

Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021

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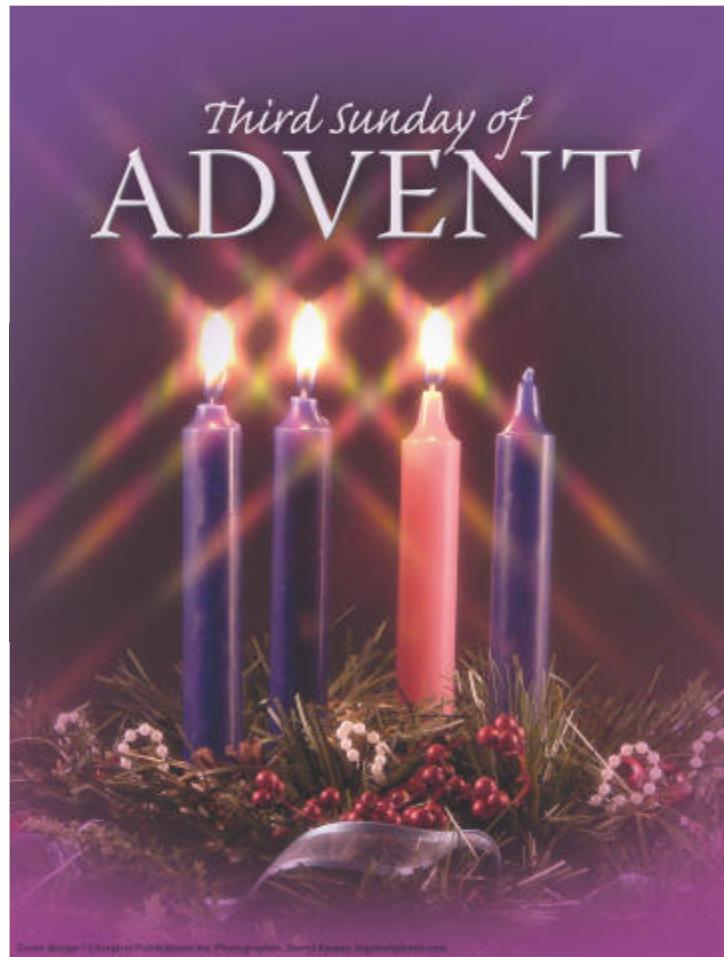
Sunday Mass Times

St. Rose of Lima: Saturday 4:00 PM and
Sunday 8:30 AM

St. Joseph:
Sunday 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM

Daily Mass

See daily Mass schedule in bulletin.



Parish Office Hours:

St. Rose of Lima: Monday 8:00 AM-2:00 PM,
Tuesday 8:00 AM-Noon and Thursday 8:00 AM-2:00 PM

St. Joseph: Monday and Wednesday 9:15 AM-11:00 AM.
Sunday 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

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Catholic Funerals: Every baptized Catholic has a right to the prayers of the church at the time of life threatening illness and death even if they have not been practicing their faith up until that time. The parish provides a guide for funeral planning and is prepared to assist at the time of a death in the family. Ordinarily the funeral home will contact the parish to schedule a funeral though families are always welcome to contact the office. Customarily a Catholic funeral has three distinct moments: the vigil prayers, funeral and rite of committal at burial.

Sacrament of Baptism: The Catholic custom of baptizing infants is founded upon the testimony of Scripture and Tradition and demonstrates the priority of grace as a gift in the Christian life. Customarily baptism occurs as soon as possible after birth. Please contact the parish office with requests for dates prior to selecting godparents for whom there are some requirements that need documentation.

Sacrament of Marriage: Please contact the parish office at least six months prior to a desired wedding date and prior to committing to a reception facility. Parish wedding dates can only be confirmed after meeting with the priest and completing initial documentation establishing a person's freedom to marry as a Catholic. The parish offers marriage preparation which is required in anticipation of the wedding.

