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## MASS TIMES:

DAILY (MON. - FRI.):  
8:30am

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS:  
4:30pm

SUNDAY:  
8:30am & 10:30am

## RECONCILIATION:

MON - FRI:  
7:45 — 8:15am

SATURDAY:  
3:30 — 4:15pm

## OFFICE HOURS:

MON - FRI:  
9:00am — 3:00pm

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



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



# ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

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## Parish News

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**Join us for our Breakfast Buffet every Sunday from 9:00am - 12:00!**

### Parish Support

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| 11/27/21 Offertory | \$2,890.00 |
| On-line Giving     | \$554.74   |
| Debt Reduction     | \$120.00   |
| Parish Maintenance | \$20.00    |

*Thank you for your support!*

### THRIFT SHOP INFORMATION

**PHONE:**  
(321) 631 - 7786

**HOURS:**  
Tues - Fri: 9AM - 4PM  
Saturday: 10AM - 2PM

### DEVOTIONS

**Monday (before Mass)**

Our Lady of The Miraculous Medal

**Tuesday - Friday (before Mass)**

The Holy Rosary

**Tuesday (after Mass)**

Adoration of the Most Holy Sacrament

**Thursday (after Mass)**

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

## Wedding Anniversaries

**Andrew & Christine Hill**  
 8 years on December 14th  
**Clayton & Elaine Humphreys**  
 13 years on December 15th  
**Richard & Joanne Jeffery**  
 37 years on December 15th  
**Casey & Kelly Sharpless**  
 27 years on December 17th  
**Peter & Mary Clare Levins**  
 49 years on December 17th  
**Rodney & Diana Champagne**  
 56 years on December 17th  
**Angela & Bentley Thompson**  
 38 years on December 18th

### **Congratulations and Best Wishes for Many More!**

Please call or stop by the parish office to reserve your Mass Intentions for 2022. You may mail your check or drop in mail slot in parish office door. God bless you for remembering your loved ones with a Mass Intention.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

##### Saturday, December 11th

4:30 PM † John Mansingh

##### Sunday, December 12th

8:30 AM † Colonel Marvin Lee Jones

10:30 AM † Jason Pearce

##### Monday December 13th

8:30 AM † Alice McVicker

##### Tuesday December 14th

8:30 AM † Fr Peter Hoang Xuan Nghiem

##### Wednesday December 15th

8:30 AM Sp Int for Edward DelGiorno

##### Thursday December 16th

8:30 AM Sp Int for Holly Harrison

##### Friday December 17th

8:30 AM People of the Parish

##### Saturday, December 18th

4:30 PM † Jack & Lorraine Simpson

##### Sunday, December 19th

8:30 AM † Dc Richard & Marge Basso

10:30 AM † Carmen Lydia Torres

3rd Sunday of Advent

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS...

**...for all our parishioners who are sick  
or in need of our prayers:**

*Antonette Cossentino, Audry McDonald, Jean Hartnet,  
 Thomas Wilson, Margaret Casale, Tara Rae Daniels,  
 Rodney Champagne, Bob Boroskey, Cecile Szulkowski,  
 Yudoria Victoria, Rudolph Bronson, Misty Bronson, John  
 J Pool, Harper Reneé Reaves, Reneé Hatzold, Ken  
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 Pogar, Rick Stemboriski, Barbara Sarniewicz, Laurie  
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 Melissa Fenlon, Carole Alvino, Carol Woodard, Norma  
 Johns, Richard Andres, Jackie Canton, Rory James,  
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 Jeremie Woodall, Jean Felton, Richard Warren, Susan  
 Cierzynski, Jeanne Bardsley, Long Tran, Jayne Loeb,  
 Bruce Paster, Jack Gallie, Paul Snyder, Suzanne Ross,  
 Roger White, Mary Collins, Marty Nowak, Shawn Nerf,  
 Vincent Scalice, Ana Valdez-Scalice, John Taylor,  
 Andrea Kosar, Nguyen V Xuan, Ilene Smiddy & Family.,  
 Kate Wright, Rosemarie McClave, Carol Heinemann,  
 Anne Davis,  
 Linda Moquin-Ahern, , Regis Johns  
 Veronica Cabrera, Cheryl Comeau*

