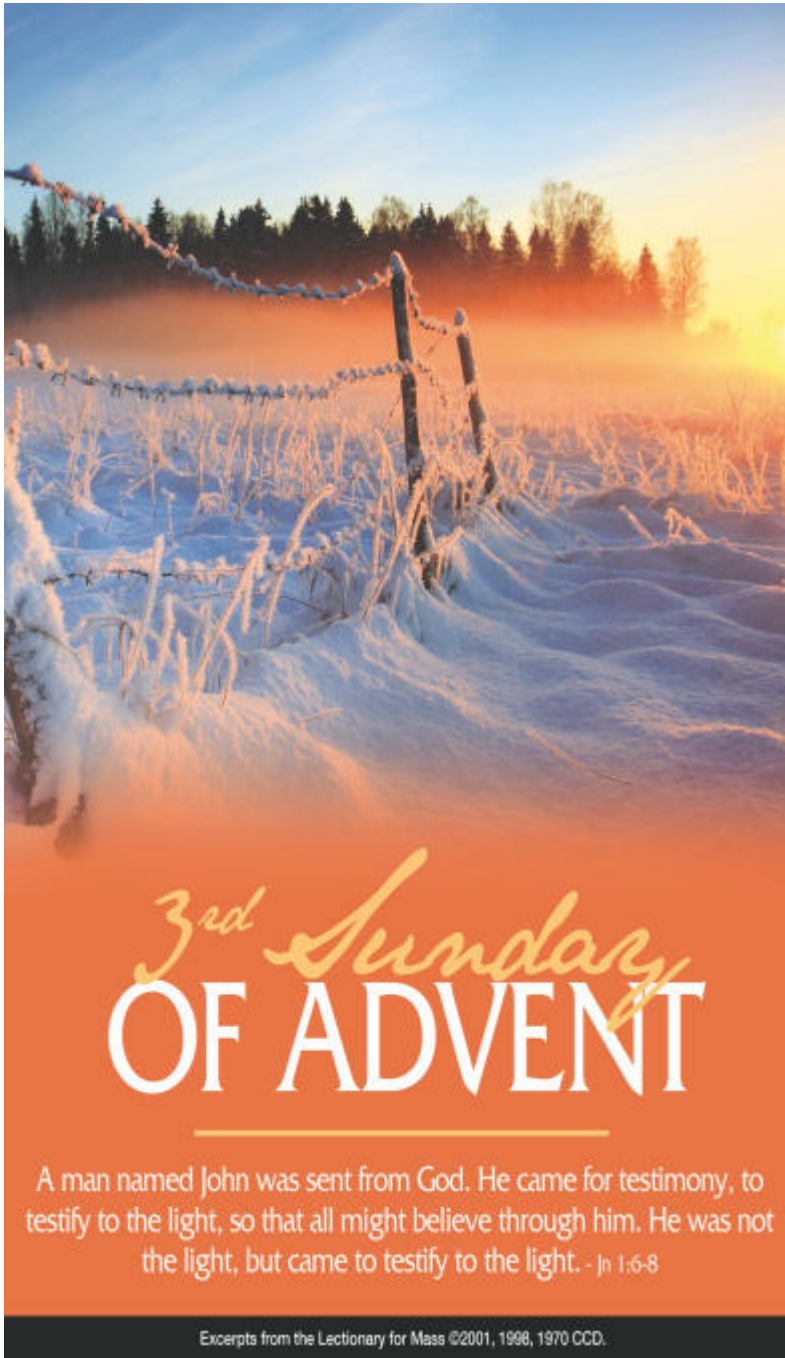




St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center

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Third Sunday of Advent - December 13, 2020



3rd Sunday OF ADVENT

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. - Jn 1:6-8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

If your loved one dies and you need a sign language interpreter for Catholic funeral, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE contact Fr. Joe at 312-685-7899 v/text. If you know of a Deaf person in the hospital or nursing home who would like his blessing, he can call them at the nursing home.

