

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

December 14, 2025 | The Third Sunday of Advent



The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as “**Gaudete Sunday**” as Gaudete means “Rejoice!” Even in the prophetic books of the Old Testament, the later chapters called Israel to rejoice for their liberation from exile was imminent as God had forgiven their sins & was about to restore them to their land. Now that Jesus has actually been born, the imminent joy of celebrating His Nativity, & our need to rejoice, are around the corner for us!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“If a man wishes to be sure of the road he treads on, he must close his eyes & walk in the dark.”

- St. John of the Cross
(Feast Day December 14)

*He will baptize you with
the Holy Spirit*

MATTHEW 3:11

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

9:00am

11:00am (Spanish)

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OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY

2:30pm – 5:30pm

OUR MISSION

Catholic Church of the Resurrection is a diverse Christian Community of faith that:

- is centered in the Eucharist and the Word of God
- proclaims the Good News of Jesus
- seeks, welcomes, and serves all in His name

OUR CLERGY

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ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

1. Light the **first and second purple candles** and the **pink candle**.
2. Read from Scripture: *"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them."* (Luke 2:20)
3. **Pray the Advent Wreath Prayer for Week 3:** "Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen."
4. Reflect: On a scale from 1-10, how would you rate your joy this Advent? How might God be inviting you to open yourself up to the joy of the season?

MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 14

09:00am + Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Scarduzio
11:00am + The Parish (*Spanish*)

DECEMBER 21

09:00am + Mickey McQuilton
11:00am + Amador Lopez (*Spanish*)

MASS MUSIC

Processional: # 503 On Jordan's Bank
Offertory: # 498 Savior of the Nations, Come
Communion: #1035 Bread of Life
Recessional: # 499 My Soul in Stillness Waits

JOY

PASTOR'S LETTER

Happy Advent!

As we continue to prepare ourselves, as well as our homes, for Christmas & its Season, we should seek spiritual nourishment. It reminds me of when children tell their parents that they are hungry. Their parents inform their children that there are carrots, celery, or other nutritional foods in the house, but the youth want cookies, things that are tastier but not as healthy.

When people say they think they are not being spiritually fed, it could be that they want something pleasurable, but not necessarily good for them. Part of maturing, whether spiritually, physically, or emotionally, entails making mature decisions & discerning what is best or at least better for ourselves & our families.

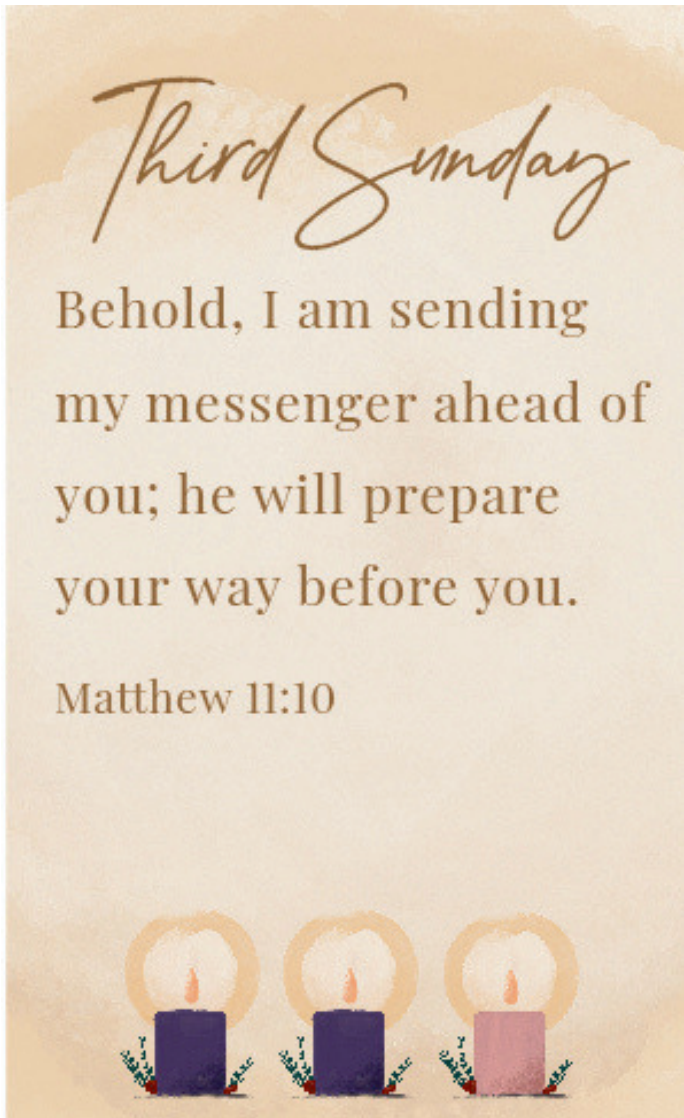
Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus encouraged us to deepen our discipleship, challenging us to carry crosses, to be ready for sacrifices & persecution. A good parent does not allow their children to settle for what is easy all the time, but rather calls & challenges them to rise above the pleasures. Every Advent (or Lenten) Season provides the opportunity to discern our lives & discipleship & ask "How have I grown & changed since last year? What can I challenge myself to do this year?"