**...and the deceased of our parish family  
Geraldine Ramos**

**For the month of December, the deceased priests of our  
Diocese are:**

**Dec. 2, 2015 - Msgr. Vidal Arboleda**

**Dec 5, 2008 - Rev. Steven Phillips**

**Dec. 13, 1971 - Msgr. William Mullally**

**Dec, 21, 1997 - Rev. William O'Farrell**

**Dec. 22, 1981 - Rev. Vincent Smith**

**Dec. 22, 2010 - Rev. Gerard Granahan**



### 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)



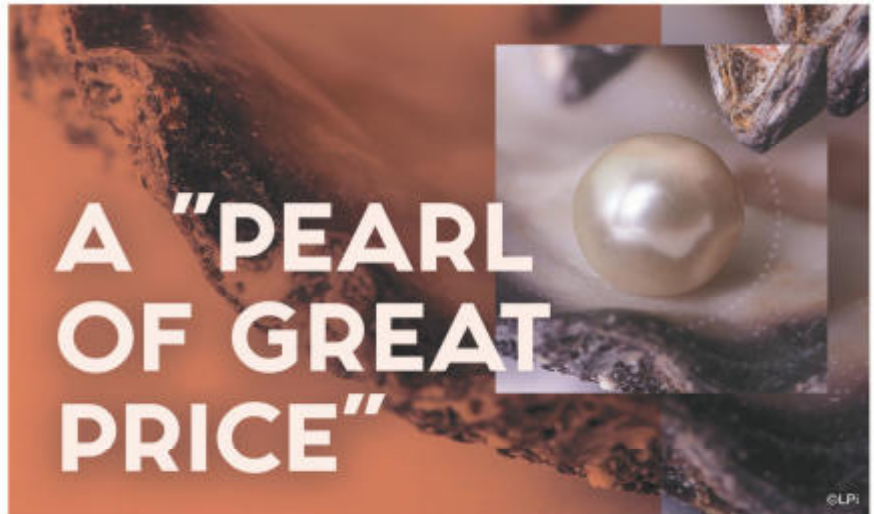
### GOSPEL

The crowds asked John the Baptist,  
"What should we do?" (Lk 3:10)

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## WORSHIP & MEDITATION



### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

*"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)

## WEEKLY PRAYER

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

- Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
- 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
- Next Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

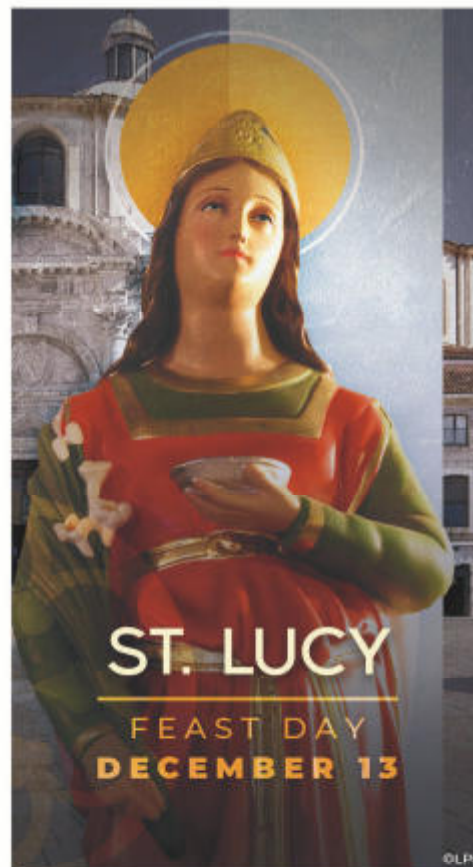
### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2021

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
- Tuesday:** St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent

### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

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!



