



# Saint Joseph's Monastery Parish



Rejoice Sunday

3801 Old Frederick Rd. at Monastery Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21229

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# Rejoice

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"I URGE YOU TO REMAIN  
STEADFAST IN FAITH, SO  
THAT AT LAST WE WILL ALL  
REACH HEAVEN AND THERE  
REJOICE TOGETHER."

ST. ANDREW KIM TAEGON

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2021

**Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18  
**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27  
**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32  
**Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23  
**Thursday:** Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30  
**Friday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17  
**Saturday:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25  
**Next Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

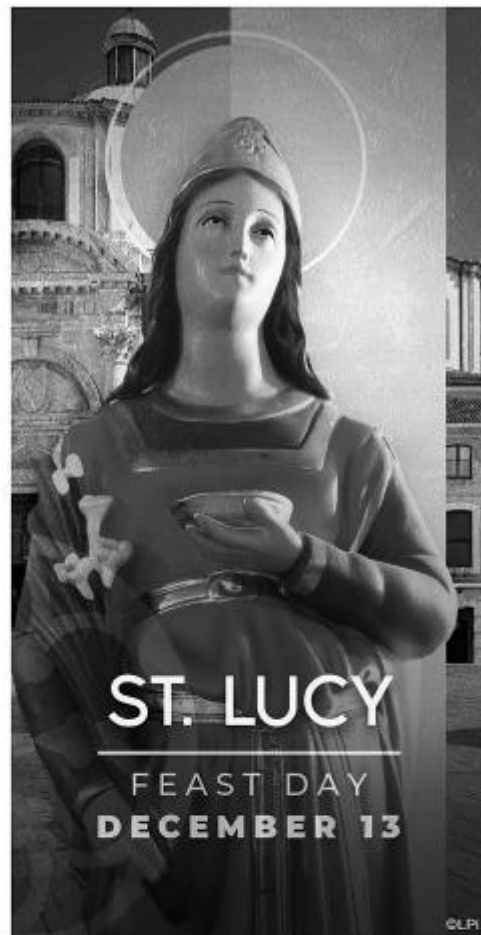
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2021

**Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent  
**Monday:** St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr  
**Tuesday:** St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
**Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Shout for joy! When was the last time you ever felt like doing that? Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of joy. We can never predict what life will bring. As unsettling as that can often seem, life's unpredictability is also the very thing that allows it to be exciting and adventuresome! We know that life can be difficult, and it is unrealistic to expect it to be otherwise. God never promised an easy road. But, when a person truly falls in love with God and discovers the peacefulness and assurance of God's presence, then a depth of understanding will be brought to everything they do and experience. Nothing will be able to rob them of joy! When we realize that God, the King of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We celebrate the beauty and wonder of God's gift of joy today as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. There is a power and presence within us, our God, who has made us, who loves us and who will keep us. What more do we need? Rejoice!



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

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.



### FIRST READING

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a mighty savior;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness.  
(Zep 3:17)



### PSALM

Cry out with joy and gladness: for  
among you is the great and Holy One  
of Israel. (Is 12:6)



### SECOND READING

The Lord is near.  
Have no anxiety at all, but in  
everything,  
by prayer and petition, with  
thanksgiving,  
make your requests known to God.  
(Phil 4:6)



### GOSPEL

The crowds asked John the Baptist,  
"What should we do?" (Lk 3:10)

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## WORSHIP & MEDITATION



### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

*"From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" St. Teresa of Avila*

We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina)



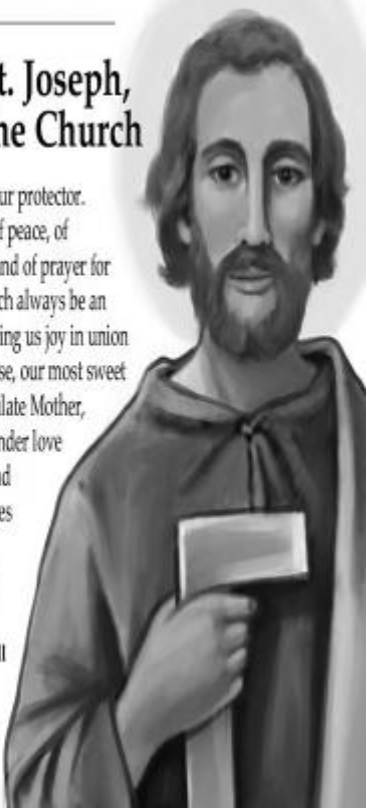
## PARISH INFORMATION

### Prayer to St. Joseph, Patron of the Church

St. Joseph! Always be our protector.  
May your inner spirit of peace, of  
silence, of good work, and of prayer for  
the cause of Holy Church always be an  
inspiration to us and bring us joy in union  
with your blessed spouse, our most sweet  
and gentle and Immaculate Mother,  
and in the strong yet tender love  
of Jesus, the glorious and  
immortal King of all ages  
and peoples.  
Amen

—Pope St. John XXIII

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Friday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
251 S. Morley Street  
Phone-410 -566-0877 Fax-410 -233-4974  
E-mail: info@sjmp.org

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (ages 3-12) (9:30 a.m.- 10:40 a.m.)

