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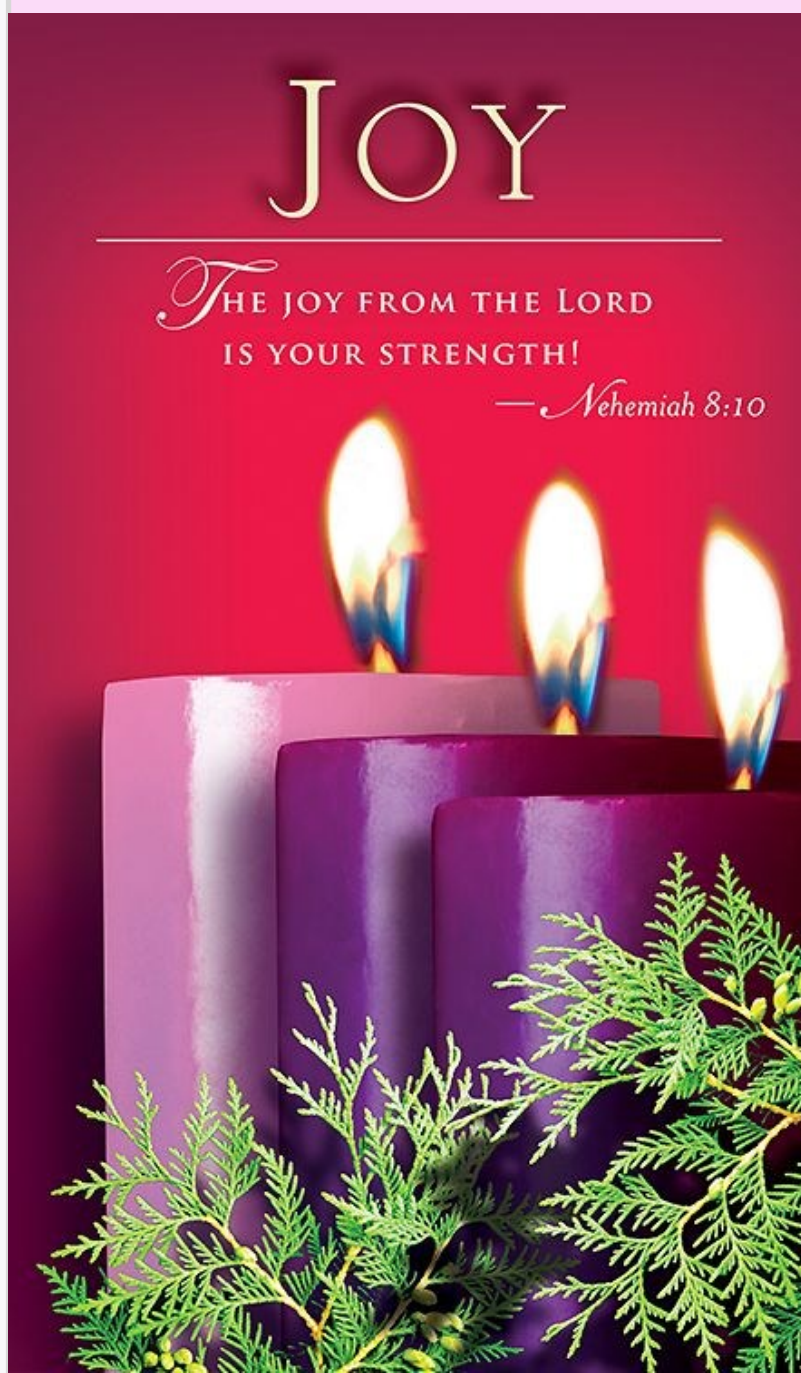
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December 17, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent

Masses



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

Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm
 (Before Sunday Masses and by Appointment)

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

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

- Parish Secretary: Rachel Barnett
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TODAY'S READING'S

Reading 1- Is 61:1-2A, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

Responsorial Psalm - Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed:

