



St. Anne's Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Advent / Gaudete Sunday December 15, 2024



Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Friday - Sunday CLOSED

Masses in Church

Monday - Friday 8:15 am

Saturday 8:15 am & 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Sacrament of Confession

Tuesday 9:00 am—9:30 am

Saturday 3:30 pm—4:00 pm

Library Hours:

Wednesday 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Parish Staff

Pastor : Rev. Leonard L. Marrujo

Priest in Res.: Rev. George DaRoza

Office/Ministry: Rachelle Harmon

Bookkeeper : Aileen Baker

Housekeeper: Martha Sanchez

Music Director: John Montanero

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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday. The word “gaudete” is derived from the Latin words “gaudium,” joy, and “gaudeo,” to rejoice or be glad. Gaudete Sunday occurs eight to thirteen days before Christmas, and the nearness of the feast is reason for great joy. The term “Gaudete” is taken from the Entrance Antiphon: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near” (paraphrase, Phil 4:4-5). Advent is a time of joyful expectation and eager preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas.



Multiple Reasons for Joy. There is joy in looking forward to the annual celebration of Christmas, but there is also joy in recalling the birth of Jesus on the first Christmas. The joy is heightened because he was born to save us from our sins (Mt 1:21b). The joy also extends to anticipation of the Second Coming, either at the end of physical life or the end of the world, the time when believers will be given the crown of righteousness (2 Tm 4:8) and a place in the Father’s house (Jn 14:2) to dwell with God and his angels and saints for all eternity.

A Joyful Color. Rose represents joy and may be used as the liturgical color for Gaudete Sunday. Violet remains the official color for the Season of Advent, the Third Sunday included, because all of Advent has a penitential tone, a time to be absolved of sin and be in the state of grace for Christmas. Gaudete Sunday offers a brief respite to focus on the uplifting, upcoming joyful celebration of the Nativity.

Joyful Adornments. The priest may wear a rose chasuble and the deacon may wear a rose dalmatic. Church decorations may include roses or other flowers, a rose-colored altar cloth, drapery on the pulpit or ambo, chalice veil, tabernacle curtain, or wall hangings. The third candle of the Advent wreath is rose.

Joyful Prayers. The prayers in the Roman Missal on the Third Sunday of Advent convey a joyful message. The immediacy of Christmas is addressed in the Collect, “O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord’s Nativity,” followed by two explicit references to joy: “enable us ... to attain the joys of so great a salvation” and “to celebrate them with ... glad rejoicing.” Preface II of Advent says, “we rejoice at the mystery of his Nativity” and that we are “exultant in his praise.” The Communion Antiphon contains the joyful message, “Behold, our God will come, and he will save us” (cf. Is 35:4). Two invocations in the Solemn Blessing for Advent refer to joy: the second, “may he make you ... joyful in hope,” and the third, “So that, rejoicing now with devotion at the Redeemer’s coming.”

Joyful Scripture Texts. In the first reading Isaiah says that he was sent “to bring glad tidings” (Is 61:1) and that “my God is the joy of my soul” (Is 61:10); in the Responsorial Psalm the Blessed Virgin Mary prays, “My spirit rejoices in God my Savior” (Lk 1:47); and in the second reading St. Paul insists that we should “rejoice always” (1 Thes 5:16). The gospel is John the Baptist’s joyful declaration that he was sent by God to testify to the light, the one who is coming after him, the Christ! *

*The Catholic Spirit December 10, 2020 Father Michael Van Sloun

Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, December 17th
9:00 am
Advent Reconciliation

Tuesday, December 24th
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
5:00 pm Christmas Vigil
11:30 pm Midnight Mass
OR

Wednesday, December 25th
9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Mass

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord / Christmas

Wednesday, Dec 25th—Thursday, Dec 26th
Christmas Holiday—Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, January 1st
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
9:00 am Mass

Octave of Christmas, Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1st
New Year's Day—Parish Office Closed

Sunday's Readings:

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a
2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18



CHANGES—PRAY FOR THE SICK

Effective December 1, at the start of the new liturgical year, we will no longer automatically keep folks on the "Pray For The Sick" list.



Names added to the list will be kept on for 4 weeks. After that 4 week period, they will be removed.

If they still need prayers, no problem! Just call Fran Long to renew them another 4 weeks at 925-939-5151.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12/14	5:00 PM	Special Intentions: Lynn Alison Martinez & Robert Kraftschik Jr.
Sunday 12/15	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Parishioners & Benefactors † Sharon Tyson
Monday 12/16	8:15 AM	† Donna & Bill Geiser † Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday 12/17	8:15 AM	† Luisa & Ivan Bato † Irene Bechelder
Wednesday 12/18	8:15 AM	† Peter Catalfu
Thursday 12/19	8:15 AM	† Anna & Steve Marosi
Friday 12/20	8:15 AM	† Michael Otten
Saturday 12/21	8:15 AM	† William Hansen

PARISH FINANCIALS

	November	
Plate collections, donations, gifts, and bequests		
November Donation	\$	31,698
Budget Donation	\$	38,350
Excess / (shortfall)	\$	(6,652)
Year to date excess/(shortfall) *	\$	18,031
Dev. Fund November donation	\$	1,772
Dev. Fund Year to date excess	\$	3,376
Bishop's Appeal (YTD)	\$	17,788
Diocesan Priests Retirement	\$	3,006
* includes bequests \$13,865		

GRIEF MINISTRY HIATUS

Due to holiday schedules and many folks traveling, the Grieving Ministry will not meet up during the month of December and will resume in January.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

During the season of Advent—a time of prayer, hope, and preparation for the coming of Christ, we invite you to take part in our **Advent Reconciliation Service**. Let us prepare our hearts and our minds as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.



Tuesday, December 17
9:00 am—10:00 am
 *After the 8:15 am daily mass



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PRAY FOR THE SICK

Andrea Puccini	Joe Cellucci
Bunk Sicotte	Kathleen Clemons
Cathy Bridges	Rob Mills
Diane Mauch	Sheila Wilkins

If you wish to be included or removed from our prayer list, please contact Fran Long at 925-939-5151.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Masses

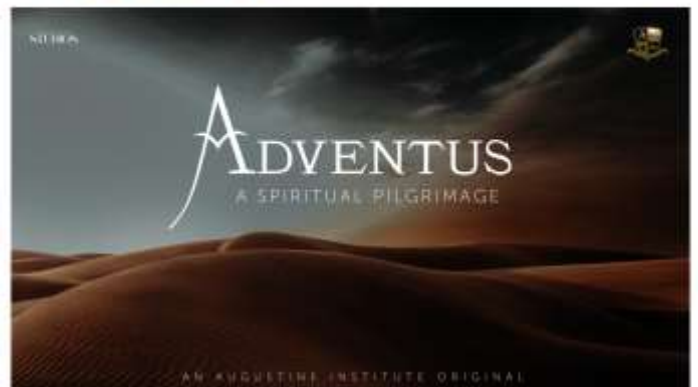
Tuesday, December 24th
 5:00 pm Mass (Carols at 4:45 pm)
 11:30 pm Midnight Mass (Carols at 11 pm)

Christmas Day Masses

Wednesday, December 25th
 9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass

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Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

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