:30 AM	† Michael Von Ende
	9:00 AM	† Cheri Bolin
	11:00 AM	Parishioners

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 8 AM – 3 PM & Friday: 8 AM – Noon

The deadline for the Dec. 21 bulletin has passed. The **early deadline** for the Dec. 28 bulletin is this Friday at Noon.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

HOLY HOUR (ENCOUNTER NIGHT): 7PM-8PM @ CHURCH OF ST. ALBERT - INCLUDES ADORATION, CONFESSION, PRAYER TEAMS, PRAISE AND WORSHIP

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