



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

- Jn 1:6-7

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OUR MISSION:

We, the people of St. Priscilla Parish, grounded in the Word of God and Sacred Tradition, find strength and joy in the transforming power of Christ's sacrificial love as manifested in the Eucharist. We commit ourselves to lifelong spiritual formation, compassionate service, evangelization and the generous sharing of God's gifts with our parish family and the community at large.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:30 PM
Sunday - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
& 1:00 PM Extraordinary Form
Monday, Tuesday, Friday - 8:00 AM
Thursday - 7:00 PM
Holy Days - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

SICK CALLS

Arrangements made by notifying the Parish Office

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - immediately following
8:00 AM Holy Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Adoration - All day
Benediction & Repose - 7:00 PM

WEDDINGS

Please contact the Parish Office a minimum of six months prior to the wedding date.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 3:30 PM
During Advent - immediately following
Monday Benediction and Thursday 7 pm
Evening Mass.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated the 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the office to register for a Baptism Preparation Class.

PRAYER INTENTIONS & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 9:00 AM

Carole Camilleri
 † Antonio Carta by Silvana Carta
 † Terry Burns by Millie Burns
 † Armando & Mary Iovannisci by Graziano Canini

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 11:00 AM

† Albert & Lottie Ricer by Ellen Bishop
 † Stella Ludvigsen by Mary Jane & Glen Graham
 † Peter Vu by Family
 † Flo Dickey by Concetta Russo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1:00 PM

† Joseph Marnon by Barney & Maureen Marnon

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 8:00 AM

† Charlie Dickey by Mom, Flo

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 8:00 AM

† Fred & Joan Schubert by Schubert Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 7:00 PM

† Emilio Russo by Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 8:00 AM

† Deceased Parish Staff by Joe Zenewiecz

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 4:30PM

† Xavier DeBrincat by Wife, Silvia
 † Toto Ruggierello by Silvana Carta
 † Joseph Zelasko by Barb Cunmulaj
 † Armando & Mary Iovannisci by Graziano Canini

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 9:00 AM

† Michael F. Mullett by MJ & Larry Lafer
 † William Burns by Millie Burns

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 11:00 AM

† Barb Bouchard by Friends
 † Armando & Mary Iovannisci by Graziano Canini

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1:00 PM

Your mass intentions may now be booked for 1:00pm on Sunday

PRAYER INTENTIONS



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Week 1 Carole Camilleri

Week 2 Karen Kelley O'Brien

Week 3 Rose Schmidt, Richard Schmidt, Connie Lark

Week 4 Bob Lark, Paula Atherton-Bishop, Dennis Pettunen, Michael Chapman, Pete Arciero, John Picking, Rita Mumaw, Mary Rice, Mike Gatteri, Lillian Podgorny, Pat Donnelly, Antonio Gabbana, Gary Ostrander, Millie Burns, Deborah Kirchoff, Dolores Kirchoff, Connie Pecorelli, Landen Ray Smith, Eleanor Smith,

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICEMEN & WOMEN

Natalie Yurgil, Coast Guard, Benjamin Schmidt, Air Force, Brent Vann, Army

PRAYER INTENTIONS PAGE HAS CHANGED

To have someone enrolled on the prayer list, please call the church office at 248-476-4700. Names of the sick will be listed for one month unless the office is notified that the condition continues and that prayers are still needed.

Families with Service Members

Call us to add your ACTIVE DUTY spouse, child or grandchild.

USHER SCHEDULE December 2020	SATURDAY TEAM B SUNDAY TEAM B
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DATE	LECTOR	ECHARISTIC MINISTERS
Dec 19 4:30pm	Marilyn Gallagher	John Gallagher RoseMarie Roney
Dec 20 9:00am	Eva Lee Tony Allam	Ruth Broderick Annette Haapala
Dec 20 11:00am	Donna Dreffs Lou Barrett	Barb Hargan Dawn Marie Mays
Dec 20 1:00pm	Extraordinary Form (Latin Traditional)	

Mary's Helpers December 2020

December 15, Cathy Karasinski

Parish Office Closed Christmas Week

St. Priscilla Parish Office will be **Closed** December 24th through January 3rd. Regular office hours resume Monday, January 4th, 8:30am.

