

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 17, 2023

### FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear brothers and sisters of Sacred Heart,

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice! The Lord is near!" This scripture verse, taken from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians (4:4-5), gives rise to the traditional title for this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent: **Gaudete** ("Rejoice!"). You have certainly noticed that the liturgical color for this Sunday in both the vestments of the priest and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent candle is *rose* rather than purple, being more festive than the others in agreement with St. Paul's pronouncement that "the Lord is near," and that, therefore, Christmas is just around the corner.

We have spoken before about the "Christmas countdown", meaning that the pace of life picks up with all kinds of activities—shopping, decorating, family get togethers, concerts, etc.—that make it is very easy to get stressed out, lose our patience, bite each other's heads off, and most definitely lose along the way the peace, the joy, the beauty, and the hope that the Christmas season is offering to us. All of the holiday activities, of course, are good in themselves—no Scrooges or Grinches here! —but if we omit the faith perspective the real "Reason for the Season" the birth of Jesus Christ can easily be overlooked or end up on the back burner. For those who have not been coming to church on a regular basis since Covid, our beautifully renovated church is calling you back. It reminds us of who we are as Christians and Catholics and the treasure that we have received from past generations of believers. At the same time, our parishioners have once again been wonderfully generous in their gifts of food items and presents for those who are in need. Please join us this Christmas and rediscover that true meaning of Christmas for yourself and your family! "The Lord is near!"

**Fr. John Gruben, OAR**

Fr. Eric Crelencia, OAR

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR, Pastor



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

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

### Responsorial Psalm:

#### **My soul rejoices in my God.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed.

#### **My soul rejoices in my God.**

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy.



### PRAYER FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Hear our prayers, O Lord, and enlighten the darkness of our minds and hearts by your coming on earth; you who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit; one God forever and ever. (Someone lights **the rose candle** & two purple candles)

### SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT CONFESSIONS 2023

#### Reconciliation Monday

**Monday, December 18**

**2:00pm to 4:00 & 6:00pm to 9:00pm**  
(Blessed Sacrament will be exposed)

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> – 12:00pm to 1:00pm**  
**Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> – 3:00 to 5:00pm**

## ST VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

PLEASE HELP FILL THE PANTRY WE  
DISTRIBUTED 48 THANKSGIVING  
BASKETS AND NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE  
FOR CHRISTMAS BASKETS  
**DRIVE THRU DONATION DAYS:**

**December 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 1 to 3pm**

FOOD WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE IN NEED ON  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> – 10AM TO 12PM

Please call the Rectory Office if you are in need to sign  
up for a Christmas Basket. 845-357-0035

### PARISH CALENDAR

#### Sunday, December 17

Ultreya, 9am at Tagaste Monastery  
St. V. DePaul – Food Drive – 1 to 3pm Parking lot

#### Monday, December 18 Reconciliation Monday

2 to 4pm and 6 to 9pm -Church

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – 4:30pm to 6pm

Grupo Carismático -7pm cafeteria

#### Tuesday, December 19

Rel Ed. Grades 3-5 – 4:30pm

Rel. Ed. Grades 7 & 8 – 7pm –8:30

Parish Council Mtg. – 7pm Rectory

#### Wednesday, December 20

Grupo Bíblico – 8pm in the cafeteria

Immaculate. Heart Group- 7:30pm

#### Thursday, December 21

#### Friday, December 22

#### Saturday, December 23

7:30am – St. Joseph's men's group – Rectory pre-k

### SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

December 3 Collection- \$13,882

Last year's collection - \$14,105.

Immaculate Conception - \$2,494.

Last Year's - \$3,428

### THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!"

But she was greatly troubled at the saying and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there will be no end."

## CHRISTMAS 2023

### SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY

**CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

#### MASSES

4:00PM Church, 5:30PM

7:15PM – ESPAÑOL MASS

12:00AM- MIDNIGHT MASS

**CHRISTMAS DAY, MONDAY,**

**DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

8:30AM

10:00AM, 11:30AM,

4:00PM ESPAÑOL

**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 5:30pm Vigil**

**is for the SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

**MOTHER OF GOD**

**Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

**7:00am and 9:00am**

**4:00pm -Español (Last Mass of the Day)**



### SISTERS OF LIFE

**Providing Life-affirming choices for women:** If you know someone who is struggling, please urge them to contact: [www.visitationcenterus.org](http://www.visitationcenterus.org) or call (877)777-1277.