St. Joseph Church in Farmington and St. Rose of Lima in Jay

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 11

4:00 PM - St. Rose Month's Mind Mass for George Maxwell by Pauline & Gerard Brochu

Sunday, December 12

8:30 AM - St. Rose For parishioners of St. Rose & St. Joseph
10:30AM - St. Joseph Phil Cote by his wife, Anita
5:00 PM - St. Joseph Norman & Pauline Duguay & family by the family

Monday, December 13

8:30 AM - St. Joseph Fr. Thomas Murphy

Tuesday, December 14

8:30 AM - St. Rose For souls in purgatory by a parishioner

Wednesday, December 15

8:30 AM - St. Joseph Rhea & Peter Cornelio by their children

Thursday, December 16

8:30 AM - St. Rose Tom Gauthier by his family

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 18

4:00 PM - St. Rose For parishioners of St. Rose & St. Joseph

Sunday, December 19

8:30 AM - St. Rose Lucille Dubord by Sally Nemi

10:30AM - St. Joseph Robert Marquis by his wife, Priscilla

5:00 PM - St. Joseph Dick Meyers by Stan & Crystal Ellis



The Advent liturgy is so rich, varied and beautiful. Every time the liturgical cycle repeats, it is another opportunity to enter more deeply into the Church's liturgy as She prepares for Christmas. This Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. The rose-colored vestments are a signal for the transition into the second part of Advent, which provides more intense preparation for the remaining days of Advent. Besides Gaudete Sunday, the Advent Ember Days and O Antiphons are the special features of the second phase of the Advent liturgy.

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as **Gaudete Sunday** because of the first word "Rejoice" in the *Introit* or entrance antiphon of Sunday's Liturgy. "Rejoice" is also repeated throughout the readings and prayers. The third candle of the Advent wreath is also rose. Both are reminders that Christ's coming is very soon; we are nearing the end of Advent, and we can hardly contain our joy.

Traditionally St. Lucia's feast day on December 13th is the signal for the **Ember Days** to fall on the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday following her feast day, which means the Advent Ember Days always fall during the third week of Advent. There are four major themes of the Quarterly Ember Days, but each set adjusts according to the corresponding liturgical season. The Advent Ember Days fall near the end of Advent, and the traditional liturgy summarizes the weeks of longing for the Messiah. The Masses include the Messianic prophecies regarding Christ's Birth and Epiphany in order to prepare for Christmas.

The **O Antiphons** are the final gift of the liturgy in preparing for Christmas. The **O Antiphons** are special accents of the liturgy preserved from the 4th century. All through Advent the word "come" is repeated throughout the *Introit* and *Communion* antiphons. From December 17th to December 23rd we have seven antiphons that intensely express the 4,000 long years of awaiting for the Messiah. *The antiphons express the impatience for Christ to come. They travel through the history of redemption announcing Jesus...as our Teacher, our Redeemer, our Liberator, our Guide, our Enlightener and our Saviour.* During these days, the liturgy of the Mass contrasts the greatest Messianic prophecies and types of Christ from the Old Testament with the Gospels unfolding the more immediate preparation of the birth of Christ through the Annunciation, the Visitation, the birth of John the Baptist, and the espousals of St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary.



SANCTUARY LAMP IN MEMORY OF

St. Rose: Terry Taglienti Monaghan
by Gina Taglienti Landry

PARKING AT ST. ROSE OF LIMA

As winter approaches, parishioners are asked to park in the lower parking lot when attending Mass on Saturday and Sundays. Also, please park in the lower parking lot or the lot behind the church during the week and avoid parking on Church Street.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Eucharistic Prayer IV is currently being used at all Masses

Response to "Mystery of Faith": We Proclaim your Death, O, Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again

St. Rose 8:30 AM Mass Texts

Entrance Antiphon: Skies, let the Just One come forth like the dew, let him descend from the clouds like rain. The earth will open up and give birth to our Savior.

Responsorial Psalm

"To you do I lift up my soul, O Lord my God."

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Gospel Acclamation: We Proclaim your Death, O, Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his loving kindness, and our land will yield its fruit.