With joyful anticipation, let us strive to prepare a way for the LORD in our hearts & lives the remainder of our Advent Season, and indeed into the new year!

**Have a blessed Advent Season! +
Father John**

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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| Terry Savino | Estelle Cashion |
| Jim Carroll | Danielle Dargue |
| Rose Gizzarelli | Joan Monaghan |
| Mark Anderson | Eugene Gransky |
| Risser Family | Ron Reimer |
| Contreras Family | Jack Rafferty |
| Fischer Family | Adam Berkheimer |
| Maureen Harris | Kim Ciasto |
| Mark Anderson | Fr. Mark Moore |
| Bobby McQueen | John Donohue |
| David Nelson | Peggy Bunn |



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

In next weekend's Gospel, we hear of Joseph's plight: his betrothed had become pregnant, and it was not his child. He did not think Mary could have done such a thing, but how could he live a lie as if he were the child's father? God clued him in early; He wanted Joseph to cooperate with His plan and know that Mary did nothing wrong. His Son's Birth & early infancy was going to be so unique & challenging at times that Joseph needed to know what he was doing it for: the Son of God & the world's salvation. Being a righteous man allowed his heart to be open & desiring to do the right thing - whatever that was. Do we have challenges in our lives and we want to do the right thing? Do we spend significant time praying & listening for God's guidance so as to do what God asks of us?



CHRISTMAS COOKIES SALE

The Ladies Guild is sponsoring their annual **COOKIE SALE**. **THEY WILL NEED LOTS OF COOKIES** for the sale and are asking parishioners to bake cookies and **drop them off at the church this Saturday, December 20, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. noon**. Thank you! The **Cookie Sales is next Sunday, December 21, between the Masses**. *All proceeds go to the Ladies Guild's fundraising efforts in support of our church.*

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

The **Angel Tree Program** is for children of families who are struggling financially and will be **unable to afford any gifts** for their children this Christmas. **Please take a tag** if you are in a position to make a child's Christmas a little brighter this year. Angel Tree gifts are to be wrapped and returned with the angel tag attached **by next Sunday, December 21**.

STEWARDSHIP

Our time on this earth is filled with many emotions that vary depending on what is occurring at the time. We can perceive things as challenges or opportunities; fearful or hopeful; trials or adventures. Mary experienced this when the Archangel asked her to be the Mother of God's Son. She could have viewed this as doing God a favor, but instead rejoiced that human salvation was near. No doubt she felt some uncertainty and responsibility, but she also experienced joy that God was entrusting her with His Son. How do we allow our human emotions to affect our faith? Do we view things through eyes of faith & be hopeful, joyful, trusting God is with us?