

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16, 2018

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.

— Zephaniah 3:15b

REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called “Gaudete Sunday.” The Latin tag is derived from Paul’s appeal in the second reading to “rejoice always in the Lord,” and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God’s work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is “the season of joy.” Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, “Gaudete Sunday,” is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: *Gaudete* is Latin for “Rejoice!” This year’s Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary’s visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.

Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary’s presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it’s all because of the clams!

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IMPRESSIONABLE

A child’s life is like a piece of paper on which
every passerby leaves a mark.

—Ancient Chinese proverb

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Mass Intentions:

December 15th: Parishioners of
St Andrew and St Regina

December 16th: Bennie Scott +
by Mr & Mrs Mark Bartel

December 22nd: Parishioners of
St Andrew and St Regina

December 23rd: Thomas Gateley +
by Mr & Mrs Mark Bartel

WEEKLY OFFERING

Dec 9th	
Budget	\$2300
Actual	\$870
Short	\$1430

December 23, 2018

Lectors — Eleanor Michie

Gift Bearers — Mr & Mrs
Donald Carlson

Eucharistic Ministers — Don Carlson,
Christine Carlson, Kathleen Kirkpatrick

Servers — Jordan Olivio, Zarhia Arriaga

Sacristans — Mary Alyce Fiechtl

Altar Linens — Eleanor Michie & Khuyen
Segerson

Ushers—Men of the Parish



TODAY’S READINGS FOR YEAR C

First Reading — Your God will sing joyfully
because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zephaniah
3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among
you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah
12:6).

Second Reading — Rejoice in the Lord always. I
shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — Whoever who has two cloaks should
share with the person who has none. Whoever who
has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18).

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Grant Adams, Jody Adams, Mark Green,
Ethel Huffman, Jacob Palomino, Khuyen Segerson,
Ted & Jeanette Thiele, Joe & Stella York

Relatives

Thomas & Kelli Blankenship, Zula Doyle,
Nancy Gambino, Fiona Green, Christine Hart and the
twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Lisa Michelle
Kirkpatrick, Nickolas Kirkpatrick, Asa McCarty,
Paul Montgomery, Andrew Morlan,
Emily Ernst Royal, Richard Scran, Kevin Young

Friends

Susi Bickerstaff, Emma Cupples, Frank DeLuca,
Emily Evans, Eddie Michaels,
The Jeff Melton Family, Joseph Smile,
Dr. Laurie Pearlman, Fr Robert Ponticello

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,
16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-
56

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45



Mass Schedule

Monday: 11:30 am

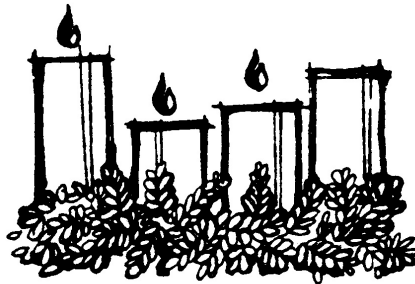
Wednesday: 11:30 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am



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Coming Events

December 21st: Please note Mass time
change to 9:00 am

December 21st through December 26th:
The office will be closed.

December 31st and January 1st: The
office will be closed.

PRE

There will be no class on December 23rd or
December 30th. Classes will resume on
January 6th.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Vigil

December 24th

St Andrew at 10:00 pm

Christmas Day

December 25th

St Andrew at 9:00 am

St Regina at 11:00 am