



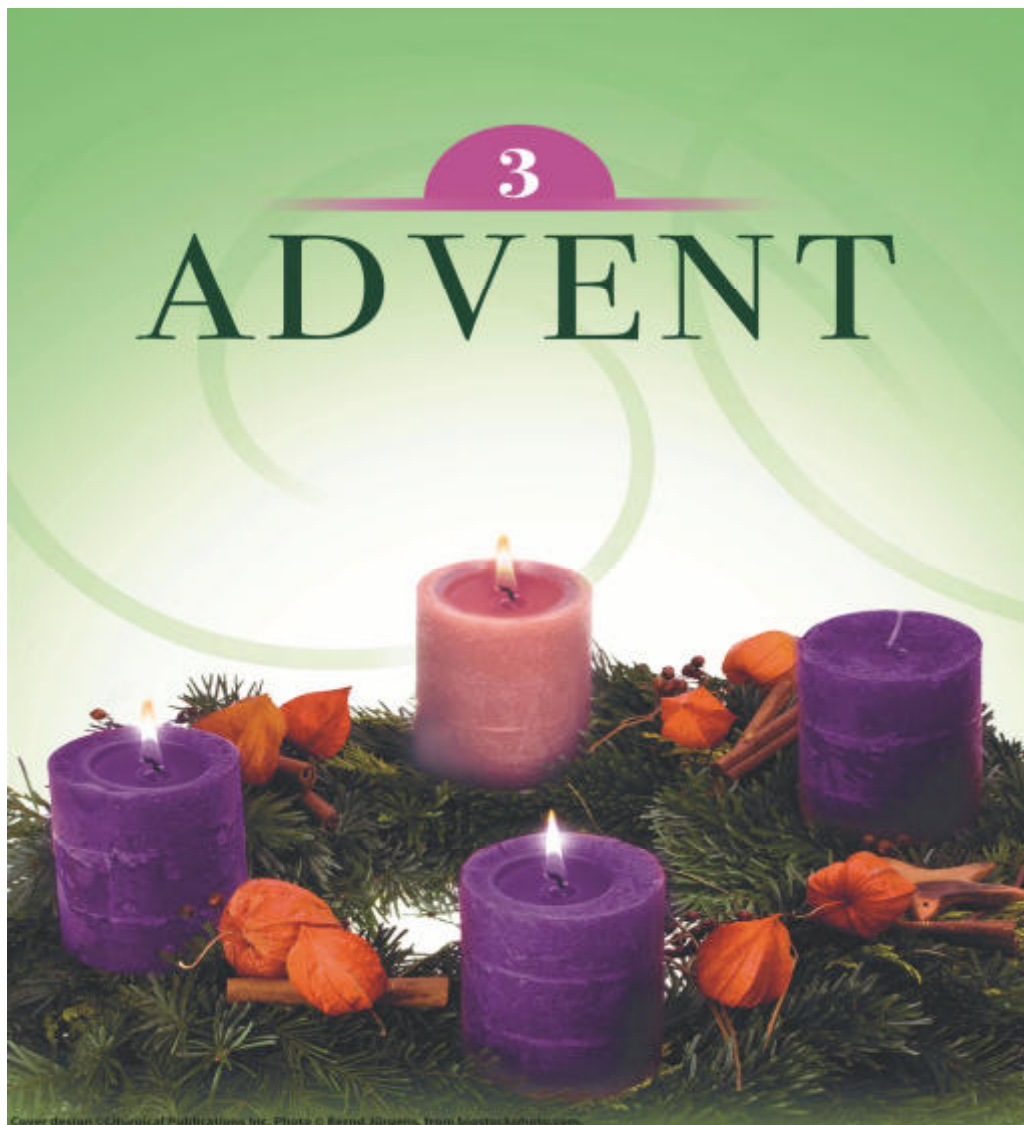
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December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent



9425 Whittaker Rd., Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197

Liturgical Calendar**SATURDAY, December 15th****Confessions 3:00 PM**

Vigil, Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM † Patrick Sullivan, req. by
Deacon Richard Giesige and
Kathleen Gabe**SUNDAY, December 16th**

Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM † David T. Strasser,
brother of James Strasser, req. by
St. Joseph Church