"We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, in a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another."

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

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THE JOY OF ADVENT

Joy can be tricky because we so often confuse joy with happiness. Perhaps you have heard some ways to spread joy during the season of Advent. Sharing joy is discussed as doing "small" acts such as sharing a smile, giving to the needy, helping those in need, or forgiving those who wronged you.

Are those actually small acts? To me, there is nothing small about forgiving someone that has sinned against me. Additionally, there are many times that giving a genuine smile is a painstaking task when so much is weighing heavy on my heart. And when my schedule is really full, carving out time to help someone in need can actually end up being a large undertaking. So, no. These are not necessarily small acts.

Additionally, these small acts are not always providing me with joy. I'm sure they don't always provide the receiver with joy either. For example, (this happened several years ago) I discovered I had a flat tire after walking up to my car in the parking lot. A flat tire on it's own is a bummer. But it was dark, I was in southwest Detroit, and it was blistering cold and hailing. To make matters worse, the lug nuts were rusted out. Thankfully, there was an auto shop across the street and the employees were still there and able to replace my tire for me. I was the receiver and I was so happy! But was I filled with joy? Not in the biblical sense. And I am sure the guy who replaced my tire wasn't filled with biblical joy either.

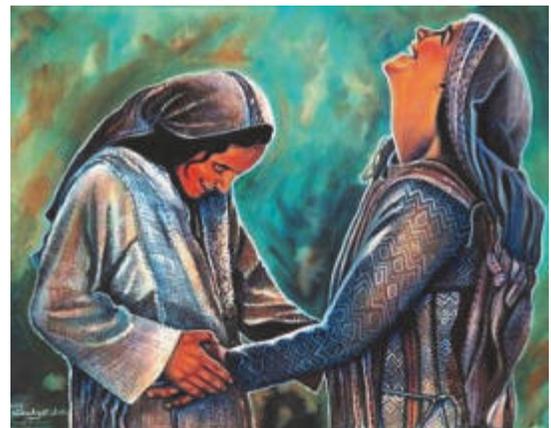
Biblical joy...like when John the Baptist leapt in the womb, the joy expressed from the angels to the shepherds, or the joy expressed by the people after the miracles performed by Jesus.

To achieve this level of joy—the biblical level—we must be in communion with God. Joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit. Are we welcoming the Spirit into our hearts during Advent? Are we turning to Jesus when our crosses become too heavy to bear? Are we praising God for His continual graces?

If the answer is no, you might be wondering how to get there. How do we get to the biblical level of joy? Well first and foremost, we must rid ourselves of the mentality that we must feel happiness in order to feel joy. They do not always come hand in hand. In fact, if we look at the areas of the bible that Jesus discusses joy we are reading up on repentance and the beatitudes. *"I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance (Luke 15:1)."* We know that repentance is often painful and to be considered the blessed mentioned in the Sermon on the Mount, we must endure when we are riddled with challenges.

The bridge to get to that biblical joy is prayer. Much like everything else, right? But how do we pray? It's just a conversation with God. There is no wrong answer to "how." Just start. In fact, prayer can be as simple as "thank you, God." Now heart fully saying "thank you, God" is a small act of joy. And a small act that anyone can do.

So perhaps we should just edit the "small" acts of Advent a little and change small to "simple." A smile is a simple act of kindness. But when sharing a simple smile with the intent to share God's goodness that you feel in your heart with others, it becomes a way to share in the joy of Advent. God is filled with joy because He loves you so much. God smiles down on you. After spending time in prayer with Him, you will feel His joy because you are in communion with Him! It is that joyful smile that needs to be shared...but it all must start in prayer.



READING 1

IS 61:1-2A, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

PRESPONSORIAL PSALM LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54.