NOTES FROM FR. JOE

- * HAPPY HANUKKAH to our Jewish brothers and sisters. Hanukkah began Friday and lasts till Dec. 18th.
- * Learn about the MEXICAN custom of POSADA in SIGN-LANGUAGE! [Youtu.be/bF6KkRqOP6g](https://youtu.be/bF6KkRqOP6g)
- * DRIVERS: pay attention to the street signs, especially re: winter parking. Even if there is no snow, the law about parking changed DEC. 1st.
- * The CDC (Center for Disease Control) has good videos about health and Covid-19 with ASL. Google: CDC ASL videos
- * Owe rent, mortgage, have debts because of Covid-19? No lawyer? Cook County has a special program to help you. Go to: www.cookcountylegalaid.com
- * COVID SCAMS. There are hundreds of SCAMS about Covid-19. These scams tell you that you can pay to get "special vaccine", "first place in line", "no wait for Covid help", "you will not get a shot unless you....." etc, but you MUST pay. NO!!!! These are all scams. Your Medicare, Medicaid, insurance will pay for the vaccine shots. Do NOT respond to any of these scams.
- * REMEMBER: Your CHRISTMAS DONATION to ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER is important to keep us open in 2021! Many Catholic churches are closing. We need your support to keep us open.
- * Some deaf people have told me hospitals are NOT providing interpreting, VRI services to deaf patients or family members. I know that the hospitals are VERY busy. However, the hospitals still must follow the ADA law for deaf people.
- * THANKS TO: all those who gave wonderful gifts to the deaf people who live at the Mabley Center, Dixon, IL; all those who contributed warm clothes to children who were sexually abused. The staff at CCAC (Chicago Children's Advocacy Center, 1240 S. Damen) were very impressed.
- * FR. JOE is available for CONFESSIONS (Sacrament of Reconciliation) before Mass each Sunday, beginning at 9:45am.

We do NOT know if churches will stay open in December. Please check the website for the Catholic Office of the Deaf. We will post all announcements there: www.deafchurchchicago.org

The STATE of ILLINOIS recently issued new rules about how many people can be in an enclosed space. The rule said "10 people at a funeral". There is some misunderstanding. That means that there can be no more than 10 people in a FUNERAL HOME ROOM at the same time. It means there can be only 10 people at the grave site at the cemetery. The rule does NOT apply to church funeral Masses. We can have, for example, at St. Francis Borgia, up to 100 people at a funeral Mass. .

If you feel sick, feel a cold starting, stay home from Church until you feel good again. It is important to: wash your hands/use a hand sanitizer. Wear a mask when you are with other people, outside or into any stores. No handshaking. Keep social distance. If you feel sick: high fever, hard cough, body hurts all over, contact your doctor. If you are VERY weak, trouble breathing, 9-1-1! Do not wait. IF YOU CAME TO CHURCH AND TEST POSITIVE FOR CoVid 19 PLEASE CONTACT FR JOE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WEAR MASKS. WASH YOUR HANDS. KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCING. GET REST.

Every Monday, 1pm & Every Wednesday, 2pm:
VIDEO PHONE CHAT with
Deaf Social/Support Group,
RSVP: 224-520-9763vp,
sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org

WASH YOUR HANDS

SOAP & WARM WATER, 20 Seconds.
STAY HOME: avoid being near other people.
GET REST: getting enough sleep is important.
DRINK WATER: also hot coffee or tea.
MOVE AROUND: do not sit at your VP or computer screen for hours.

FEEDING HUNGRY CHILDREN: There are hundreds of sites in the Chicago area where children can receive healthy, FREE meals. Text FOODIL to 877877, or call 1-800-359-2164. CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS has free lunch for children at many schools from 8 AM to 1 PM at over 450 sites every weekday. Find a site near you at cps.edu/mealsites. The Greater Chicago Food Depository has a number of "Pop-up Pantries". These are mobile sites where food is available for families. Go to: www.chicagofoodbank.org and search "Pop-up Pantries".

If you need to renew or enroll for AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE, you must do this by Dec. 15. For assistance or info, contact Sarita Phadke at 224-520-9763 VP or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org

WARNING: if you travel to ANY STATE OUTSIDE OF ILLINOIS, be careful. Wear your mask and stay 6 feet from other people. You MUST quarantine yourself for 14 days after you return. All states have high rates of COVID-19, but not all have strict mask & distance rules.

ELECTRONIC GIVING is an EASY way to contribute to St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center.
INFO: deafsmitty@gmail.com (JIMMY SMITH).
He can make your giving to church each week simple, with no hassles!

LIVING THE WORD

Encourage each family member to perform a random act of kindness for someone this week. Give each child a dollar and instruct them to patiently find a chance to make that dollar work to help another person. Let the younger ones know that even placing the dollar in Sunday's collection can make a difference. Perhaps the older children could buy a snack for a friend or put the dollar in the Salvation Army's red kettle. It takes patience to think of a kind act with a small amount of money.

Family Together

Before Mass:

Advent is about joyful anticipation and especially about patience. What makes us impatient during Advent?

After Mass:

John the Baptist needed patience as he sat in prison. How can we be more patient with ourselves and others?

Message from Margaret Swatek, Religious Education Reporter

Third Sunday of Advent

John 1:6-8, 19-28

The Light of the World is coming soon.

