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Rejoice

3RD Sunday of ADVENT



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 15 Vigil Mass

8:00 Danna & Anna Giambrone
5:00 Gavin Daly, German Torres, Eilse Englert,
Sr. Flora Marinelli

Sunday, December 16: Third Sunday of Advent

7:45 Pawla & Mariano Cauchi
9:00 Giordano Vlacich, Luigi Davi,
Rosa Badalamenti, Sergio Custodio,
Carlos Armando Alcala Aguilar
10:30 Enrique Cabanilla Pareja
12:00 Sadie & John Gallagher
7:00 p.m. Lapommeray Family

Monday, December 17:

8:00 Thomas Masotti
12:00 Michael & Delia Cavanaugh

Tuesday, December 18: International Migrants Day

8:00 Branca & Tiseo Family
12:00 Antonio & Lina Capaldi

Wednesday, Decemebr 19:

8:00 Maria Popovich, Rosario Truia,
Guseppina Malkusz
12:00 Jose Torres, Mary Schneider
7:30pm Durant Parks Family, Deacon Raul &
Angelina Ruiz (Wedding Anniversary)

Thursday, December 20:

8:00 Deceased Members of Juric & Bubic Families
12:00 Sime Budesa

Friday, December 21: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

8:00 Frank Gerbasi
12:00 Vincenzo & Rachela Galante

Saturday, December 22

8:00 Fr. Martin Dolan
5:00 Augustinhe Gouveia, Thomas Falcon,
Martha Plenca

Sunday, December 23:

7:45 Dino Lezaja
9:00 Rosario, Gatana & Filippo Giacone,
Giovanni Vicari
10:30 Jose & Dolored Inga, Maria Gonzalez &
Alfredo Sanchez
12:00 Anton Frankovic & Lucijan Veselica
7:00 p.m. *Mass Available*

PRAYER INTENTIONS

FOR THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND

Regina Burlando, Tosso, Carmela Sotomayor Gardella,
Suzanne Rush, Wilson Roberto Fattore

Those Who Have Entered into Eternal Life

Raymond Henricks, Myrna Garcia Bedoya & Maria
Della Polla

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.

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

SANCTUARY LAMP for the week & weekend Dec. 17 –23 will burn in memory of : Salvatore Gambino as requested by: Gambino Family



BREAD & WINE to be consecrated at Masses during the weekend of December 22-23 in loving memory of Salvatore Gambino as requested by: Gambino Family



THINKING OF REMEMBERING A LOVED ONE?

Thinking of Remembering a Loved One? To remember the intention of a loved one, you may donate the bread and wine consecrated at Mass for one week or weekend. Or the Sanctuary Lamp (candle lit near the Tabernacle) for one week. Call or come to the parish office for more information about how you can remember a loved one.

**CHRISTMAS SEASON
LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**



Advent Penance Service
Thursday, December 20th
7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Monday, December 24
Mass Schedule
12:00 Noon

6:00 p.m. Children's Pageant Mass
11:00 pm ~ Christmas Hymns & Carols
12:00 Midnight ~ Solemn Mass

(Please note there will be no 7:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve)

Christmas Day ~ Tuesday, December 25

7:45 am.,
9:00a.m. (English/Italian),
10:30 am (Spanish),
12:00 Noon

(Please note that there will be no evening Mass on Christmas Day)

**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God**

Mass Schedule

New Years Eve, Monday, December 31
12:00 Noon

Vigil Mass ~ 6:00 pm.

New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1

10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

**NEW YEAR'S
EVE PARTY**



Monday December 31, 2018

7:30pm to 1:00am

St. Joseph's Academy
Auditorium

Cocktails ~ 7:30pm

Dinner ~ 8:30pm

Complete Buffet Dinner,
Cash Bar, Music and Dancing
Complimentary Champagne at
Midnight, Party Favors,
Noisemakers, and More!!