R. (Is 61:10b) **My soul rejoices in my God.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed:

R. **My soul rejoices in my God.**

The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

R. **My soul rejoices in my God.**

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

R. **My soul rejoices in my God.**

READING 2

1 THES 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

ALLELUIA

IS 61:1 (cited in LK 4:18)

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

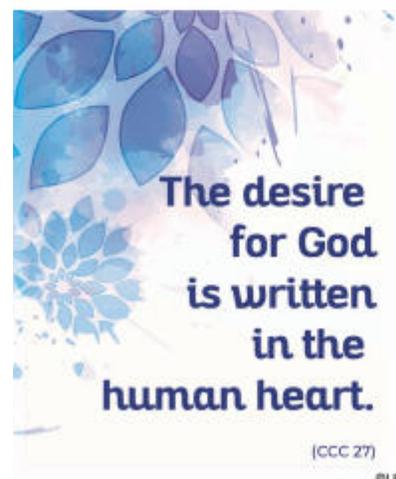
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

JN 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'*" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.



The Word of God as the Breath of Life by Mary Rice

Gaudete Sunday is the name given to this third Sunday of Advent. Gaudete comes from the opening prayer of the Mass (Gaudete in Domini semper) which means *Rejoice in the Lord always*. Each reading points us to the coming of the Messiah---and rejoicing.

If you have been struggling to grasp the “Christmas Spirit” in spite of our national crisis, this is the day to read and reread the Word of God. It overflows with spiritual joy; it abounds in “good news”. If ever we needed to be prepared for the feast of Christmas, it is December 2020.

Glowing Images which lift you up begin with Isaiah: *I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul (Isa.61:10)*. He speaks of *Glad tidings to the poor, the broken-hearted, the captives*. Then the epitome of happiness: *the bridegroom and his bride* followed by nature’s gift: *the garden’s phenomenal growth*. It just doesn’t stop!

Paul, in his first appearance in the New Testament, is ecstatic at the prospect of the second coming of Christ: *...may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be proclaimed blameless for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ (1Thes. 5:23)*.

In John’s gospel John the Baptist is hit with a barrage of questions about himself. He tells his questioners to make straight the way of the Lord: *I baptize you with water; but there one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal straps I am not worthy to untie (John 1:27)*.

It seems that the neither prophet nor apostle nor evangelist can adequately explain the joy that accompanies the presence of Our Lord among us.

As the carol simply says *...the hopes and dreams of all the world are met in thee tonight...*

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Obligation: Mass or Communion?

Question: Are Catholics obligated to attend Mass each Sunday, or receive Communion each Sunday?

Answer: The questions about Mass attendance and the reception of Holy Communion are clearly outlined in what are traditionally called the “Precepts” of the Church. These specific teachings are intended to stand alongside the Ten Commandments as fundamental practices for Catholics and are outlined in the Code of Canon Law. The obligations related to Mass attendance and receiving Communion are outlined in the first and third precepts, which we find quoted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (no. 2042):

The first precept (“You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor”) requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

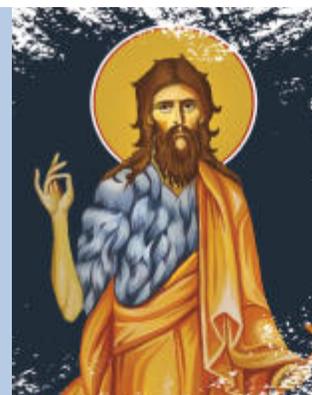
The third precept (“You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season”) guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord’s Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.

Rather than seeing these as obligations that are simply to be fulfilled out of a sense of duty, Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us of the grace that is made available to us when we gather for Sunday celebrations of the charist: “Sunday is the day which is at the very heart of the Christian life... Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly “human.”

(Dies Domini, no. 7) ©LPi

READINGS OF THE WEEK

MONDAY 12/14	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
TUESDAY 12/15	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
WEDNESDAY 12/16	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
THURSDAY 12/17	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
FRIDAY 12/18	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
SATURDAY 12/19	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
SUNDAY 12/20	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38



St. VINCENT de PAUL



GIVING TREE GIFT CARDS DUE THIS WEEKEND Dec 12/13

Due to COVID-19, the SVDP Giving Tree has not be set up this year. There is still time to participate and we are asking for GIFT CARDS from WALMART or TARGET in increments of \$5 and NOT MORE THAN \$25.00. Gift cards should be placed in the offertory collection baskets during Mass or brought to the Parish Office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Spaghetti Sauce and noodles. Salad dressing, canned pineapple, Jelly, Pancake mix and syrup.