A light can do many things. Some lights help us to see when it is dark. Others give us a special message, like a green traffic light that says it's okay to "go". In comics or cartoons a light bulb sometimes appears over a person's head to show that someone has a bright new idea. People talk about being *enlightened* or they say, "Now I see the light."

Jesus is often called "the Light of the World." Today's gospel tells us that John the Baptist "came as a witness to testify to the light." Light of the World, when applied to Jesus, means that Jesus was *like* a light; that his love works like a candle flame. From one flame many other candles can be lit, like on a birthday cake, and like we do every year at the Easter Vigil Mass. Both serve to remind us of Jesus' light. All during Advent we prepare for his birthday. All during Lent we prepare for his rebirth in Resurrection. Jesus loves us and shares his light with us. If we love others, we can pass that same light of Jesus on to them, and then they can pass it on to even more people – and on – and on.....

When people call Jesus the Light of the World, they also mean he was the bright light that helped people see the right way to live. In a world that was filled with confusion and sadness, Jesus came like a shining light to bring help and hope to all. We can receive that light and guidance from Jesus and pass it along to others, too.

The Christmas lights that people put up during Advent can remind us that people spread Jesus' love and light to us, and we can pass it on to others in many ways. We can be the light that brightens an older person's day by shoveling their snow or doing their shopping. We can bring the light of Christ to a younger brother or sister by helping them with their homework or reading them a story.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sun, Dec 20: Mass, 10:30 am.

Thurs, Dec 24: Christmas Mass, 4pm. NO 8pm Mass at St. Julie Billiart.

Fri, Dec 25: Christmas Mass, 10:30am.

Sun, Dec 27: Holy Family Feast. NO MASS at St. Francis Borgia or St. Mary of Vernon. This is a "day of REST!"

Thurs, 12/31: 5pm (hearing church) Mass, INTERPRETED.

Fri, 1/1: NO MASS

Sun, 1/3: Mass, 10:30am. Three Wise Men.

REMINDER: the doors to the hall open at 10am each Sunday for Mass. There is no social time after Mass until further notice. When Mass is finished, you must leave the building.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR NEW INFORMATION. WWW.DEAFCHURCHCHICAGO.ORG

Many of our Chaplains for the Deaf are posting Masses on the internet.

Mon and Weds - Fr. Shawn Carey - www.facebook.com/bostondeafcatholic.org/

Tuesdays - Fr. Mike Depcik at 10:30 am EST, 7:30am PST - www.facebook.com/deafmass

Thursdays - Fr. Paul Zirimenya 12 noon PST, 3pm EST www.facebook.com/stbenedictparish

Fridays - 3pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet - www.facebook.com/groups/icdaus/



Readings for the week of December 13, 2020

Sun Dec 13: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Mon Sun Dec 14: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tues Sun Dec 15: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19. 23; Mt 21:28-32

Weds Sun Dec 16: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thurs Sun Dec 17: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Fri Sun Dec 18: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Sat Sun Dec 19: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-2

HelpIllinoisfamilies.com is a program to help families who have unpaid bills for rent, utilities, food, etc. Go to: helpillinoisfamilies.com.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO: www.archchicago.org

CATHOLIC OFFICE of the DEAF:

deafchurchchicago.org or Facebook

SWOBODA DEAF CENTER:

www.swobodadeafcenter.org or Facebook

JOLIET DEAF CATHOLICS:

www.deafcatholicjoliet.org

DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD:

<http://RockfordDiocese.org/DeafApostolate/>

DIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE:

www.facebook.com/dhhmo/

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Hedie Iovito

Patricia Mancuso

Frank Mancuso

Chris Wehking

Caroline Goraj

Majka family

Drucilla Ronchen

Carmen Reyes

Kay Mulvey

Bill Cusack

2 priests at St. Julie

Charlotte Seegert

Brent Shiver (46), who died Dec. 3; Bernice Rudnick (Milwaukee) who died Dec. 3

Dolores Wallace

John Hoberg

Sr. Corita Ambro

Peggy Franco

Richard Kush

Deacon Casey Fronczek

Wilma Roche

Fr. Len Broniak

Danny Rivera

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Mass Every Sunday 10:30am

At St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center

Mass at 4:00pm:

St. Julie Billiart: 2nd & 3rd Sundays every month

St. Mary of Vernon: 4th Sunday of every month

Take a look at FR. MIKE DEPCIK's web-page, every week: www.frmd.org

Pietryka Funeral Home
 5734 W. Diversey Avenue ~ 773-889-0115

Fullerton Funeral Home
 5735 W. Fullerton Ave. ~ 773-237-6400

Our family is dedicated to helping you share the stories that make this community great. We provide a place to cry, to laugh, and most importantly, begin the healing process that follows the loss of a loved one. Whether traditional or unique, we help you create a meaningful way to say goodbye.

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