11:00 AM For our Parish Family

MONDAY, December 17th

Advent Weekday

TUESDAY, December 18th

Advent Weekday

WEDNESDAY, December 19th

Advent Weekday

THURSDAY, December 20th

Advent Weekday

FRIDAY, December 21stSt. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor
of the Church**SATURDAY, December 22nd****Confessions 3:00 PM**

Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM † Jeannine Roznowski, req.
by Ron Roznowski**SUNDAY, December 23rd**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM † Monsignor Vince
Howard, req. by St. Joseph
Church

11:00 AM For our Parish Family

YEAR OF PRAYER**Each person is asked:**

To pray the Rosary or another devotion to the Blessed Mother once a week as a family or household, asking the Holy Spirit to guide our parishes in how to form us as communities of missionary disciples.

Christmas Flower Memorials

Christmas flower donations in memory of or in honor of loved ones must be turned in by Sunday, December 16, 2018 in order to be published in the December 23rd bulletin.

THIS WEEK**SATURDAY, December 15**

Hospitality after Mass by K of C

SUNDAY, December 16Hospitality after each Mass by
K of C**MONDAY, December 17**

Choir Practice 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, December 19

Bible Study 10:00 AM –Noon

Religious Ed. 6:00-7:15 PM

SATURDAY, December 22

Hospitality after Mass by the Choir

SUNDAY, December 23Hospitality after each Mass by the
Choir**A Wreath of Hope**

As the commercial world is already saturated with red and green, it's easy to lose sight of the true colors of the season—the Advent season.

The candles in the wreath have specific names which we can reflect on as we light them and pray: the first is Hope, the second Peace, the third Joy and the fourth Love. **The third candle (Joy) is lit today.** The color for Joy in the Church is pink or rose!

Although the culture tells us it's already Christmas, the Church reminds us through the pink candle of Advent that there is an appointed time for everything (Eccl.3:1). The time now is for rejoicing—because the Lord is coming soon!



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Our Weekly OfferingFor Sunday, **December 9, 2018**Sunday Collection: **\$5,138.25**# of envelopes used: **85****GOD BLESS YOU!****Altar Servers' Schedule****Saturday, December 22. 5:00 PM**

Jordan Kulback

Riley Kulback

Linda V.

Sunday, December 23, 9:00 AM

Andrea Mayville

Karina Mayville

Alan Mayville

Sunday, 11:00 AM

David Zmijewski

RJ Zmijewski

Not Filled

**Sacramental Preparation
Baptism**

Classes will be held on the third Saturday of each month in Maria Hall at 10:00 AM. Active registered parishioners who are preparing for their child's baptism **must** attend one class. Please contact the parish office (Monday thru Friday, 9:00 - 12:00 Noon), if you plan on attending a class. Please have your sponsors selected and paperwork from their parish indicating that they are active practicing Catholics. You may bring the paperwork to the class or have it sent to the parish office.

**First Eucharist &
Reconciliation**

Your student must have completed the 1st grade Religious Education program and enroll in and attend the 1st Eucharist and Reconciliation program which meets every Wednesday from September to May in the Holy Family Center.

Confirmation

Students must have completed 7th Grade Religious Education prior to the anticipated year of Confirmation and enroll in and attend the 8th grade Religious Education Program. Students also must attend a Special Confirmation Preparation Class.

Praying the O Antiphons: An Ancient Advent Tradition

During the final days of **Advent**, our anticipation increases as the birth of the Savior draws nearer and nearer. In the eight days before Christmas, this anticipation is marked by something special that happens in the prayers of the Church. The antiphons of Evening Prayer (Vespers) during the week before Christmas welcome the birth of the Savior by heralding one of His resplendent Biblical titles along with a special petition reflecting that title.

It is a liturgical tradition started in the earliest centuries of the Church and continues in today's liturgies, and even in homes of the Catholic as part of their daily prayers.

Listed below are the O Antiphons. I encourage you to make a new tradition this year to pray these antiphons on the eight nights before Christmas to help you welcome the newborn King.

O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care:

Come and show your people the way to salvation. (December 17)

O Sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai Mountain:

Come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free. (December 18)

O Root of Jesse, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you.

Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.

(December 19)

O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel, controlling at your will the gate of heaven:

Come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom. (December 20)

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:

Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. (December 21)

O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart; O keystone of the mighty arch of man:

Come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.

(December 22)

O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people:

Come and set us free, Lord our God. (December 23)

Readings for the week of December 16, 2018

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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