**Watch the Ball Come Down
at Midnight!!**

Reserve your tickets before
Thursday, Dec. 27th!!

Individual Tickets ~ \$50 per adult, \$15 per
child.

Special Table Package for 8 Adults ~ \$350
(\$43.75 each)

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!!

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday or Joyful Sunday. We light the rose colored candle signifying a change in our advent focus from the second coming of Christ in Glory to prepare, to celebrate His Incarnation among us. The entrance antiphon for today states this quite clearly, "Rejoice in the Lord Always, again I say Rejoice, indeed the Lord is near." As time quickly marches on, we all need to get everything prepared to celebrate Christmas. I would like to also take this opportunity to encourage you to prepare your heart to again welcome Jesus. A good way to prepare for this, is to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Thursday, December 20th we invite you to our Advent communal penance service. It will be a brief prayer service with individual confessions in English, Spanish and Italian.

On another note, I would like to thank all who have donated a Christmas Tree. As of last Wednesday over 80 trees have been memorialized. There are still few more trees remaining, and it is not too late, if you still wish to donate one. I wish to also thank all who have returned their Christmas Flower envelopes. I remind you if you have not already done so, to return your envelope as soon as possible. The envelopes will be placed on the altar for the Christmas season and we hope to print the listing of all donors.

As you can see, we have covered the Crucifix with a sky blue cloth and the Star over it. The last piece to be put in place will be the statue of the infant Jesus brought in procession at the beginning of midnight Mass. Next Sunday we will light the trees and garland around the interior of the Church. Hopefully most of our poinsettia plants will in place, except for the altar of sacrifice trying to keep the spirit of Advent. We have begun the Latino tradition of **Las Posadas** and the statues of the Angel leading Joseph and Mary seated on the donkey as they make their way to the manger reminding all of us Christmas is almost here. All of our efforts are to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the gift of Jesus His Son. I hope and pray that you will enjoy the beauty of this Christmas season, as we ponder like Mary all these things in our hearts. So once again in closing I wish you and your family a good week. "Rejoice, again I say Rejoice", for the Lord is near!

Let us pray for one another,

Fr. Vincent

MENSAJE DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo, Este tercer Domingo de Adviento es conocido como "Gaudete" o Domingo de Alegría. Encenderemos la vela color rosa simbolizando que cambiamos nuestro centro de atención de la segunda venida del Cristo Glorioso a la celebración de Su Encarnación entre nosotros. La antífona de entrada hoy nos lo dice claramente: "Alégrense en el Señor siempre, alégrense porque el Señor esta cerca". A medida que el tiempo pasa, y rápido, necesitamos preparar todo para celebrar la Navidad. Me gustaría aprovechar la oportunidad para animarles a preparar sus corazones par recibir nuevamente a Jesús. Un buen modo de hacerlo es a través del Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Este jueves, 20 de diciembre, les invitamos a la Celebración comunitaria del Perdón en Adviento. Habrá un breve momento de oración con confesiones individuales en Inglés, Español e Italiano.

También me gustaría empezar a agradecer a todos los que han donado un Árbol de Navidad. Desde el pasado miércoles, alrededor de 80 árboles han sido dedicados. Todavía no es tarde para los que desean donar uno. Quiero agradecer a todos los que entregaron sus sobres para las Flores de navidad. Les recuerdo a los que todavía no lo han entregado, que lo hagan cuanto antes. Los sobres se pondrán en el altar durante todo el tiempo de Navidad y haremos una lista con todos los nombres de los donantes.

Como pueden ver, hemos cubierto el Crucifijo con un paño azul cielo y una estrella encima. El próximo Domingo pretendemos bendecir nuestros nuevos árboles e iluminar la Iglesia. La mayoría de nuestras Flores de Navidad estarán en su lugar, excepto las del altar del sacrificio. Esta semana empezamos las tradicionales Posadas y estamos trabajaremos en el Portal de Belén y podremos seguir las imágenes de José y María caminando hacia el pesebre. Todos nuestros esfuerzos son para mayor Gloria de Dios y en agradecimiento por el regalo de Jesús, Su Hijo. Espero y rezo que se alegrarán con la belleza del tiempo de Navidad a la vez que meditamos, como María, todas esas cosas en nuestros corazones. Así es que, una vez mas y para terminar, les deseo a ustedes y a su familia una feliz semana. "Alégrense, alégrense porque el Señor esta cerca!"

