SAINT GREGORY
BARBARIGO CHURCH

DECEMBER 12, 2021 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday: 5:30 PM with Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
(First Tuesdays, Holy Hour at 4:30 PM)
Wednesday: 8:30 AM
Thursday: 8:30 AM MASS
Friday: 8:30 AM SCHOOL MASS

CONFESSION

Saturday: 3:30 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM

PARISH STAFF

CLERGY

Pastor: Rev. Alexis Lazarra
Deacon: Deacon Dennis Dupre

PASTORAL STAFF

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Ms. Denise DeHart
Director of Faith Formation:
Ms. Tressa Hebert
Music Director: Ms. Cassidy Arthur
Acolyte: Mr. Stephen Boudreaux

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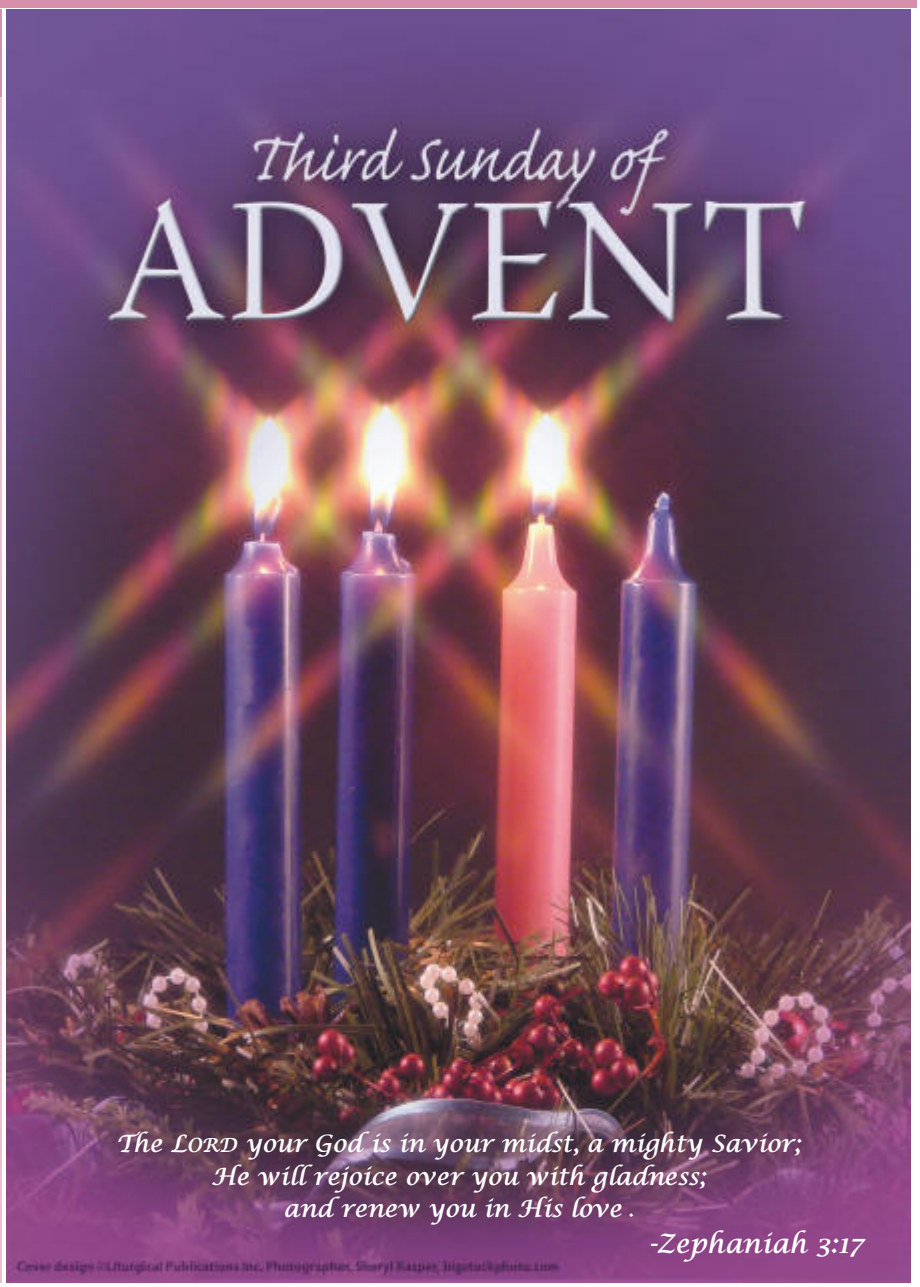
OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8:00-3:00 PM
Friday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM



MISSION STATEMENT

Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. We serve the teaching and worshiping needs of the Church through education, vibrant liturgies, para-liturgical celebrations, youth ministry, vocation awareness and evangelization. We are a welcoming community of disciples that serves the needs of the marginalized and home bound parishioners. We are many faces but one family.

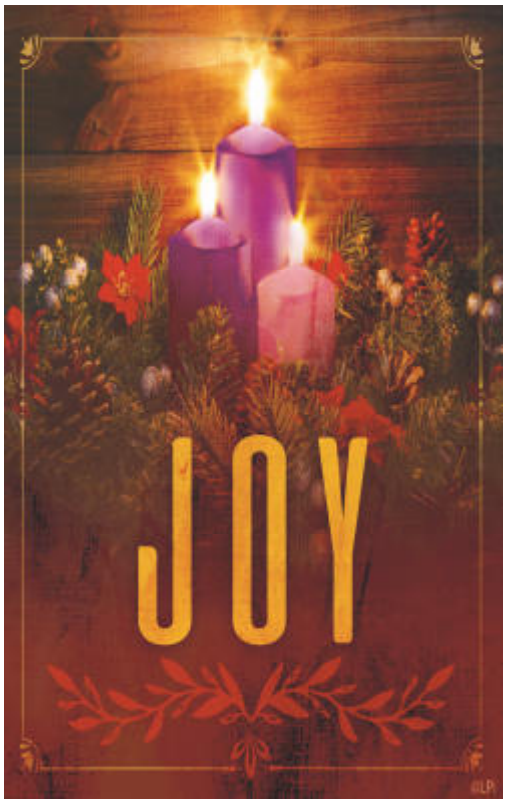
PASTOR'S LETTER

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
(GAUDETE SUNDAY)

The Third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of gladness and rejoicing because of the proximity of Christ's birth. The Spirit of Christmas begins to fill the air as people look forward to the start of the revered beautiful tradition as Catholic Christians. After we experience storms in life, still our hearts are filled with pain, fears sadness and joy, but Jesus is with us in the battle between good and evil, between light and darkness.

John the Baptist is the voice in the wilderness, the voice of Advent, and the one who preaches the coming of the Anointed One. The Prophet Isaiah exhorts the Israelites to rejoice because the Lord himself is coming to bring salvation to his people. His presence will put an end to oppression. He will restore justice on earth and brings us joy amidst our sadness.

Lastly, as we rejoice, waiting for the coming of the "Emmanuel-God with us" let us also be patient in waiting as we receive and welcome again Jesus in our hearts.



THIS WEEK AT ST. GREGORY

Monday, December 13, 2021
St. Lucy
5:30 pm Youth Formation grade 8

Tuesday, December 14, 2021
St. John of the Cross
5:30 p.m. Mass/MPH novena

Wednesday, December 15, 2021
8:30 a.m. Mass
The Light is on for you Confession
6 p.m.—8 p.m.

