

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### MASSES OF THE WEEK

† - For the repose of the soul / in memory of the person(s) indicated

#### Sunday, December 12

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish.  
10:30 a.m. For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

#### Tuesday, December 14

*Feast of St John of the Cross*

9:00 a.m. For the intentions of the Jack Purcell community by Lena Petek.

#### Wednesday, December 15

9:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory.

#### Thursday, December 16

For the intentions of OC Transpo Employees by Lena Petek

#### Friday, December 17

9:00 a.m. For Ann Taillon's intentions.

#### Saturday, December 18

4:30 p.m. † Donna and Colette Traversy by Lynn Lavictoire and Dn. Will Read.  
† Dr. Pierre and Mrs. Antionette Prud'homme by their children.  
† Medardo De Leon by Lourdes Aguisanda.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Ann Taillon, Baby Ivy Murray, Nickie Shaw, Christian Diaz, Eugene Vargas, Marie-Andrée Boyer, Patricia McNamara, Norbert Dacquay, Raechal McIntyre, Marcelo Pimentel, Moli Coletti, Zygmunt Wysocki and Melchisedec Candido .



### Lectors & Commentators

#### Saturday, December 18

4:30 p.m. Don Murphy

#### Sunday, December 19

9:00 a.m. Darrell Herauf  
10:30 a.m. Paul O'Leary

*"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice."*

Philippians 4:4-7

### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

**Universal:** *Catechists ~ Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

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**First Reading:** Zephaniah 3.14-18a  
*The Lord will rejoice over you with gladness.*

**Second Reading:** Philippians 4.4-7  
*The Lord is close at hand.*

**Gospel:** Luke 3.10-18  
*The crowds asked, "What should we do?"*

### Christmas & Holy Family Feast Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24 (Children's Mass)	4:30 p.m.
Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 25 (Christmas Day)	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 26 (Holy Family Feast)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 26 (Holy Family Feast)	10:30 a.m.

### New Year's & Epiphany of the Lord Mass Schedule

Friday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)	4:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 1 (New Year's Day)	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, January 2 (Epiphany of the Lord)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, January 2 (Epiphany of the Lord)	10:30 a.m.

**Please note:** Advanced registration is not required this year. Registration will take place before each Christmas and New Year's Mass. Come early as registration is on a first come, first served basis.

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS

Children are invited to join us in a celebration for the **4:30 p.m. Mass Christmas Eve**. Parents with children interested in participating, please call Wendy Schieman at 613-230-4552.

### VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the Masses over the Christmas and New Year period. If you can help, please contact Ron Sorobey at 613-238-7495 or [rsorobey@rogers.com](mailto:rsorobey@rogers.com).

### 2022 PARISH ENVELOPES

Everyone is encouraged to use pre-authorized donations to keep our parish strong and thriving.

A limited number of 2022 parish envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Please pick up a new box of envelopes and **write your name, address, telephone number & e-mail address** on the first few envelopes you use in 2022. This will ensure that your contact information and your parish envelope number will be updated in the parish database.

### SENIORS' CORNER

Pope Francis says the pandemic calls for a culture of Care. In an interview with OSA, an Italian Social and Work Cooperative that provides social and health welfare services, the Pope offers his encouragement for the help it offers to many people living in darkness "to not to feel alone." More details can be found at:

[https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-12/pope-interview-pandemic-italian-magazine-osa-cooperative.html?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=NewsletterVN-EN](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-12/pope-interview-pandemic-italian-magazine-osa-cooperative.html?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=NewsletterVN-EN)

### PRAYER FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

God of healing and mercy, lift us from everything that keeps us from living and sharing your abundant life. Help us see our selfishness, fear, anxiety, and justification so that we might cast ourselves into your saving arms and be a part of your light for the world. Amen.

### GAUDETE SUNDAY

The Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday*, the day when we light the pink candle on the Advent Wreath. Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near.

Gaudete means "rejoice". This day reminds us of the joy that is to come and serves amid this season of penance, as a kind of 'break' when we recall the hope we have because of the coming of Our Lord Jesus.

### MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE SYNODAL TEAM

The Vatican has extended their deadlines for the Synod which means that we have been able to adjust ours. Instead of the report needed in March, we now have until May! Please feel free to turn off the Synod lens for this month and enjoy the fullness of this Advent season. We will re-connect in January with further updates.

### RELOCATION OF THE DIOCESEAN OFFICES

The Ottawa office of the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall moved at the end of last week to its new location at 1209 Michael Street. The Diocesan Centre reopen its doors at its new location on **Monday, December 6**. "We have been through some very challenging times in the last couple of years, and we are hopeful that all Ottawa staff being under one roof will help us in facing any future challenges together".

### REUNITE US UNDER ONE ROOF

The Knights of Columbus, Saint Patrick Basilica Council is asking for your support to help a family bring their special needs child home. More information and donations may be made through the following link: <https://www.kofcstpatsbasilica.org/reunite-us-under-one-roof/>. Thank you!

### PILGRIMAGE

**Medjugorje, Shrines of Croatia, Slovenia & Venice:** With Fr. Titus Egbueh, pastor of St. Martin de Porres. **Sept. 23 – Oct. 6, 2022.** Info: 1-800-206-8687 (206 Tours) or [www.pilgrimages.com/fregbueh](http://www.pilgrimages.com/fregbueh).