



Advent

December 14, 2014 ♦ Third Sunday of Advent

Monday

DECEMBER 15

Advent

Weekday

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a

Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday

DECEMBER 16

Advent

Weekday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13

Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday

DECEMBER 17

Advent

Weekday

Gn 49:2, 8-10

Mt 1:1-17

Thursday

DECEMBER 18

Advent

Weekday

Jer 23:5-8

Mt 1:18-25

Friday

DECEMBER 19

Advent

Weekday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a

Lk 1:5-25

Saturday

DECEMBER 20

Advent

Weekday

Is 7:10-14

Lk 1:26-38

Sunday

DECEMBER 21

Fourth Sunday

of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,

14a, 16

Rom 16:25-27

Lk 1:26-38

Today's Readings

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11

1 Thes 5:16-24

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Today is Gaudete (GOW de tay) Sunday. The name comes from the Latin word that begins the introit (opening antiphon) of the day's liturgy. It means, simply, "rejoice."

When I think about the many times I've rejoiced, I'm usually very moved. When I graduated college and graduate school, when my husband and I married, when our daughters were born and when they married—all of these were periods of great rejoicing marked by parties, congratulations, and the sweet feeling that something wonderful had taken place and that our lives were richer for it.

This third Sunday of Advent is our liturgical reminder that we have much to rejoice about. God didn't become incarnate just for the people who lived a long time ago. The Word became flesh in Jesus Christ for all of us living today and for all the generations to come. He came for sinners and saints and for those who haven't yet had an opportunity to know him.

Why do we rejoice? Because what Scripture said is true: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Something wonderful *has* taken place for everyone, and we join St. Paul, the prophet Isaiah, the psalmist, and John in proclaiming our joy.

It's a good day to look up from what we're doing and rejoice at the great gift of faith we've been given, even while we continue our own prayer and preparation.

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St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission

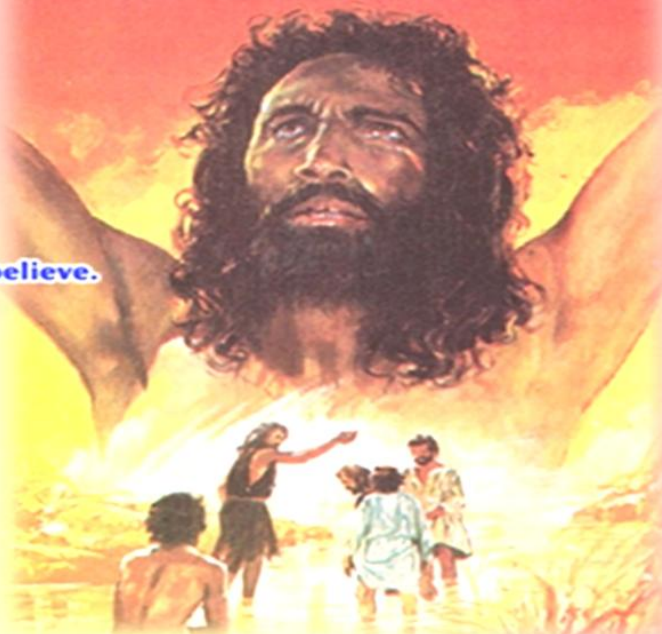
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**There was a man sent from God,
whose name was John.
The same came for a witness,
to bear witness of the Light,
that all men through him might believe.**



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Friday Adoration from 8:30
a.m. to 9:30 a.m

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**
Both Before Mass and by
Appointment.

Mass Schedule for this Week
Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule
Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family

St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions
Sat 4:00 pm Our Parish Family
**Our Advent Penance Service: is
immediately after 4pm mass**

Sun 9:00am + Bucky Levron
Mon 8:00 am +Lois Dubuison
Tues 8:00 am Kendra Necaise
Wed 6:00 pm +Fr Pete (spec int)
Thu 8:00am Regina Franke
Fri 8:00 am +Fr Pete (spec int)

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Gospel for the 3rd Sunday of Advent give us a clue about what waiting and preparing for the coming of the Lord should begin to feel like in our lives. The concepts we hear most frequently in the liturgy at this half-way point of Advent are words like peace, gratitude, and joy. The waiting should not be one of frustration, emptiness, or feeling overwhelmed with things that need to be done.

The consistent Advent message from God's Word is that, despite whatever setbacks we may experience at our job, at home, or with society in general, we must never let those experiences begin to dampen our fundamental joy and gratitude for life. The uplifting experience at this time of the year is clearly the gift of the Messiah. Someone once remarked that many of us "sin by needlessly disobeying the Church's call to rejoice."

In a world that frequently seems poised to self-destruct through greed for wealth and power, it can seem that to rejoice and be grateful for the gift of life is a flight from reality. Most of what our culture calls happiness, frequently expressed through overeating and the heavy consumption of alcohol during this holiday season, is really a weak imitation of the authentic joy and gratitude described by the prophet Isaiah in our first reading: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring glad tidings" to the world.