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.

RCIA ..... 9:35 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

Mrs. Barbara Dawson: 443-844-1068 bid70x7@aol.com

Mrs. Mary Homans 410-299-6187 marymargarethomans@gmail.com

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Pastor to be notified 6 months in advance of plan date.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Arrangements are made with the Pastor

### PASTOR

Father Michael Murphy



### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses 8:30 a.m. &

11:00 a.m. (Family Liturgy)

Daily Mass 8:00 a.m. Monday-Thursday

### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or a family member is ill or anticipating surgery, please  
contact the Pastor to be anointed.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 PM

### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

To assure the safety of our parishioners and our parish office  
staff our winter related closings will be as follows: There will be  
**NO** daily mass if Baltimore County Schools are closed or  
delayed in opening. If Baltimore County Schools are closed,  
the parish office will also be closed. If Baltimore County  
Schools are delayed in opening the parish office will open at  
10:00 am. Our primary concern is to keep everyone safe.  
Thank you.

We wish to welcome everyone to become an  
active member of the St. Joseph's Monastery  
Parish Family!

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## **BULLETIN MASSES For December 11-19,2021**

**Saturday, December 11,2021**

**4:00 p.m.** Gary J. Crocetti (D)

**Sunday, December 12,2021**

**8:30 a.m.** For the People of the Parish

**11:00 a.m.** Patrick McCormally (D)

**Monday, December 13,2021**

**8:00 a.m.** Joseph Doetzer (D)

**Tuesday, December 14,2021**

**8:00 a.m.** Sheryl Hood Weatherford  
Special Intention Mass

**Wednesday, December 15,2021**

**8:00 a.m.** No Intentions

**Thursday, December 16,2021**

**8:00 a.m.** No Intentions

**Saturday, December 18,2021**

**4:00 p.m.** Rella Short (D) &  
Don Fink (D)

**Sunday, December 19,2021**

**8:00a.m.** For the People of the Parish

**11:00 a.m.** Helen Appy (D)

### **Bulletin Masses**

Please call the Rectory office to have your loved ones and friends remembered or honored in a Bulletin Mass. It is a great way to remember and honor your special dates and occasions.

### **POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR December - 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.

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES**

It is hard to believe there are only 14 days until Christmas. Please send in your Christmas Flower Envelopes as soon as possible. If you do not get envelopes, you can put the names in a regular envelope and send them in or drop them in the collection plate. You may also call the office to have your loved ones remembered.

### **PRAYER TO SAINT LUCY OF SYRACUSE PATRONESS OF THE BLIND AND OF EYE PROBLEMS**

Relying on Your goodness, O God, we humbly ask You, through the intercession of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, to give perfect vision to our eyes, that they may serve for Your greater honor and glory. Saint Lucy, hear our prayers and obtain our petitions. Amen.



**PRAYER LIST :** Please remember those who are sick, in a nursing or convalescent home, the homebound and their families and caregivers by including them in our Parish Prayer Chain. Please call the Rectory 410-566-0877 to add them to our list. If anyone needs visitation, please call the Rectory 410-566-0877 with the names of anyone in the hospital, nursing home or assisted living facility or who is homebound.

Richard (Cancer) Nadine (Cancer). Tom M.( Special Intentions) Dick K. (Cancer) Peggy, Bob & Andy Moan (Special Intentions) Mara, Fadi, Yousif, Mara & Sally, Hanan, Shawn, Alton (Special Intentions) . Cecilia W. (Special Intention) Barbara's Neighbor (Cancer) Larry J. (Good Health) Dareen McGloin (Good Health), Joseph Meyer (Good Health) & Family, Karen Bowen (Fall & Surgery), Herman Williams (Fall) Peggy Day (Fall) Mike G. (Stroke) & Strength for the Family, Marian Erdman (Fall) Chris (Good Health) Pat B. (Good Health) Eugene M. (Covid recovery) Louis (Avon) Owens ( Good Health) Mary Dooley (Liver Condition), Chuck McNery (Cancer) Daniel Thomas (Cancer), Tom Cornell (Cancer) Pat Bunke & Family (Cancer), Elaine M. (Cancer), Joe Garbo (Good Health) Michael J. Lampieri (Special Intentions) John Jackson (Special Intentions Recovery from an Accident) Bill Thornberg ( Kidney Cancer), Elaine (Good Health), Betty Ann (Stroke), Bernard (Good Health) Christine (Good Health) Julie (Good Health) Ted (Good Health) Cayden & Parents (Good Health) Please pray for the repose of the soul of Irvin and for his family & friends, Mary Margaret Richards (Cancer), Maria (Good Health), Emma and Kathy (Special Intention), Kay (Fall & Good Health), Richard Melson (For Peace & Healing) Ann Cleaver & Sons (Special Intention) Gloria Ratliff (Surgery & Treatment) Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jim R. and keep Jim's family in your prayers, Lyla (Good Health) Ernie (Surgery and Recovery) Dennis Dooley (Cancer)

