

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020



GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Matt 21:23-27

Tues: Matt 7:18b-23

Wed: Luke 11:28-30

Thurs: Matt 1:1-17

Friday: Matt 1:18-25

"Rejoice always!"

—Thess. 5:17

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; Psalm Luke 1, 46-50, 53-54;

Second Reading: 1 Thess. 5:16-24; Gospel of John 1:6-8, 19-28

"My spirit rejoices in God my Savior!" —Luke 1:47

The words of young Mary rejoicing in God beautifully announces the joyful gift of this *Gaudete* or Rejoice Sunday! Although she faces many difficulties, Mary proclaims the greatness of God and His saving presence accompanying her. Each of our readings this Sunday remind us of the faithfulness of God-with-us. The Lord gives us hope and strength regardless of the pandemic and the many challenges that we face. Like John the Baptist, we cry out in the wilderness proclaiming our faith in the coming of the Lord! We, too, have been called to testify to the light! The light of our Savior's coming among us which shatters all darkness and fear.

Paul urges us this Sunday to "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks." He encourages us to trust in the coming of Jesus by preparing the way of the Lord with joy, prayer and gratitude. We will then be strengthened to fulfill God's dream according to Isaiah—"to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners." *Come, Lord Jesus!*

Maintaining God's House 23rd Week of Construction

Many trades were busy this week - electricians, sheet metal workers, painters, and carpenters. Extensive interior electrical work is making solid progress, and ductwork for both HVAC and restroom ventilation has been installed. Priming and painting newly constructed wood exterior surfaces has also been mostly completed. Painting of stucco exterior areas on new hall and church front will come later. Details regarding our remodeled kitchen's furnishings (sinks, dishwasher) were also concluded.

Winter Weather Advisory

- ✝ Check the weather report before coming to Mass.
- ✝ Dress accordingly.
- ✝ Consider bringing a blanket if it's especially cold.
- ✝ Please don't feel obligated to come to Mass if you have concerns. You will be missed, but it might be wise for you to watch a live streamed Mass.

Hope's Pantry

Our Hope's Pantry assists individuals and families in need of food every Wednesday at 10 am.



Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24 at 4:30 pm

Christmas Morning, Friday, Dec. 25 at 10:00 am



You are invited next Sunday to bring a hand-made or other family ornament to share with our parish community. The ornaments, representing our families, will be placed on our live Christmas tree and returned following the Christmas Season. Our tree will be planted in memory of those who have died from the COVID-19 virus. May these final days of Advent and the Christmas Season unite us with all who have suffered greatly during this difficult time.

Pope Francis proclaims "Year of Saint Joseph"

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart") Pope Francis describes St. Joseph as a beloved, tender, loving, obedient, accepting, creatively courageous, working father, a father in the shadows. The letter marks the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of Saint Joseph," which began on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2020 and extend until December 8, 2021.



Lectio Divina for the Third Week of Advent

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Prayer:

Incline a merciful ear to our cry, we pray, O Lord, and, casting light on the darkness of our hearts, visit us with the grace of your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Reading: Read **John 1:6-8, 19-28** two or three times.

Meditation: After the reading, take time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

What word or words in this passage caught your attention? What in this passage comforted you? What in this passage challenged you?

Prayer: Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Contemplation: Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection—What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

“He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.” How do I share my faith with the people around me? What things keep me from sharing my faith?

I am “the voice of one crying out in the desert.” When have my efforts to share my faith felt futile? How does God support me when I am discouraged?

“There is one among you whom you do not recognize.” When have I encountered Jesus in disguise? When have I failed to recognize Jesus in my life?

After a period of silent reflection:

Recite the Lord’s prayer and the Psalm for this Sunday, Luke 1:46-50, 53-54

Living the Word This Week:

How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.” —Philippians 4:4-5

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Available in our Saint Francis Prayer Garden by appointment at 659-2224.

Weekly Offertory Report 12/6/20

Offertory \$1,886; Special Christmas \$10,000; Other \$120; Total \$12,006.

Mass Intentions - Dec. 13-19, 2020

Sun	10:00 am	+John Nissen
	12:00 pm	+George Peterson
Wed	12:00 pm	Families of the Parish
Thur	12:00 pm	Sick and Homebound of the Parish
Fri	12:00 pm	Victims of COVID-19



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Isaías 61:1-2, 10-11; Salmo Lucas 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Tes. 5:16-24; San Juan 1:6-8; 19-28

El profeta Isaías nos describe la misión para la cual Dios lo unge, anunciar la buena nueva a los pobres, curar a los de corazón quebrantado, etc. Es la misma misión de Cristo y de cada uno de nosotros como bautizados.



Misas de la Navidad:

El jueves, 24 de diciembre, 4:30 pm

El viernes, 25 de diciembre, 10:00 am



Todos están invitados a traer un adorno hecho a mano o un adorno sencillo de familia el domingo próximo para compartir con nuestra comunidad parroquial. Los adornos, representando nuestras familias, decorarán el árbol de Navidad y serán regresados después de la Navidad. Plantaremos el árbol en memoria de las personas que han muerto del virus de COVID-19. Que estos días de Adviento nos unan con todos que han sufrido durante la pandemia.

Papa Francisco declara el año 2021 el año de San José

Con motivo del 150 aniversario de la Declaración de San José como Patrono de la Iglesia Universal
Con corazón de padre: así José amó a Jesús, llamado en los cuatro Evangelios “el hijo de José.” Sabemos que fue un humilde carpintero, desposado con María; un “hombre justo,” siempre dispuesto a hacer la voluntad de Dios manifestada en su ley y a través de los cuatro sueños que tuvo. El año de San José comenzó el 8 de diciembre de 2020 y concluirá el 8 de diciembre de 2021.



Dispensa de Hope’s Pantry

Todos están invitados cada miércoles a las 10:00 am.

“Vivan siempre alegres, oren sin cesar, den gracias en toda ocasión.” —1Tes 5:16

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel is a warm and welcoming Catholic Community that serves the Gospel with deep faith, hope and love as a living and Spirit-filled witness to the Heart of Jesus present and alive in Carmel Valley.

Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo es una cálida y acogedora comunidad Católica que sirve el Evangelio con profunda fe, esperanza y amor como testigo vivo y lleno del Espíritu del Corazón de Jesús presente y vivo en el Valle del Carmel.

Pastor: Father Dennis Gallo

Special Mass Schedule

Sunday: 10 am and 12 Noon

Weekday Masses: Wednesday - Friday, 12 Noon

Special Reconciliation Schedule

By appointment in the Parish Office

Office Hours

Wednesday through Friday
9 am – 12 pm; 2 – 4 pm

Parish Ministries

Pastoral Council: Adele Margolis, *Chair*,
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Faith Formation:

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Patricia Merrifield, Kim Hlasny

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Sam Klemek, David Warner

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