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

Reading 2 -1 Thes 5:16-24

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

Gospel - Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Reflections - The mysterious figure of John the Baptist, introduced in last week's readings, comes into sharper focus today. Who he is, we see in today's Gospel, is best understood by who he isn't. He is not Elijah returned from the heavens (see 2 Kings 2:11), although like him he dresses in the prophet's attire (see Mark 1:6; 2 Kings 1:8) and preaches repentance and judgment (see 1 Kings 18:21; 2 Chronicles 21:12-15). Not Elijah in the flesh, John is nonetheless sent in the spirit and power of Elijah to fulfill his mission (see Luke 1:17; Malachi 3:23-24). Neither is John the prophet Moses foretold, although he is a kinsman and speaks God's word (see Deuteronomy 18:15-19; John 6:14). Nor is John the Messiah, though he has been anointed by the Spirit since he was in the womb (see Luke 1:15, 44). John prepares the way for the Lord (see Isaiah 40:3). The baptism he performs is symbolic, not sacramental. It is a sign given to stir our hearts to repentance. John shows us the One upon whom the Spirit remains (see John 1:32), the One who fulfills the promise we hear in today's First Reading (see Luke 4:16-21). Jesus' bath of rebirth and the Spirit opens a fountain that purifies Israel and gives to all a new heart and a new Spirit (see Zechariah 13:1-3; Ezekiel 36:24-27; Mark 1:8; Titus 3:5). John comes to us in the Advent readings to show us the light, that we might believe in the One who comes at Christmas. As we sing in today's Responsorial, the Mighty One has come to lift each of us up, to fill our hunger with bread from heaven (see John 6:33, 49-51). And as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle, we should rejoice, give thanks, and pray without ceasing that God will make us perfectly holy in spirit, soul, and body—that we may be blameless when our Lord comes.

The Advent Wreath - A third candle—a pink one—is lit on the Advent Wreath for the third Sunday of Advent. This candle, often called the Shepherd's Candle or the Joy Candle, represents joy, such as the joy the shepherds experienced when the angel told them that Christ was to be born. The Advent season is now half over, and Jesus' coming—both his first coming, liturgically, and his second coming, historically—is nearer now than it was two weeks ago.

What devotions are on the 3rd Sunday in Advent? We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear Your voice each day, We who are anxious over many things look forward to Your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of Your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of Your presence.

There will be no penance service at Annunciation. All are encouraged to attend at another parish.
Schedule:
Holy Trinity – Mon., December 18th 6pm
St. Matthew's– Wed., December 20th 6pm
Sacred Heart- Wed., December 20th 7pm

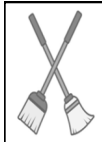
There will be no CCD classes on Dec. 17th or the 24th 31st due to the Christmas vacation. Per the dioceses, Jan. 1st is not a holy day of obligation. Therefore there will be no CCD classes. Classes will resume on Jan. 7, 2024. Mass participation is still required during the CCD breaks.


Christmas Schedule
Regular mass times on the Weekend of Dec. 23 and 24th.
Saturday 4pm, Sunday 8 & 10:30.
Christmas mass times:
Christmas Eve **4pm**
Christmas Morning **8am**

This is the last weekend to place a candy order. Pick-up for your order is Wed., Dec. 20th from 3-6 in the parish hall .

The coffee shop will closed next Sunday, December 24th.

Jesus Prayer
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon me, a sinner

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4pm-	Peggy Necaist†	Diocesan Support	\$14,414.44	Emilee Battaglia	Patsy Ladner
Sunday	December 17	School Supplement	\$17,165.63	John Battaglia	Carol Moragas & family
8:00am-	Parishioners of Annunciation	Salaries, Utilities, & Other Expenses	\$137,482.04	Brandon Boudreaux	Wilmah Necaist
10:30am-	Jean Lee †	Total Yearly Financial Obligations	\$234,045.90	Debbie Byrnes	Janet Palmer
Monday	December 18	Amount needed each Week	\$4,500.89	Kay Cerisier	Joy Patin
8:00am-	Danny Broussard†	Last Sunday Collection	\$4,599.10	Michel Giardina	Abby Rolison
Tuesday	December 19	YTD Needed	\$220,543.25	Jennie Hoda	Brooke Rolison
8:00am-	Danny Broussard†	YTD Collected	\$190,638.56	Carla Santiago	Timothy Odom
Wednesday	December 20	YTD Shortfall	\$30,514.69	Konnor Peterson	Gayle Duet
8:00am-	Irma Depreo Ladner†			Ami Moran	Jean Dohm
	Bobby Ladner			Steven Blaisdell	Dean Taylor
Thursday	December 21			Elaine Meyer	Judy Thornton
8:00am-	Jean Lee†			Colleen McGrath	Kathy Mullen
Friday	December 22			Rosalind Dauzat	Kathy Noble
8:00am-	Sister Priscilla Cohen, OSB †			Ann & David Delaski	