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DECEMBER 12, 2021 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3RD  
SUNDAY

*of Advent*



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## WEEKLY READINGS

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2021

#### SUNDAY 12/12

##### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

#### MONDAY 12/13

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

#### TUESDAY 12/14

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

#### WEDNESDAY 12/15

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 7:18b-23

#### THURSDAY 12/16

Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b/Lk 7:24-30

#### FRIDAY 12/17

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

#### SATURDAY 12/18

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

#### NEXT SUNDAY 12/19

##### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

The nearer we get to December 25<sup>th</sup>, the more hectic our lives become searching for, planning for, decorating for, the perfect holiday moment that your camera will record forever and will soon be forgotten. However, if we are looking toward Christmas Day and the Birth of our Savior, this day and all our days will be filled with a sense of peace and a moment of joy. Our God speaks great love to us if we step back and listen for his voice. Our God gives us strength to be generous and charitable each day. And our God, in his great goodness, reminds us to have no fear, for the Lord is near.

This week, all of us need to read the words presented this weekend – not just today but a good seven days of reading for they remove from us all doubt and worry. They reveal God's love for us and our loving response to others. Zephaniah tells us that "the Lord has removed the judgment against you" And aren't we good at judging ourselves harshly? God doesn't do that. He removes our guilt and replaces it with peace. He tells us, in biblical words, to "fear not...be not discouraged", "for the Lord is in your midst." How can any one of us not be encouraged and know how loved we are when we read these words? God comes to show us his great gladness over all of

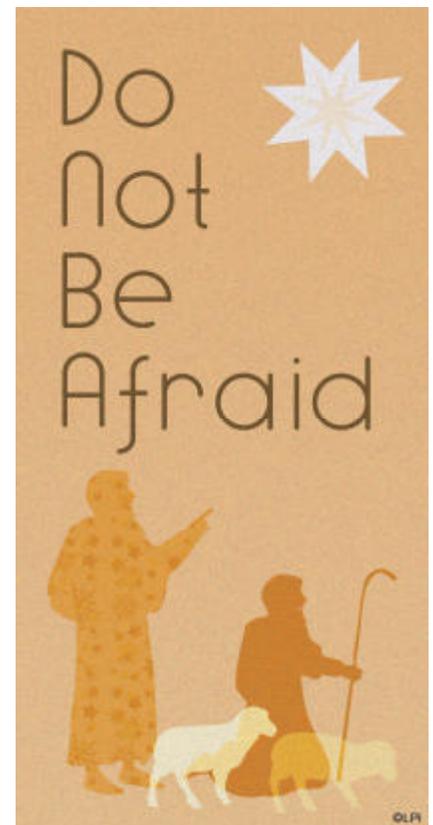
creation and Zephaniah goes on to state, our Lord will "renew you in his love" and will "sing joyfully because of you." The only ones I know who sing joyfully to another is because they are so filled with love for you, for us, for the world. The prophet cannot write more beautifully of how much God loves us – he will sing to us, just as parent will sing to a child or a lover to one who is loved. God indeed does come to us to make us confident and unafraid of this journey of life.

St. Paul continues to simply gush praises upon us the believers in Jesus Christ. He asks us to rejoice always and to have "no anxiety at all" because we know the Lord, walk with the Lord and are filled with peace because we are not alone, only loved. John the Baptist comes to reveal that living the Gospel life is not something only for a few. Living the Gospel is for all and it is simply giving the best we have, in whatever walk of life we live, to others. He asks us to be honest and loving in our dealings and encounters with others. He asks us to bring new honor to our business activities and not to harm the earth and demean the workers. He asks us to be generous as we all have so much. In doing so, John the Baptist doesn't fill us with anxiety or worry, he simply asks us to "figure it out." And each one of us can do just that – how do we affirm the goodness of others?

How can we help alleviate the problems of hunger and homelessness during the winter months? How can we live a life centered on Gospel values and not on any thing else? And so on.

Our God comes to love us. He reminds us to have no fear. And he trusts us to figure out how to live a life pleasing to him. It can't be hard to figure out what we need to do, can it? All we have to do is know God's love and love him back by doing good to others and our world.

**REV. RON JOZWIAK**  
Pastor



# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

4:00 pm Edward Szalc  
4:00 pm Raymond Reckinger  
4:00 pm Virginia Rose & Ben Buschen

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:00 am Families of Prince of Peace

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

10:00 am Julio Jabro  
10:00 am Francis Arabo  
10:00 am Mario Joseph Dinha  
10:00 am Bassima Dabish

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

## REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS...

Alexis Anton  
Ekhilas Awro  
Elizabeth Brown  
Genevieve Davey  
Roland Gerhard  
Bernie Hoomian  
Gerald Lewis  
Tom Mc Gillen  
Sal Palazzolo



## LOVING MEMORY

Our sympathy goes out to the families of...

FRANCOISE HARROD

## 2021 Christmas Flower Offering

A meaningful way to honor or remember a friend or family loved one at Christmas time is to donate to the Christmas Flower Fund.



Special printed envelopes are in the envelope packet mailed to all registered parishioners. Please carefully **PRINT** the name or names you would like published in our bulletin. All requests must be received in the parish office by **December 14th**, to be included in the December 26, 2021 bulletin.

## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

### DECEMBER 11-12, 2021

Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care and more. For more information visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org)

## CHRISTMAS GIVING

It is an ancient and honorable tradition to give a gift to the Parish at Christmas. In your Christmas giving, please remember Prince of Peace. Your gift at Christmas is a true gift to the parish. Unlike the Weekly Offertory Collection, your Christmas gift is not taxed by the Archdiocese of Detroit as part of our parish assessment. All through the month of December you can donate to the Christmas Collection - just make sure that you state your gift is for Christmas. As always, thank you for continuing generosity and support for the programs, ministries and services offered here at your parish, Prince of Peace.

## END OF YEAR GIVING

There are always so many things going on at the end of the calendar years. Between Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year there is always something to do and someone to see. Many people, however, evaluate their level of charitable giving at the end of the calendar year in light of your blessings and in light of their tax liability. Keep it in mind. Evaluate your level of giving and see how well you have given to God a portion of the blessings he has given you. During this time, remember that your donations to the parish are tax-deductible in light of the U.S. tax laws. We can accept monetary gifts as well as gifts from trusts and stocks.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*"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)

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**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**DECEMBER 24**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**5PM, 7PM, AND 9PM**

**DECEMBER 25**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**8AM AND 10AM**

**DECEMBER 26**

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

**10AM**

**DECEMBER 28 NO MORNING MASS**

**DECEMBER 29 NO MORNING MASS**

**DECEMBER 31**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD VIGIL**

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**NO MASS**

**JANUARY 2**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**8AM AND 10AM**



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Sunday - 9 and 11 am

Monday - Friday - 12:15 pm

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### LIVE THE LITURGY

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!

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### EFT IN THE NEW YEAR

Why not make life a little easier in the New Year for yourself. Join EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer). Most of us already do some on-line banking and giving to the parish through EFT is no different. It is safe and secure. Simply go our website and the On-Line Giving page will be there. If you have a problem signing up, we can arrange a time with our bookkeeper to sign you up. Simple, convenient and no worries: that is EFT.

P.S. You will still receive envelopes but can simply mark the "EFT" box. It seems that in our catholic culture, people need to see other people putting something in the basket. If you don't put in your envelope in the collection basket, somebody else will think they don't have to either. Until all are signed up for EFT, envelopes will be used as your public witness remains an essential part of our catholic life.

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