Marian Antiphon After Communion

Loving mother of the Redeemer, gate of heaven, star of the sea, assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again. To the wonderment of nature your bore your Creator, yet remained a virgin after as before. You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting, have pity on us poor sinners.

Evening of Recollection

An Evening of Recollection will be offered during Night Adoration at St. Rose of Lima on Tuesday, December 14 from 6:00 PM-7:30 PM, with a reflection given by Fr. Paul and opportunities for confession.

Sacrament of Reconciliation



St. Joseph: Usual location at the front left of the church

Sunday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm and after 10:30 AM Mass monthly as announced.

St. Rose: Usual location back left of church

Saturday 3:00 pm and Sunday 8:00 am.

Scheduling a time for confession as an appointment is also available.

FAITH FORMATION

If you have a child or children in grades K - 12, please request a Faith Formation Registration Form by calling Louise in the parish office or email her at louise.st.pierre@portlanddiocese.org.



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) faith formation is open for child registrants. If you have a child between the ages of 3-6 and 7-9 and you would like to join CGS, please contact the parish office. The CGS team anticipates one meeting per month for each level. Each session will be held from 9:30-10:45 AM in the atrium in the faith formation center at St. Rose. We look forward to meeting with children this season.

Sunday, December 19: Level 2 (7-9 year olds)

Sunday, January 2: Level 1 (3-6 year olds)

Sunday, January 16: Level 2 (7-9 year olds)

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

This is a beautiful way to remember a loved one who has passed away or to honor someone special for the Christmas season. If you are an envelope user, you can write the name of the person(s) you are honoring on the envelope dated December 5. Or, simply use a plain envelope to enclose your donation and write your name and your honoree's name on the outside of the envelope.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR DECEMBER

Due to the Christmas holiday, there are early transmission times for the following Sunday bulletins. Please email information to louise.st.pierre@portlanddiocese.org by the following dates and times:

Sunday, December 26: Tuesday, December 14 at 9:00 AM

Next Weekend (December 19): Energy Needs

The six collections for energy needs will help with the oil costs to heat all of the parish buildings.

Expenses:

St. Joseph: Oregon Catholic Press - \$89.28
St. Rose: NorthCenter - \$336.25



Online Giving is available through WeShare through the following links:
stjoe.farmington.weshareonline.org
strose.weshareonline.org



St. Lucy | Feast Day December 13

A name that means "light," St. Lucy (283 – 304) is the patron saint of those blind or suffering with eye trouble. Not much is known about her life, except that she was determined to remain a virgin and thus refused marriage. History tells the story of a frustrated suitor who eventually accused St. Lucy of being a Christian (at crime at the time), and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304.

Today, we celebrate a number of traditions that incorporate symbolic meaning of St. Lucy as the "bearer" of light in the darkness of winter. This is particularly seen in Scandinavian countries, with their long dark winters. There, a young girl dressed in a white dress and a red sash (as the symbol of martyrdom) carries palms and wears a crown or wreath of candles on her head. In Denmark, Norway and Sweden, girls dressed as Lucy carry rolls and cookies in procession as songs are sung.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Advent

Fall Semester - "Eat, Pray, and Study" Day of Reflection

Saturday, December 11, 2021 - 9 am to 3 pm

Students are invited to step away from campus for the day to 'Eat, Pray, and Study' in the Gathering Area Basement and Chapel at St. Joseph's. The stress of campus around the time of finals can be overwhelming—students are invited to leave campus and do the studying in a quiet, serene, and beautiful setting.

Student contact: Ben Daly-Labelle

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Magnificat Advent Companion

Please accept this Advent devotional on behalf of the parish to assist you in charting course toward a devout observance of Advent in preparation for Christmas. The days leading up to Advent remind us about the "work" and "vigilance" of prayer. Simple daily habits of prayer rooted in the Bible, the liturgical season and some quiet are going to serve us well in these days.

