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Third Sunday of Advent

Masses

- Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
- Sunday: 8am, 10:30am
- Weekday Mass: 8:00am (Chapel)
(Monday-Friday, Rosary after)
- First Tuesday
(of the Month) Anointing of the Sick & Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
(after 8am Mass)
- First Friday:
(of the month) 8:00am(Chapel) Mass & Devotion To Sacred Heart

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Saturday: 3:00-3:45 pm
- Sunday: 7:15 - 7:45am
9:45-10:15am
(Other times by Appointment)

Adoration

- Tuesday: 8:00am-6:00pm
- Friday: 8:30am-9:30am

Office Hours

- Mon-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm
- Wednesday 8:30am-12:00pm

Secretary Linda Bellocq

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Zion singing,
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Isaiah 35:10

Joy



Today's Readings

First Reading (Isaiah 35:1-6a)

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

Psalm (146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10)

R. Lord, come and save us.

The LORD God keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.

R. Lord, come and save us.

The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers.

R. Lord, come and save us.

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations.

Second Reading (James 5:7-10)

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel (Matthew 11:2-11)

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.* Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Gospel Reflection

The third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete* Sunday because today's Mass begins with the opening antiphon: "Rejoice in the Lord always." So, to express our joy in the coming of Jesus as our Savior into our hearts and lives, we light the rose candle in the Advent wreath, and the priest may wear rose vestments.

In Jesus reply to the query of John the Baptist whether he was really the expected Messiah, Jesus referred to his works and asserted that through his teaching and healings he was fulfilling the prophecies of Isaiah regarding the messianic period found in the First reading of today. Jesus thus asserted that he was the Messiah though his messianic activities did not exactly conform to John's expectations. Even John needed a reconfirmation that Jesus was truly the Messiah. The concluding words of Jesus, "blessed is the one who takes no offense at me", indicate the possibility that some of followers of Jesus might abandon him because his work was not in accordance with their expectations. This beatitude is a warning to all the followers of Jesus. Though we have believed and committed ourselves to Jesus, our faith needs to be constantly renewed. There is also a danger that one can fall away from Jesus when things do not work out according to one's expectations, when one is weighed down by adversities and struggles of life and God appears absent from life. Is my faith shaken when things do not work out according to my plan? How do I react when things appear different to my expectation?

Christmas Flower

Offering

All are welcome to offer Flowers for their loved ones on Christmas. Christmas Flower Envelopes are available in the Vestibule.

Special Collection

Retired Religious

Save the Date

Our Advent Penance Service is on December 15th at 5pm in the Church.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday: St. Lucy
Wednesday: St. John of the Cross
Friday: Las Posadas begins

COFFEE SHOP

Come by and have some Coffee, Breakfast & Fellowship after 8am Mass

Donations are appreciated

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 10
4pm- Merle Haas†
Sunday December 11
8:00am Parishioners
10:30am- Debra Powell
Monday December 12
8:00am- Milton Norris Myers, III
Tuesday, December 13
8:00am- Timothy Steen†
Wednesday December 14
8:00am- Lavern & Elsie Necaist†
Thursday December 15
8:00am- Marge Blaisdell †
Friday December 16
8:00am- Marge Blaisdell†

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Saint Teresa's Bookmark

Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things are passing; God only is changeless. Patience gains all things. Who has God wants nothing. God alone suffices.
—Saint Teresa of Ávila

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7- 8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



If you are unable to come inside the Church, sit in your automobile and listen to our Broadcasting on 91.1 Fm. You can also listen to a Portable radio in Church if you have trouble hearing.

Claiborne Hill Receipts

We appreciate dropping off your Claiborne Hill receipts! Thank you for your support. **YTD \$612.92**

Financial News

Insurance	\$50,596.75
Diocesan Support	\$16,244.79
School Supplement	\$29,225.07
Salaries, Utilities, & Other Expenses	\$189,488.23
Total Yearly Financial Obligations	\$285,554.84
Amount needed each Week	\$5,491.43
Last Sunday Collection	\$3,023.11
Shortfall	-\$2,468.32



Church Cleaning
Team 3 this week

Prayer Request

Jennifer Albrittin
Judith Amm
Johnny Banks
Emilee Battaglia
John Battaglia
Stacey Battaglia
Bill Blaisdell
Stephen Blaisdell
Earline Blanchard
Gene Breazeale
Ernest Brown
Ida Brown
Claude & Linda Burke
John Byrnes
Robert L. Cassell
Kay Cerisier
Rosalind & Cynthia Dauzat
Cheryl Deschamp
Jean Dohm
Rennan Duffour
Eugene, James, Jerry, Gretchen, Tessa, JoAnn, Jude, Shirley Cucurullo
Howard Edwards
Lois Forest
Ivan Garza
Peggy Glynn
Robert Gould
Christine Green-Wood
Alexa Hardie
Amanda Jones
Jim & Mary Kenney
Donald Koenenn
Linda Koenenn
Shelly Koenenn
Andy Ladner
Barbara Ladner
Janice Ladner
Shelia Ladner
Willard & Cecile Ladner
Patsy Ladner
Jean Lee
Vergie Lewis

Walter Lonbourg
James Lovett
Layla Mallett
Jim McDaniel
Charles Meador
Kathleen Micell
Shannon & Carol Moragas
Barbara Moran
Cleopatra Moran
Sonny Moran
Warren Moran
Belinda & Kenny Morgan
Patrick Murphy
Bernadine Necaize
Bernell Necaize
Janet Necaize
Tyrone & Faye Necaize
Wilmah Necaize
Christopher Nugent
Louis Nunez
Timothy Odom
Joy Patin
Jameson Gerard Patin
Trudy Pecoul
Larry Phillips
Judy Richieu
Abby Rolison
Brooke Rolison
Tina Roundtree
Carla Santiago
Larry Santinelli
Karrie Schultz
Jason Schable
Caleb Schwartz
Sonny Schwartz
Jerry Shavers
Mike Shubert
Maura Strong
Rose Tebo
Josie Thomas
Judy Thornton
Shaylynn Whitfield
Adrian Wilson

Pray for our Troops

Amir Darwis _____ US Army National Guard
Darrell Little _____ US Army
Devin Nelson _____ US Army
Brandan Witt _____ USAF
Evan Cameron _____ USAF
David Arceneaux _____ USAF
Lance Cuevas USAF
Christopher Abney US Navy
Lord, hold our troops in Your Loving Hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and bring them home safely. May their sacrifices bring about a lasting and just peace in those lands. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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