ART & ENVIRONMENT Christmas Decorating

We are getting into that time of year when the Art & Environment committee will need help to decorate the Church for Christmas. We're doing things a bit differently and hope to complete everything in one weekend. **Saturday, December 19th at 10:00am** we'll work on the back of the church and prep trees for the altar.

Sunday, December 20th we will return at **2:30 in the afternoon** to finish the altar and set plants. Any help you can give would surely be appreciated - - - even an hour would be of help. Thank you... & God Bless

St. Joseph Statue Update

In honor of Fr. Joe's recent installation as pastor, this beautiful St. Joseph statue will be added as a permanent gift to St. Priscilla for placement in the sanctuary. We are well on our way to meeting our financial goal for this purchase and would like to thank our generous donors. If you would like to make a contribution towards this purchase please visit the St. Priscilla website for a direct donor link or you may use the specifically marked envelopes available in the back of church.



THIS WEEK

MONDAY 12/14

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Adoration all day with
Benediction & repose at 7:00 pm
**Reconciliation* immediately follows
1:00 pm Sew Simple
7:00 pm Choir Practice in the Church

TUESDAY 12/15

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Novena

WEDNESDAY 12/16

THURSDAY 12/17

7:00 pm Mass
**Reconciliation* immediately follows

FRIDAY 12/18

8:00 am Mass

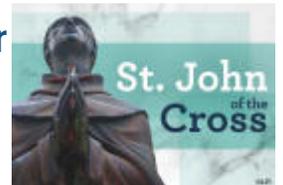
SATURDAY 12/19

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass

SUNDAY 12/20

9:00 am Mass & 11:00 am Mass
1:00 pm Mass (Latin Traditional)

Observances for the Week of December 13th



Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John of the Cross, Priest
and Doctor of the Church.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

December 24, 4:30PM

**December 24, Midnight Mass
Latin Traditional**

December 25, 9:00AM

December 25, 11:00AM



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Should You Get an Annual Physical?

Even if you feel well, there's still a reason to visit your primary care doctor at least once a year. It creates a health baseline and strengthens the patient-physician relationship, which is important to maximize your wellness. The best way for you to receive comprehensive, personal care is for your doctor to know you at all levels of health.

Most insurance plans consider an annual physical a covered service. The annual exam is at its highest value when doctors can devote time to thoroughly discuss your medical history, chronic issues, and recommendations for lifestyle changes. If you have a new health concern, your doctor may suggest scheduling a follow-up visit in order to focus on diagnosing and treating that condition. Annual Physical is often approached as an annual wellness visit. Your appointment should be personalized based on your medical history and guidelines for your age and sex. Some of the regular tests you may receive may be routine labs and urine tests, EKG screenings, and test specific for women and men.

What to expect may be as follows:

- Check vital signs.** Recording your temperature, blood pressure, heart rate, and respiration rate create a baseline for your overall wellness.
- Perform a physical exam.** Visual inspection of your eyes, ears, and throat will help your doctor spot any potential issues. Lightly touching areas like your abdomen and back will accomplish this as well.
- Update your vaccines.** Depending on your age, you may need a new vaccine or booster.
- Ensure you get screenings you need.** Are you due for a colonoscopy, blood test, or bone density screening? A yearly physical brings you up-to-date.
- Provide guidance on reducing your risk for disease.** Your doctor can provide information and motivation to stop smoking, lose unhealthy pounds, or manage risk factors like blood pressure.
- Manage your medications.** Your doctor will make sure your prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs, and supplements don't interact with each other. They can also help you manage potential side effects. Make sure to bring a list of all meds you take.

When meeting with your doctor it is critical to be honest about your current health levels. Including smoking and/or drinking. It helps for accurate counseling and recommendations. Being prepared with any questions written down prior to your appointment is also very helpful.

~A yearly physical brings your care up-to-date.

~Provides guidance on reducing risks for disease.

~Preventive care is important.

Schedule your annual physical !!