### **Prayer for Healing**

Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy, may your healing hand rest upon me, may your life giving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom. Amen.

### **CANCER PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, Give all cancer fighters comfort when they are in pain. Lay Your healing hand on all and remove every cancer cell so that they may be healed. Amen.



### 3rd Sunday of Advent Luke 3:10-18 Blessed Advent!

Remember last week where we read about this crazy man John "crying out in the desert"? Well, this week we read about what the people of his time wondered about him. They all asked him "What should we do?"

The crowds were asking, the tax collectors were asking, the soldiers were asking. And he answers each of them according to the temptation of their particular state in life. To the crowds he says, share of your abundance. To the tax collectors he says, stop taking more money for yourselves. Only collect from the people what is proscribed. To the soldiers he says, stop extorting money. And so, what must we do to prepare? I ask myself if I am sharing from even the little that I think I have. Do I charge more than a fair price for my work? If I lend money to anyone, do I expect too much more in return?

I challenge myself this week, and I challenge you, to take some time and think about how we are preparing for the coming birth of Christ, in history, in today's world, and in the future when he will come to bring all of creation back to the Father.

### Third Sunday of Advent

Each year, this season of Advent comes around. We bless another candle this third week in Advent. Let us ask God to bless our family on this Third Sunday in Advent: God of rejoicing, this week we hear in our second reading that we are called to "rejoice always."

Help our family to be joyful in the midst of whatever happens this week. When we light the third candle on our wreath, let us bring your joy to our friends and neighbors this week.

We ask this through Christ, who is the ultimate joyful gift to the world. Amen.

"O Almighty God, gracious provider and giver of life, we anxiously await the celebration of your birth. Like the people of long ago, our ancestors in faith, we, too, are in need of light, in need of direction, in need of your Word, to show us the way. Our busy lives and the consumerism that surrounds us make it difficult to recognize your kingdom and to hear your voice. Help us Lord, to focus on you. Amen." ~ from *The Essential Advent and Christmas Handbook*



### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - The Well That Never Dries Up

Depending on how your mood is today, the words of Paul will hit you differently. "Rejoice always," he tells us. Well, if your football team is poised to win this weekend or next, maybe you're really feeling this vibe. But if you've got a long slog at work ahead of you this week and a to-do list that only seems to grow and never shrink, it may make you grumble. "Rejoice always? Always? When I'm tired? Cranky? When I'm sick of doing and giving? Thanks, Paul. I'll be sure to scribble that phrase on a Post-It and stick it to my dashboard for when some entitled punk inevitably cuts me off on tomorrow's morning commute."

When we feel this way, we know it's time to head back to the well. Think of all the places in Scripture where God compares His love, His mercy, His salvation to water. And not just any water — living water, water that moves. God's strength is not a stagnant puddle sure to evaporate and disappear. It's water you can keep coming back to. It's water that never dries up.

Which is good news for us, because we never stop failing to do what we should, never stop failing to feel the joy and the compassion and the selflessness we are called to. We need a source of living water if we are going to 'rejoice always.' To be everyday stewards, we need a well that never empties.

The fountain of salvation never dries up. There is always more there for us to draw from. It's a sign of His commitment — so let us, in turn, be committed to Him. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### Gaudete Sunday

It is called the "Shepard's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.



John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Lk 3:16



**November 27 & 28, 2021**

**Mass Attendance 270**

Envelopes	\$	2,152.00
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Online Giving	\$	1,244.00
2nd Collection/Energy	\$	2,355.00
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<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,907.00</b>

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## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**December 11 & 12, 2021** Bambinelli Sunday Bring Baby Jesus from your Nativity to be blessed at all the Masses.

**December 12, 2021** Lessons and Carols at 2:00 PM



### Christmas Schedule for Mass

**December 24, 2021**

Christmas Eve:

4:00p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Midnight Mass

**December 25, 2021**

Christmas Day:

10:00 a.m.

No 4:00 p.m. Mass

**December 26, 2021**

The Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass

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