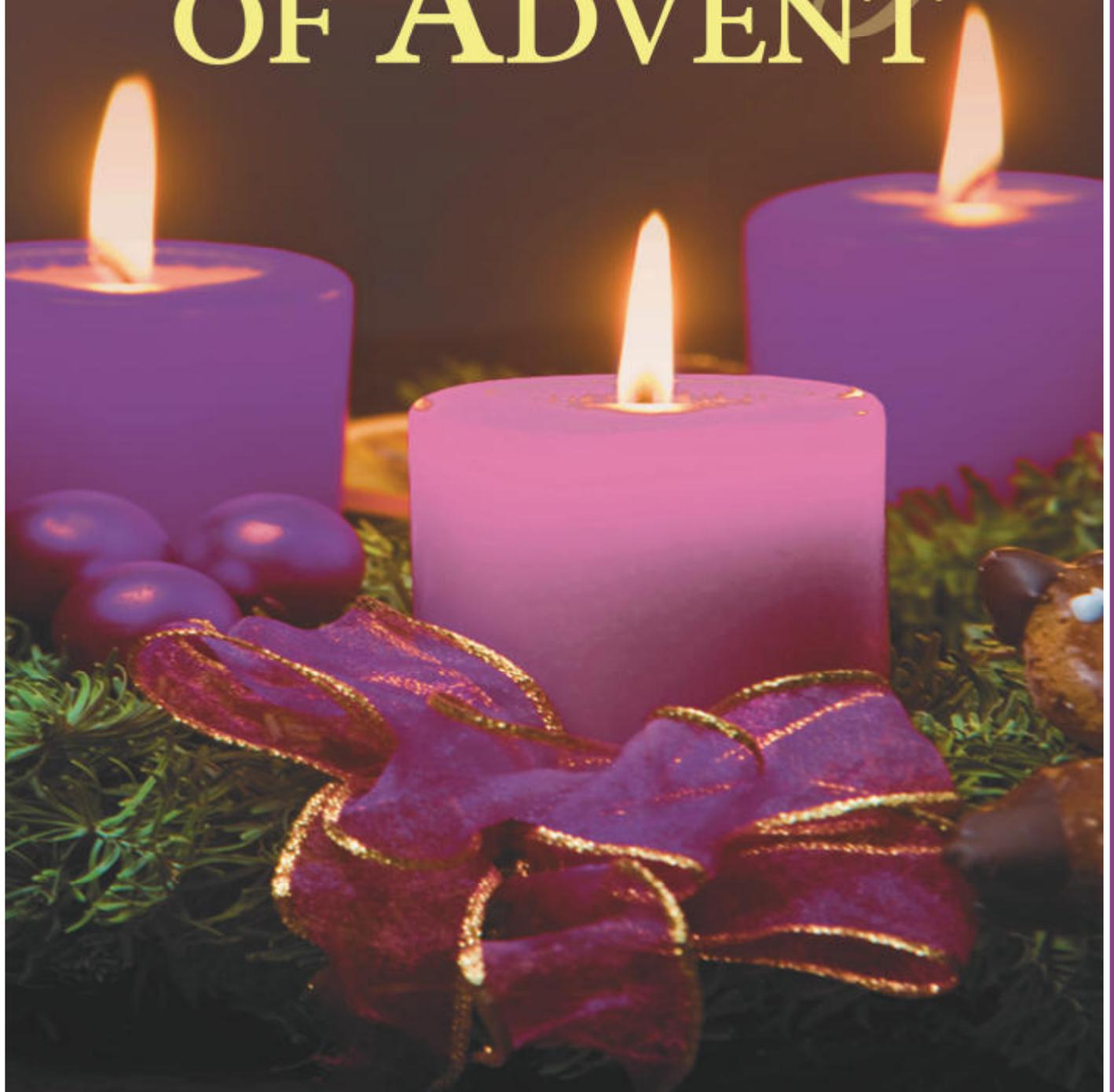


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WEEKEND OF: Dec. 11-12, 2021

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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

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

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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Gospel Meditation - Third Sunday of Advent December 12, 2021

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.

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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) ©LPi



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, December 11

Sunday, December 12

11:00 am CLOW

2:00 pm Advent Holy Hour

Monday, December 13

Tuesday, December 14

6:15 am That Man is You

Wednesday, December 15

Thursday, December 16

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus

Friday, December 17

Saturday, December 18

Sunday, December 19

11:00 am CLOW

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

There will be **NO Confessions** and **NO 5:00 pm Mass** on Christmas, **Saturday, December 25th.**



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 11

5:00 pm *Rose Infantino by John Infantino*

Sunday, December 12 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am *Charles Keenan by the Keenan Family*

11:00 am *Kathy Ligozio Blom by Sandy Bligh*

Monday, December 13

8:00 am *Nicholas Paris by Peter & Catherine Blind*

Tuesday, December 14

8:00 am For the People of St. Mark's Parish

Wednesday, December 15

8:00 am *Special Intention*

Thursday, December 16

8:00 am

Friday, December 17

8:00 am *Special Intention by Jim & Bev Gelormini*

Saturday, December 18

5:00 pm *Philip Milici by Mother*

Sunday, December 19 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 am *Joseph & Lillian Schmeer*

11:00 am *Ray Fratta by Family*

Social Ministry Food Donations

St. Mark's Social Ministry continues to collect food for those in need served by the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf. **Please make sure foods have not passed their expiration date.**

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*This Week
Sanctuary Lamp:*

For Giuseppe Milici by wife, Antonina Milici



Prayer Requests

The following members and extended members of our Parish Family have had prayer requests made for them:

*Gina Bach, Jeff Biss, Amy Brewer, Joe Burgio
Mary Camiolo, Steve Clar, Mya Colon, Sue Ellyn Coons
Rich Cyganovich, Ann DiStefano, Timothy Glasow,
Ann Gifford, Jane Gunzelmann,
Dawn Lamendola, Cara Mack, Lynne Mikel
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Come Lord Jesus!

Advent Prayer

Come and pray with me!

Please join me in prayer each week this Advent to prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming at Christmas. May you have a Blessed and Holy Advent Season.

Deacon Frank



3rd week of Advent on Sunday, December 12th from 2 to 3 PM

On the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, dedicated to the protection of all human life, from conception to natural death. A Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary for Life, and concluding with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction.

4th week of Advent on Monday, December 20th from 7 to 8 PM Adoration concluding with Benediction



HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021 - CHRISTMAS EVE

No 8am Mass

Masses at 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021 - CHRISTMAS DAY

Masses at 8:30 am and 11:00 am

No Confessions and No 5:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Masses at 8:30 am and 11:00 am

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021

Mass at 8:00 am

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass at 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022 - Epiphany of the Lord

Masses at 8:30 am and 11:00 am



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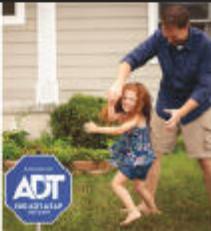
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