**Have you suffered an abortion?** Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life: 866-575-0075 or e-mail: [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org). For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877-586-4621 or e-mail: [Lumina@postabortionhelp.org](mailto:Lumina@postabortionhelp.org)

### CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE GOOD COUNSEL HOMES

For Pregnancy emergencies call  
Any time of day: 1-800-723-8331

[www.goodcounselhomes.org](http://www.goodcounselhomes.org)

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Church and our Parish Community the following children who were recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

### **ZORA LUA PETERSON**

Child of Anders and Christine

### **JEFFREY RAYMOND HART III**

Child of Jeffrey and Catherine



*Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them:* Emil Boss, Joe Bauer,

Baby Braven Ryan, Elantoniette Camagong, Ronald Carlucci, Siobhan Casey, Angie Clifford, Joseph Collins Jr., Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Fr. Frank Cregan, Laudelina Crowley, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey, Carol Deery, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Marge Diebner, Karen DeJoie, Mary Discini, Joseph Duarte, John Duffy, Ginny & Sonny Figula, William Figundio, Stefanie Gaudelli, John Genardi, Teddy Girvan, Joseph Gilson, Debra Gravina, Spiros Grmmenos, Gail Griggs, Mary Guarnieri, Senan Halpin, Clement & Maureen Hayes, Catherine Howard, John Hughes, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Yvonne Gangone Ingui, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Kathleen Keane, Thomas Kelly, Eileen Kennedy, Rick Konrad, Steven C. Klumpp, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Robert Liggio, Ginger Listwan, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Joyce Miller, Iraida Molina, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Nolita Padilla, Joseph Payne, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Barbara Procopio, James Procopio, Louis Paturzo, Charles Picarelli, Kathleen Rafferty (Fr. Michael's sister), Danny Ranke, Della Russell, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, Geri Savino, Abdul Shakur, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Thomas Sullivan, Rose Stark, Maureen Starke, Lindsey Sterling, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Janet Tamburro, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Yolanda Yarleque and Michael Zavoski Jr.

## ALTAR MEMORIALS

DECEMBER 17, 2023

Altar Wines and Altar Breads In Memory of

**JERRY PEDEN**

Altar Candles In Memory of

**GREELEY & STATHAM FAMILIES**

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of

**JOHN DANIELLO**



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones, especially: **Papa Arhin, Eileen Boyle, John Clemente**



## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

7AM & 9:00AM DAILY – (MONDAY – FRIDAY)

SATURDAY – 9AM

SATURDAY VIGILS – 5:30PM AND 7:15PM (S)

SUNDAYS

8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM 4:00PM (S)  
AND 5:30PM

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:00am – † Michael Formato

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

5:00pm – Christmas Pageant

5:30pm – Vigil Mass – † Patricia & Louis Diamond

7:15pm – Vigil Mass – † 3<sup>rd</sup> Aniversario

Defino Lucero

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:30am – † Dianne Messina

10:00am – † "TC" Theresa McGovern

11:30am – † Richard & Eileen Doran

4:00pm – † 10<sup>th</sup> Aniversario Nicolaza Solís

5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:00am – † Richard Lynch

9:00am – † Jerry Peden

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:00am – † Towers Family

9:00am – † Claudia Kobor

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:00am – † Connie Soriano

9:00am – † Jerry Peden

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:00am – † Connie Soriano

9:00am – † Charles & Florence Marsalisi

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:00am – † Halloran Family

9:00am – † Maddie Nicpon

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:00am – † Vincent Cangelose

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

5:30pm – Vigil Mass – † Aleyamma Mathew

7:15pm – Vigil Mass – Spec. Intention Niño Jesus

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

8:30am – † Andrew & Johanna Seman /  
Bernard & Bonnie Wysocki

10:00am – † Dr. Leo Greco

11:30am – † Ann Sweeney

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 Vigil Masses for Christmas

4:00pm – † 5:30pm – † 7:15pm – † 12:00 Midnight

For All Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Living and Deceased