Recemos unos por los otros,

Padre Vicente

**TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO
16 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2018**

El Señor sera el rey de Israel en medio de ti y ya no temerás ningún mal.

— Sofonías 3:15b

¡REGOCÍJATE!

El día de hoy se le ha llamado tradicionalmente “Domingo *Gaudete*” o de la “Alegría”. El nombre latino se deriva de la petición de Pedro en la segunda lectura de “alégrense siempre en el Señor”, y del texto de la Misa en latín en el que está basada esta lectura. La ironía y paradoja de esta alegría cristiana se manifiesta en el hecho que Pablo escribió esas palabras en la prisión. Pero desde allí podía ver el progreso de la obra de Dios.



¿Nos parece obvio a nosotros? Sentimos que este no es un tiempo para la alegría cuando hay tanto sufrimiento e inmoralidad. Es interesante, entonces, que la primera lectura sea del profeta Sofonías, que está casi exclusivamente preocupado con sombrías visiones del Día del Juicio. Hoy la Iglesia selecciona la única parte optimista de Sofonías, donde el profeta es tocado por el espíritu del gozo.

Esta es, se nos asegura en todas partes, “la temporada de la alegría”. Recuperemos ese espíritu de alegría en nuestra vida y que se refleje en los que no tienen ese gozo.

LAS POSADAS

La Comunidad hispana invita a todos los feligreses de la parroquia de San José a participar en las tradicionales “Posadas” desde el Viernes 14 de diciembre a las 6:30 p.m., en la capilla del convento, todos están invitados.



**CENA Y BAILE PARA RECIBIR
EL AÑO NUEVO**

La Parroquia de San José le invita a recibir el Año Nuevo con una Cena Bailable el día Miércoles 31 de diciembre de 7:30 pm a 1:00 am. Cena completa, música, baile, bar abierto, rifas de premios de dinero, y mirar caer la bola a la media noche. Los boletos son únicamente a \$50 por persona y \$10 por niños mayores de 12 años. Puede comprarlos en la oficina de la parroquia. Obtenga su boleto antes de que se terminen. Esta oferta es únicamente hasta el 27 de diciembre. Todos son bienvenidos. Aproveche de nuestra oferta especial. Por una mesa de 8 personas adultas usted paga \$350.

Nota: No se venderán boletos en la entrada.

**UPDATE ON PARISH WEEKLY
COLLECTION, DECEMBER 9, 2018**

Christmas Collection.....	\$5,554
Religious Retirement.....	\$1,147
Immaculate Conception.....	\$1,081
Total Collection.....	\$7,782

THE DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Please join us for our weekly meeting every Wednesday after the Noon Mass, in the Gathering Space; Length of meeting is approximately one hour.



FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry is open every Thursday from 8:00 to 9:00am, to assist any parishioner that is need of food. To register please bring a NYC Benefit card.

Please Note: The Secure Food deposit Box...

Located in the front lobby of our church on the Rectory side. Please deposit all dry food (pasta, rice, beans, cans and bottles) there. This will assist us in securing that your food donations go directly to the needy.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Please mark one:

- Please register me and, yes, send me envelopes.
- Please contact me about becoming a Catholic or completing my initiation as a Catholic through the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- Please contact me about Religion Education for my child.
- Please contact me about how I can volunteer.

Name: _____

Last Name _____

Date of Birth : _____

Address: _____

Apt. # _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip code _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please fill out this form, and deposit in the basket collection or in the Parish office, or e-mail rectory@stjosephastoria.org

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