SEASONAL DECORATING TEAMS

The Liturgy and Devotions Commission is looking for people who would be interested in helping to decorate our churches for Advent and Christmas. This would not be a large time commitment and no experience is necessary! Join us as we work to enhance our liturgical celebrations and make our churches beautiful for the upcoming seasons. If you would like to help or would like more information, please contact Maureen at 779-6379 or at [mmartin7@outlook.com](mailto:mmmartin7@outlook.com).

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA is the process by which adults join the Catholic Church. The RCIA takes place within the context of the parish community, and after a suitable period of formation, culminates in the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation — Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

Parishioners assisting with a RCIA team include Terry Viotto, Scott and Jen Taylor, Mark DeMillo and Kenny Chamberlain. We are currently hosting regular sessions in each parish, Wednesdays in Wilton from 6:00 to 7:30 PM and Tuesdays in Jay from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about Catholic life and practice, please call the parish office.

"Do This in Memory of Me:"

A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Deeley

"Do This in Memory of Me," a pastoral letter on the Eucharist by Bishop Robert Deeley, is now available in the new edition of *Harvest* and here: www.portlanddiocese.org/in-memory-of-me.

Virtual Advent Family Blessing Live with Bishop Deeley on Sunday, December 12

Bishop Robert Deeley will host a live, virtual Advent prayer and blessing gathering for all Maine families on Sunday, December 12, at 5 p.m. The live presentation, which should last around ten minutes, will be available on Lifesize. There are three simple ways to access the blessing to which all are welcome to attend. View the login information at www.portlanddiocese.org/BishopFamilyBlessing.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Fuel Assistance Programs

Once again, this year, there are fuel assistance programs available in both parish communities.

FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY

The ECU HEAT SHARE program provides one 50-gallon fuel delivery (or equivalent in solid fuel) per household per heating season (November 1 – March 31). Oil, kerosene, wood, pellets, propane are all delivered by the applicant's regular fuel vendor. Each applicant fills in the "\$50 for Heat" application with needed information, attaches a \$50 money order payable to the fuel vendor, and mails or delivers the form to Western Maine Community Action (WMCA) for processing. A delivery is made as soon as the fuel vendor is in the neighborhood again. The balance due for that delivery is paid by ECU HEAT, using funds raised by FAEM for that purpose.

FOR LIVERMORE AND LIVERMORE FALLS

The FOOD, FUEL AND FIBER FUND provides one 50-gallon fuel delivery (or equivalent in solid fuel) per household per year (October 1—April 30). Oil, kerosene, wood, pellets, propane are all delivered by the applicant's regular fuel vendor. Each applicant fills in the Food, Fuel and Fiber application with needed information, attaches a \$50 money order payable to the fuel vendor, and mails or delivers the form to St. Rose or calls Stephanie Crowe 897-2173 ext 1203 for processing. A delivery is made as soon as the fuel vendor is in the neighborhood again. The balance due for that delivery is paid by St. Rose Food, Fuel and Fiber Fund. If you would like to help a neighbor in need, donations to this program can be sent to St. Rose of Lima – Fuel fund.

There are no income guidelines for either of these programs and applications are available at the entrances of both parish halls.

With Gratitude!

After the disappointment of a limited Christmas Fair last year due to the shutdown of public buildings, this year brought many joyful visitors to the fair. Homemade donuts and coffee started the day as the parish hall opened and soon it was bustling with activity as people tore apart their raffle tickets and stood in front of the amazing variety of gifts to take a chance on. For the sweet tooths, the fudge, baked goods and cookies offered an array of choices and as always, a delicious lunch of turkey pot pies, hot dogs, and fish chowder were available. So much thought, time and energy go into this wonderful day so thanks to all of you who made this year's fair a great success!!



The fair proceeds of \$8003.02 support outreach to the community through parish social ministry.

Thank you!

Yvonne DeMillo, Anna Lake, Maryette Castonguay, Elaine Castonguay, Anita Hill, Annette Lake, Susan McCarthy, Louise Buzzell, Mariette Castonguay, Theresa Timberlake, Mary Castonguay, Nancy Grimaldi, Carmen Moreau, Pauline Boivin, Bertha Flagg, Janet Ventrella, Kathryn Robitaille, Nancy Anctil, Rita and John Crowley, Patty Ouellette, Cindy Young, Lucas Towers, Emma Towers, Joel Thornton



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES

If you did not return the gift for a green tag or Operation Santa Claus tag this weekend, please bring it to the office this week. There are additional Parish Social Ministry (yellow tags) on the tree. Please return these gifts wrapped by December 19.

Thank you for your generosity, and for bringing joy into the lives of the people we are here to serve!

THRIFT STORE SCHEDULE:

Tuesdays 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm and Saturdays 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

*Donations being accepted
when the thrift store is open!*

TRI-TOWN MINISTERIAL FOOD CUPBOARD - Jay

Hours: Tuesday 2:00-4:00 PM and 6:00-8:00 PM,
Wednesday and Thursday 2:00-4:00 PM

Donations may be brought to church and placed on the windowsills.

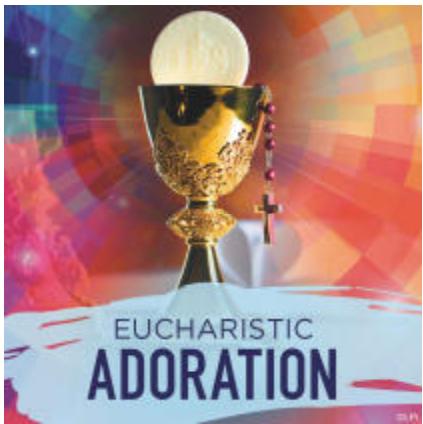
Item for December: **Cereal**

CARE AND SHARE FOOD CLOSET - Farmington

Hours: Monday-Friday 12:00-2:00 PM

Help stock the shelves of the Farmington Care and Share Food Closet. Donations may be brought to church and placed in the basket at the side entrance.

Needs for December: **Canned Soup**



ADORATION FOR WINTER MONTHS

St. Rose - Starting on Tuesday, November 30, and extending to each Tuesday evening through at least January 4, Night Adoration will be offered at St. Rose from 6:00-7:30 PM. On December 14 and January 4, Evenings of Recollection will be offered during Night Adoration, with a reflection given by Fr. Paul and opportunities for confession. The other Tuesday evenings will be times of silent Adoration.

St. Joseph - Starting on Sunday, November 28, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will no longer take place at the end of the 10:30 AM Mass. The 10:30 AM Mass will end with the usual Mass dismissal and recessional song, and then shortly after, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and afternoon Adoration will take place in the chapel. At 4:00 PM, Father will transfer the monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament to the main church so that Benediction will take place as usual just before the 5:00 PM Mass, at 4:45 PM.

If you have any questions, please contact Maureen at 779-6379 or mmmartin7@outlook.com.

SPIRIT OF THE LITURGY Reading and Conversation

During Advent, Fr. Paul and the Liturgy and Devotions Commission will host a book study on *The Spirit of the Liturgy* and use other resources to enrich our understanding of the liturgical life and prayer in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Church. Please consider joining us. All are welcome to attend one or all of the sessions.

St. Rose

Mondays, December 13

6:00-7:30 PM

Faith Formation Center (rectory basement)

St. Joseph

Wednesdays, December 15

10:00-11:30 AM

Knights of Columbus Room in St. Joseph Center



Christmas Mass Schedule

DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve

St. Rose of Lima

4:00 & 10:00 PM Masses

St. Joseph

6:00 PM Mass

DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

St. Rose of Lima

8:30 AM Mass

St. Joseph

10:30 AM



DECEMBER 26

Feast of the Holy Family of

St. Rose of Lima

8:30 AM Mass

St. Joseph

10:30 AM & 5:00 PM Masses

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS



St. Rose of Lima Church

Friday, December 17, 6:00 to 7:00 PM

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