### SAINT OF THE WEEK

A name that means "light," St. Lucy (283 – 304) is the patron saint of those blind or suffering with eye trouble. Not much is known about her life, except that she was determined to remain a virgin and thus refused marriage. History tells the story of a frustrated suitor who eventually accused St. Lucy of being a Christian (at crime at the time), and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304.

Today, we celebrate a number of traditions that incorporate symbolic meaning of St. Lucy as the "bearer" of light in the darkness of winter. This is particularly seen in Scandinavian countries, with their long dark winters. There, a young girl dressed in a white dress and a red sash (as the symbol of martyrdom) carries palms and wears a crown or wreath of candles on her head. In Denmark, Norway and Sweden, girls dressed as Lucy carry rolls and cookies in procession as songs are sung.

December 12, 2021

**Come and visit the Thrift Store Christmas Shop during the holiday shopping season.** Located behind the Thrift Store, it will be open from November 26th through December 23rd every day except Sundays and Mondays. The hours will be: Tuesday - Friday 12:00 to 4:00 pm; Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Most of your Christmas gift needs can be found at unbelievable prices! The Christmas Shop will be operated by the Knights of Columbus and all proceeds will go directly to the Blessed Sacrament Thrift Store.

## Bingo Winners

Thursday evenings

Early Bird - 5:15

Regular Session - 6:30

**Come Join The Fun!**

Blessed Sacrament's Religious Education classes are proud to present the **Christmas Pageant** on **December 19, 2021** at **3 p.m.**

Participants in the pageant should plan to arrive by 2:30.



**Immediately following will be a potluck dessert.** So, bring your favorite Christmas cookies and join us for a fun filled afternoon to help kick off this blessed season.

### Food Pantry

Our food pantry is open on Fridays from 11am—1:30pm. All donations are welcome (canned goods, non perishable items, etc.). Thank you for your generous donations which can be dropped off in the back of the Church or in the Church Office.

*Christmas*  
MASS BOUQUET



Rejoice in the wonder of His birth  
this Christmas and always

*Fr. Mark, SDS, Dc. Nick, Dc. Bill*

*and*

*Blessed Sacrament Parish*

*Administration Staff*

## Christmas Blessings

**Nov. 28 – Dec. 24, 2021 Advent, Christmas and New Year 2022 Schedule**

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- \*Mon. — Fri.: 7:45am—8:15am
- \*Sat.: 3:30pm—4:15pm
- \*No Confessions on Dec. 24th and 25th

### Holy Masses:

- \*Mon. — Fri.: 8:30am
- \*Sat.: 4:30pm
- \*Sun.: 8:30am & 10:30am
- Dec 8th, Wed.: **Immaculate Conception of BVM**: Mass: 8:30am & 7:00pm
- \*Dec 24th, Fri.: **Christmas Eve**: Masses: 4:30pm & 10:00pm
- \* **Christmas Eve**: Concert of Blessed Sacrament Choir: 9:30pm
- \*Dec 25th, Sat.: **Christmas**: Masses: 8:30am & 10:30am
- \* **Holy Family of Jesus**: Vigil Mass: 4:30pm
- \*Dec 26th, Sun.: **Holy Family of Jesus**: Masses: 8:30am & 10:30am
- \*Dec 31st, Fri.: Mass 8:30am and **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**, Vigil Mass 7:00pm
- \*Jan 01st, 2022, Sat.: **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**, Masses: 8:30am & 10:30am
- \* **Epiphany of the Lord**: Vigil Mass: 4:30pm
- \*Jan 02nd, 2022, Sun.: **Epiphany of the Lord**: Masses: 8:30am & 10:30am

**A Blessed Advent & Christmas to All!**

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