Thursday, December 16, 2021
8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, December 17, 2021
School Mass in Bourg

Saturday, December 18, 2021
3:30 p.m. Confessions
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 19, 2021
4th Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m. Confessions
8:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Youth Formation 9th & 10th grades
10:00 a.m. Confessions
10:30 a.m. Mass

STEWARDSHIP

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP
May God bless you for your generosity! Thank you for your faithful financial stewardship. We have a great deal for which to be proud and whatever tomorrow holds we will accomplish the tasks together with God's grace. If you happen to be away from us for a particular weekend, please remember to put aside your weekly offering and place it in the collection upon your return or you can place your offerings online through our website at: **stgregorybarbarigo.weconnect.com**

NOVEMBER 27 & 28, 2021
MASS ATTENDANCE
4:00 p.m..... 61
8:30 a.m..... 53
10:30 a.m.....65
Total.....179

STEWARDSHIP REPORT
Envelopes.....$1736.00
Loose.....$893.00
Online giving 11/22-11/28 .....268.98
Total.....$2,897.98

WEEKLY READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2021

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

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

BIRTHDAYS

December 12: Taylor Melancon

December 13: Karen Blanchard, Ross Blanchard, Anne Mclaughlin, and Gary Olivier

December 14: Michael Hebert and Glenda Positerry

December 15: Troy Bonvillain, Lisa Matherne, and Jason Trahan

December 16: Seth Galtier, Magen Marchand, and Patrick Mustin

December 17: May Begue, Genevieve Gaudet, Wayne Hebert, and Ramahd Steward

December 18: L. Thomas Chauvin

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary lamp burns this week in memory of Clare Boudreaux and Johnny Scott and was requested by Family .

ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers placed at the Main Altar are in loving memory of Elizabeth "Liz" Boquet and was requested by Wade Boquet.

Flowers adorning the Blessed Sacrament are in loving memory of Ligia Ellender & Rhoda Rau and was requested by the Allen Ellender Family.

Flowers beneath the Blessed Mother are in memory of the Breaux & Bourgeois Families and was requested by Evelyn and Joshua Breaux

Flowers Beneath St. Joseph are in memory of Wallace Eschete and was requested by Alva, Felicie, and Corey.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 18, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.
Arlen and Fritz Cenac, Ulysse Fanguy, and Rochelle Smith

Sunday, December 19, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m.
Yvette Bedner Blanchard, Roy Breerwood, Alberta Cenac, Evanna and Wiley Trahan, and Beverly Walker

Sunday, December 19, 2021 @ 10:30 a.m.
Destinee Blanchard, M/M Irvin DeHart and family, Reginald "Reggie" DeHart Jr., Charles "Poncho" Neil, M/M Louis Pitre, M/M John Battise Smith and family, Normand "T-man" Smith Sr., and Mary Ellen Vauclin

REMEMBER in your prayers

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS
Lynn Bienvenu and Joyce Chauvin

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE THAT ARE ILL
Betty Abadie, Sandra Boudloche, Gloria Boudreaux, Dudley Bourgeois, Joshua Breaux, Joyce Boquet, Leo Bunch, Debra Corzo, Barbara Fakier, Rita Falgout, Jenny Gaudet, Louella Guidry, Carroll Lirette, Nancy Naquin, Mary Lou Pizzolatto, Wayne Romero, Mike Scurto, Edna Marie Sevin, Cynthia Templet, and Martha Thibodeaux. For more payer requests please call 985-852-8555.

To request a prayer shawl for parishioners of St. Gregory or family members struggling with illness, bereavement, addictions, etc. contact Rochelle Walker (phone: 876-3797 or email:rowalk@bellsouth.net).
Please remember to pray for all prayer shawl recipients

ST. GREGORY BARBARIGO, PRAY FOR THEM!

Liturgical Ministers

December 18 & 19

Saturday

4:00 p.m.	1. Kathy Gaidry	L: Carolyn Dupre
	4. Anita Martinez	C: Rochelle Walker

Sunday

8:30 a.m.	1. Bridget Breaux	L: Gay Lynn Henry
	4. Henriella Theriot	C: Mary Breerwood
10:30 a.m.	1. Fay Theriot	L: Volunteer/Sub
	4. Matthew Sevier	C: Elise Theriot

SANCTUARY CARE

SANCTUARY CARE SCHEDULE
December 18, 2021
Sandra Boudloche
Mary Bergeron

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

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."