The reason for our joy and gratitude as an "Advent people" is the fact that God has already called us to share in the very gift of eternal life for which we long. We can understand the world and our place in it, not simply in terms of our own experience, but rather in terms of the plan God has for us in Christ Jesus. When Isaiah wrote the passage we hear in the first reading, he was enslaved and forced into service under the king of

Babylon. There was certainly little in Isaiah's experience about which he could rejoice. However, he did so because he could see the hand of God guiding the people even in the experience of their painful exile. In a similar way John the Baptist who "came to testify to the light" did so in the midst of the darkness of rejection and imprisonment. He would die and not see the fullness of the arrival of God's Kingdom in the person of Jesus Christ. Like Isaiah and John, we are called to be witnesses to the Light of the world and help banish the darkness that tries to overshadow our lives at times.

For this reason St. Paul urges us in his first letter to the Thessalonians to "rejoice always" through constant prayer and grateful hearts. On this "Gaudete rejoice" Sunday let us ask God to help us become signs of hope and joy to the lives of others who struggle to experience the presence of the Savior.

Our opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday after 4:00pm mass 12/20 at St Ann will prove to be beneficial for your spiritual journey as we prepare to celebrate Christmas.

May God bless all of us!

...Fr. Khoa

Saint Vincent DePaul Pharmacy

This *weekend* is the Special Diocesan Collection for the Pharmacy.

St. Ann and OLC Penance Service

is on Saturday December 20 after 4 pm mass.

Catholic Students of our parish to receive subsidy are: James Estrada, Jacob Estrada, Ella Enroth, Taylor Enroth, Austin Scarengoas, Tammy Sarah Thomas, and Nicolas Quintini. Please contact me this week if your children or grandchildren are not on the list.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Dec 13 4:00pm	Paul McGill	W.C. King, Lenell King, Sharon Ladner	Katelyn Casey Boots Moran	Doug Ladner Ira Necaie	Patricia Lizana
Dec 14 7:30	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Gil Aguirre	(OLC)
Sun Dec 14 9am	Jason Necaie	Chantel Crabtree, Helena, Dale Babin	Conner Kaison McGill	Robert David	Jason & Lisa Necaie Family
Sat Dec 20 4:00pm	Richard Dunlap	Ellen West, Mike Mays, Diane Mays	Katelyn Casey Boots Moran	Doug Ladner Gus Schone.	Helen O'Neal & Gloria Armand
Dec 21 7:30	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Gil Aguirre	(OLC)
Sun Dec 21 9am	Valerie Ladner	Marlow Ladner, Derek Trosclair, Kim Wood	Carson Lilly	Robert Pat Leimer	David Crabtree Family

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:** 65Identifiable: **\$1,868.00**; Loose: **\$947.00**; Total: **\$2,815.00**; Children: **\$33.00**. Building Fund: **\$180.32**, Flower: **\$163.00** Immaculate Conception: **\$5.00**, Human Development: **\$5.00**, Novena: **\$25.00**, Prayers: **\$250.00**.

OUR LADY OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable: **\$150.00**; Loose: **\$84.00** Total: **\$234.00**.

Amount needed weekly **\$2,908.84.

Thank you for your generosity.

Fund for Retired Religious *Next week* is the Special Diocesan Collection for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. Your tax-deductible donation to the Retired Religious helps support the care of the elderly and frail religious who have offered their lives in service to others. The fund helps to provide such basic necessities as prescription drugs and medical services.

New Mass Time: the Vigil mass will be at 4:00pm.

Lizana Light: Thank you Kathy Brogdon for serving Lizana Light for six years. For her own reason, she cannot continue to serve Lizana Light after Christmas. For that reason, I would like to invite whoever has the ability to serve in this position because the poor and the hungry still need us. This is our call as Catholics. If anyone who would like to do this, please contact the rectory. Thank you.

RCIA: RCIA classes are on Wednesdays 6:30pm from September to May at Parish Chapel. Please contact Tim Brogdon at 344-5449. Thank you.

Christmas Flowers: There are envelopes for donations for Christmas flowers at each pew. Thank you for your generosity.

Altar Society: Meet on Second Sundays. For more information, please contact **Lenell King**.

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES

Bible Study: We will study *Mary* beginning on Jan 8, 2015. Classes are on **Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm, and on Thursday from 9-10:30am at CCD Building**. For more information, please contact **Ruth Schonewitz and Henrietta Ladner**

Church Cleaning: Please contact Ellen West for more information.

Parish Council: meet on third Sundays.

CYO: meet every other week on Sunday 6:00pm. You can visit St Ann CYO on www.facebook.com/stannslizanacyo or contact **Katelyn Moran and Danielle Ladner**.

Project Hope and Compassion: For more information, please contact the office.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Betty Pierce, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Annette Moran, Darlene Billingsley, Janet Thompson, Victoria Moran, Michael Gilbert, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, and Julia Perronne.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS † PLEASE FILL OUT A NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM AND SUBMIT TO PARISH OFFICE FR. KHOA WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT WITH YOU AND HELP YOU ASSESS YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS.