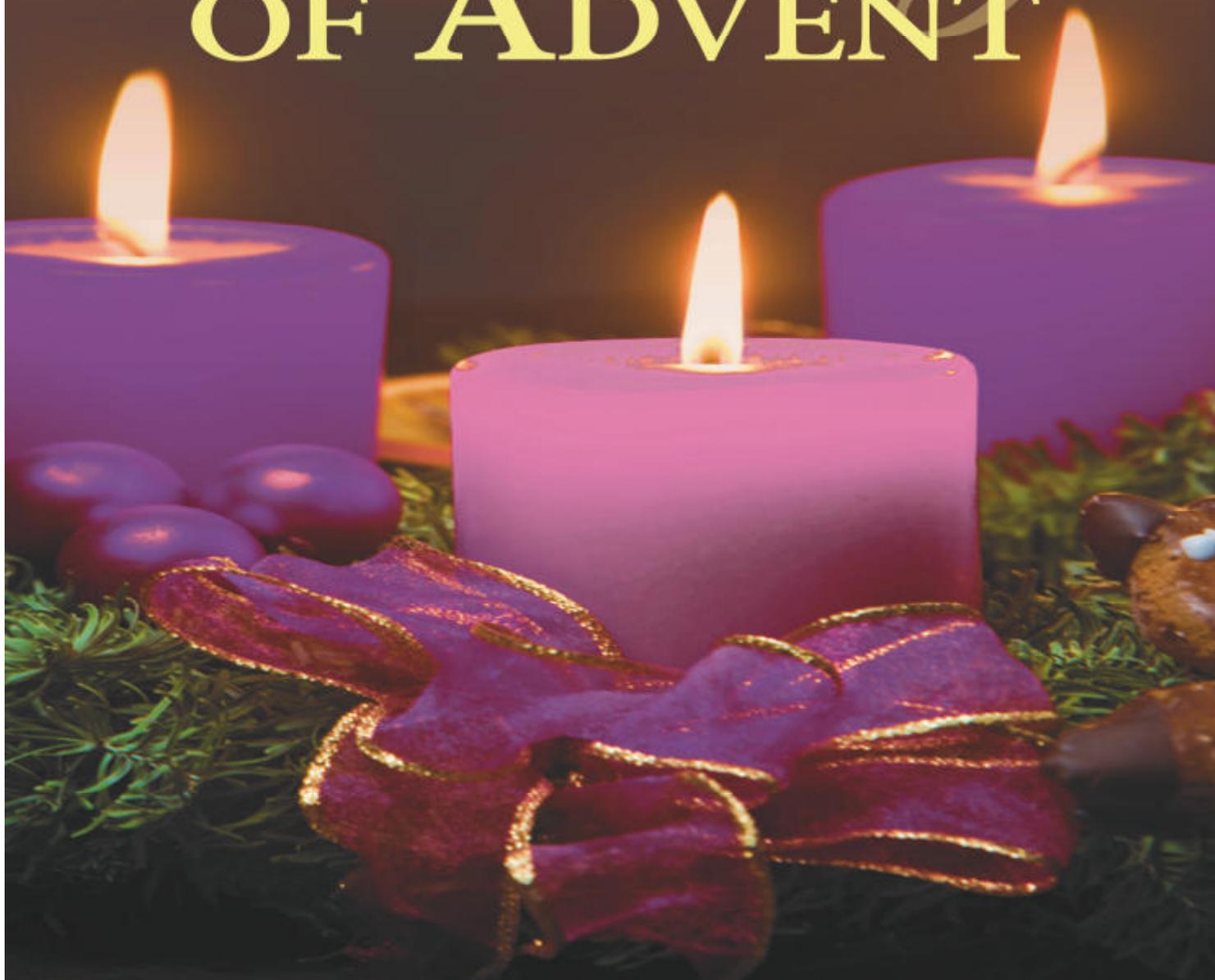


# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of winning the Lotto. On this side of the winning ticket, it's all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, one day we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and I am not as satisfied as I thought I was or would be. I find myself living in my incompleteness and with my profound sorrow and grief. I did not find joy.

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C. S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as gift by the God who loves me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow.

**Parish Stewardship "Treasure Report"**  
**December 6**  
Envelope Total: \$ 10,544  
Electronic Giving: \$ 3,099  
**Week Total: \$13,016**  
**2019— Dec 8 \$14,477**  
**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

**RCIA**  
**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**  
RCIA, these initials may sound familiar. It is a process of initiation in our Catholic faith. Seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, this process is for non-baptized adults, adults baptized in another Christian faith or adults Baptized Catholics who wish to have the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Call the Parish Center, 201-288-4844, and leave your name and number for someone to return your call. God Bless!

**A MESSAGE FROM FR. GABRIEL....**

In the present scene from today's scripture, John is questioned about his identity by the Judean religious leaders, and instead of saying "I Am", three times he answers, "I am not".

"I am not the Messiah," he says unequivocally. At that time many of the Jewish denominations, and there were many, were looking for an anointed one, a kinglike figure who would lead the people. There was great disagreement about what that Messiah, or Christ, would be, but John makes it clear he is none of them.

Then who was John? He claimed that he was like the one spoken of by Isaiah, the one crying aloud in the wilderness, preparing the way for the Lord. As the gospel writer had said earlier, John had come to witness the light.

What does that mean for us? As we prepare this Advent, we need to wait for *something different*. Certainly, we need something different. There is a lot of pressure to be something we are not. Who wants to fake cheerful and happy when our lives did not turn out as we had hoped? For some of us, there are empty places at the table that were occupied last year. Our heart aches for those who are suffering, or maybe we are one of the suffering.

How will you address the Word made flesh? How will you act as witness to the light this Advent Season when all seems darkest? What will you say to make it clear that this is no ordinary Christmas on the horizon—because it is time now for *something completely different*?

I wish to thank you for your generosity towards the Giving Tree to help those in need this Christmas. God will bless you abundantly.

Last Friday we were led by Fr. Jim Worth in a beautiful, meditative Advent Solace Concert. I hope all who attended found it to be an hour of time spent away from the noise of your every day life.

Confession will be held this Friday, December 18 from 7-8pm in the Chapel. Last opportunity for confession before Christmas is Saturday, December 19 from 4-4:45.

Adorers are still needed for our New Year Adoration. Please take a 1/2 hour or 1 hour to pray for the gift of life, especially this year. Registration information is in the Bulletin. Candles can be purchased to be burned during the 24-hour Adoration in memory of a loved one, living or deceased. Orders are due soon. Forms can be found in the Church and Chapel.

I would like to thank Rita Licameli for the years of service she gave to scheduling Adorers for our daily Adoration. Your gift of faith and stewardship are greatly appreciated. Thank you to Diane Calabrese who has now taken over that role. Adoration has returned Monday, Tuesdays & Thursdays in the Church from 1-10pm. Information can be found in the Bulletin.

Let us continue to pray for the health and safety of our entire parish community. Be the light for yourself and one another, especially leading up to the birth of our Savior. Let him be an example to you all. In faith all things are possible.

God Bless,  
Fr. Gabriel



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:00pm, Sunday, 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00nn will be held in the **CHAPEL**. The Sunday 6:00pm will be held in the **CHURCH**.

6:30am & 8:00am weekday Mass (Mon-Sat) will be held in the **CHURCH**

### YOU MUST ENTER THROUGH THE MAIN DOORS ONLY

The mandated guidelines/restrictions which MUST be followed are:

- ◆ Facemasks must be worn
- ◆ Maximum capacity of building space will be followed
- ◆ Sit only in designated spots
- ◆ Follow Ushers direction
- ◆ Social distancing of 6ft must be maintained
- ◆ If you have any symptoms of being sick, please stay home
- ◆ Those at high risk may consider staying home

The above guidelines/restrictions will also be enforced for Sunday Masses.

**You must PRE-REGISTER for weekend Mass by calling the Parish Center or you can email the following information to mbvivi-ani@optonline.net**

**Name, Contact Phone Number,  
Mass Time & Number of Attendees**

**PLEASE PRE-REGISTER DURING THE WEEK**

### Christmas Eve/Day Mass Schedule

December 24 (Christmas Eve)

4:00pm (Chapel) live-streamed

4:15pm (Church)-CLOSED

10:00pm (Chapel)

December 25 (Christmas Day)

8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00nn  
(all in Chapel)

**You MUST pre-register for all Christmas Masses due to social distancing seating. Seats will be assigned to ensure the maximum number of attendees.**

**Face coverings MUST be worn. Please call the Parish Center or email mbvivi-ani@optonline.net. Leave your name, contact phone number, Mass time you want to attend and number of attendees.**

**At the time of the transmittal of this Bulletin, limited seats available for the 4:15 Mass.**

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS SCHEDULE

5pm (Chapel) Dec. 31

9AM & 12NN (Church) Jan. 1

EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION  
AT OUR PARISH



### NEW YEAR'S ADORATION

Fr. Gabriel is having 24-hour Adoration from 6am December 31 to 6am on January 1. We need to join together to pray for God's blessings of this year as well as for the gift of life. Please contact the Parish Center if you can spend an hour or half-hour with the Blessed Sacrament.

Candles can be offered for a loved one, living or deceased, that will burn during the 24-hour Adoration. Candle forms are available in the Church and Chapel. Please return them to the Parish Center. The candles will be placed in front of the altar.

### ADORATION RESUMES....

**Adoration will resume on Monday, November 30. Please note the following:**

- ◆ Adoration will be held in the Church
- ◆ Adoration will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm to 11pm.
- ◆ Face coverings MUST be worn, and social distancing seating is to be maintained.

If you would like to become an Adorer and spend an hour in prayer, please contact Diane Calabrese at (201) 288-7732.

**THANK YOU**  
for your generosity

On behalf of Dylan Daves and his Eagle Scout Project to build a memory garden at Corpus Christi Church, we would like to *THANK YOU* for your generous contributions at his Bake Sale. Without your generosity it would not be possible.

We would also like to thank:

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### ELECTRONIC GIVING

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# MASS INTENTIONS



## ANTICIPATED MASS, DECEMBER 12

- 5:00 PM Jerry Breen
- 7:00 PM In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 8:00 AM Grace Gunnel
- 10:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Lindquist & Breen Families
- 12:00 NN Louis, Joseph & Rachella Romano
- 6:00 PM Bobby Senzon (14th Anniv)

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 6:30 AM Sal Pollaro
- 8:00 AM Rose & Dan Donovan

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 6:30 AM Sal Pollaro
- 8:00 AM Jones & Dates Families

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 6:30 AM Rosa Sasso (1st Anniv)
- 8:00 AM Mary Ann Niekrewicz

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 6:30 AM Camille & Quido Trause
- 8:00 AM Salvatore Petrillo

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 6:30 AM Frances Sbrocco
- 8:00 AM Louis Bethancourth (Living)

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 8:00 AM Robert Dorf (Living)

## ANTICIPATED MASS

- 5:00 PM Anthony Viceconte

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 8:00 AM Lorenzo Sista
- 10:00 AM Mary Aluotto
- 12:00 NN Doris M. Hoag
- 6:00 PM Rose & Julio Qualgiero

**CANDLES FOR THE WEEK**  
 The candles to be burned on our altars this week were donated in loving memory of **Salvatore Petrillo** from The Gargiullo Family.

**HOSTS & WINE FOR THE WEEK**  
 The hosts and wine to be consecrated at all the Masses were donated in loving memory of **Deceased Members of the Urban & Senzon Families** from The Senzon Family.

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

Please remember the deceased members of our families, friends and community, especially Mary Courtney, Julia Berhain



*We light our pink candle this week to emphasize the joy of the coming of the Lord!*

May the Holy Spirit sustain those who are poor and oppressed, the sick, suffering, and sorrowing of all ages, especially, Justin Duffy, Margaret Marchetta, Antonio Salcines, Albert DeBenedictis, Mary Nichols, Cosmelina Cammarata, Fred Baxter, Baby Adrian Victor Sanfilippo, Paul Giordano, Debbie Murphy, Gary Ryan, Dee Sullivan, Bonnie Poznar, Danielle Delfino, Patricia Kunzmann, Christine Ryan, Patricia Casey, Noreen Ryan, Joseph Cooney, Mishelle Kittlinger, Raimunda Martins, Joseph Marino, Michael Toscano, Jack Coneys, Josey Munez, Frank Sambucini, Gail Abbate, JoAnne Piccarreto, Dennis Buttacavoli, Natalie Caulfield, Elizabeth Semenez, Nora Lindquist, Catherine Groarke, Barbara D'Amato, Phyllis Mink

**CHILDREN'S CORNER**

**Sharing the Gospel**  
 John the Baptist prepared the way for the Messiah, Jesus Christ. He shouted, "Get your soul ready. The Lord is coming." Today, John still warns you to get your soul ready for Jesus. Ask God to forgive you. Be a witness to your actions, and show you believe in God.

**Prayer**  
 Lord, forgive me for all my sins.

**Something to Draw**  
 Draw John the Baptist in the desert talking to the people and baptizing them.

**Mission for the Week**  
 I will forgive others, and ask them to forgive me when I hurt them.

 **COLOR**  
 Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



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