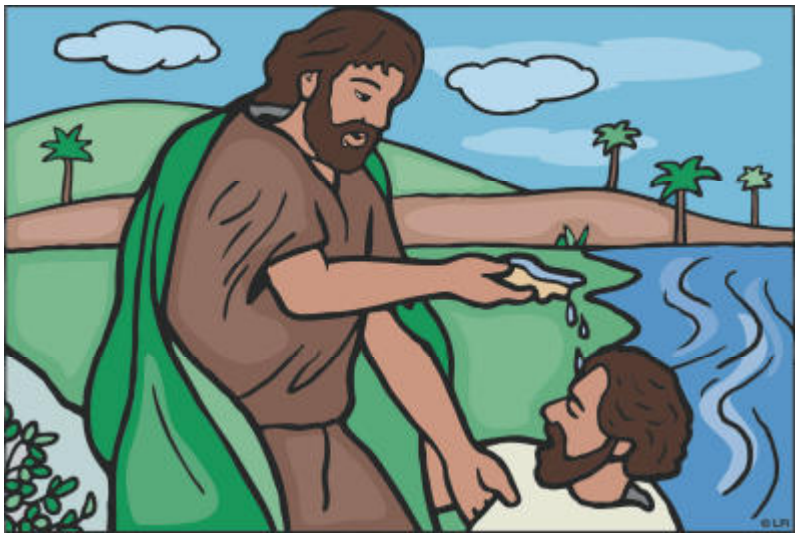
When we feel this way, we know it's time to head back to the well. Think of all the places in Scripture where God compares His love, His mercy, His salvation to water. And not just any water — living water, water that moves. God's strength is not a stagnant puddle sure to evaporate and disappear. It's 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 ©LPi

The Liturgical Environment Ministry will be accepting donations for Christmas Memorial Poinsettias. If you would like to make a donation for a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please use an envelope that can be found in the church pews. Envelopes can be placed in the collection baskets during Mass..



John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is 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

Joy to the World

Christmas Mass Schedule
Friday, December 24th
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
9:00 p.m. "Midnight" Mass

Saturday, December 25th
9:00 a.m. Christmas Mass

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Friday, December 31st 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Saturday, January 1st 9:00 a.m. Mass

**There will be no 4:00 p.m. Vigil Masses on Saturday, December 25th and Saturday, December 31st Weekend Masses for Sunday, December 26th and Sunday, January 2nd are at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.*

Are you interested in becoming a member of the St. Gregory family?
To register, ask an usher for a census form and fill it out as completely as possible. You may drop it off or mail it to the administration office or place it in the collection basket at Mass. You can also find census forms on our website:
stgregorybarbarigo.weconnect.com
God Bless you and welcome to Saint Gregory Church Parish and School.

BAPTISMS

Upon the announcement of one's pregnancy, parents should contact the Administration Office to get more information, and set up an appointment with the Deacon for a Baptism Seminar.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements for the Sacrament of Marriage should be made six or more months in advance.

ST. ANDREW CHRISTMAS NOVENA

(Christmas Anticipation Prayer)

Beginning on St. Andrew the Apostle's feast day, November 30, the following beautiful prayer is traditionally recited fifteen times a day until Christmas. This is a very meditative prayer that helps us increase our awareness of the real focus of Christmas and helps us prepare ourselves spiritually for His coming.

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment
in which the Son of God was born
of the most pure Virgin Mary,
at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold.
In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God,
to hear my prayer and grant my desires,
[here mention your request]
through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and of His blessed Mother.
Amen.

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YOUTH FORMATION

Monday, December 13th 5:30 p.m.— 6:45 p.m. for 8th grade
Sunday, December 19th class for 9th & 10th grade
9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. (this includes 10:30 a.m. Mass)
Both classes meet in church administration office.

Christmas Gifts

Question:
Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

Answer:
Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.
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