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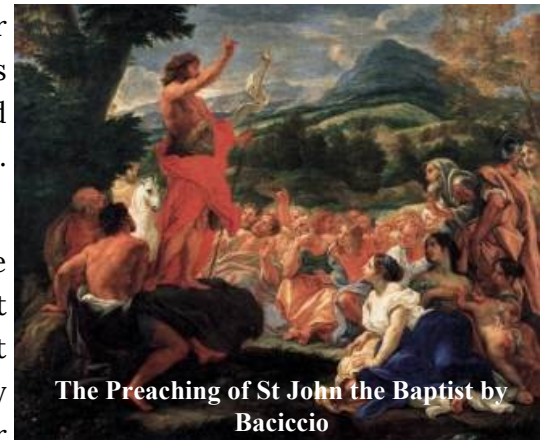
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DEC. 15TH, 2024 "REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS"

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.



The Preaching of St John the Baptist by Baciccio

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

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MASS INTENTIONS

December 14th - 22nd 2024

Sat. Vigil Dec. 14th 4:30:

- **Health of Jim Shakal**

Sun. Dec. 15th 9:00

+ **Joaquim Marques Morgadinho**

11:00: - **People of the Parish.**

Wed. Dec. 18th 12:00: + **Missy Read**

Thu. Dec. 19th 12:00: + **Mary Shannon**

Fri. Dec. 20th 12:00: + **Joseph Kane**

Sat. Dec. 21st 4:30: + **Jo Ellen Lee**

Sun. Dec. 22th 9:00: - **Unt. Jim Rice (Birthday)**

11:00: + **Rosa Palma Morales**

**MAY THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD,
REST IN PEACE. AMEN**

WEEKLY COLLECTION

DECEMBER 7TH & 8TH: **\$2,822.18**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, DEC. 9TH: **\$157.00**

MILLE GRAZIE RAY LUCIDO & TEAM



Last Friday, many parishioners and their friends enjoyed an elegant and delicious ‘Boun Natale’ dinner in our beautifully decorated parish hall. It was a joyous evening with the sounds of happy conversation and laughter filling the room. We are ever so grateful to Ray Lucido (Head Cook), who has graced us five times with his Sicilian family’s Christmas tradition. This generous and loving man, an immigrant at age 18 from Sicily, and a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish since 1971, has spent his life dedicated to service. Whether it be for Little League, Rotary, Carmel Valley Fire Department, or our own little church, he loves to be a volunteer. Ray’s motto is “Service to humanity is the best work in life.”



Ray learned to make these traditional Italian recipes from his grandmother and his mother in the tiny village of Isola Delle Femmine while still a young boy. He first made Cannoli when he was just 15. In the United States of America, he continued this lovely tradition, and continues to make all the dishes each Christmas for his dear wife Pat, their son Sal, and extended family.

Mr. Lucido credits Berni Aliotti for making it possible for him to cook this dinner. About her he says, “Berni is just terrific! And she has an excellent team of volunteers.” These dinners take weeks of planning and shopping, days of cooking prep, setting up and decorating. Thanks to Berni, it is a well-oiled operation. Ray also has high praise for his kitchen staff, many who have worked with him for years cooking the Lenten dinners. Big thanks to ALL who participated in the creation of this beautiful event by offering their time, their skills and talents and their dedication to our Parish Community.



Ray tells us this was his last Buon Natale dinner. At age 82, he feels it’s time to step down and pass the torch. A huge *Mille Grazie* to him for all the wonderful meals and great memories he’s given us, his home parish family.



EVENT CALENDAR

Sun. Dec. 15th 6:30pm **First Posada in the Church. Dec. 16th—22nd Posadas in Cachagua at 6:30pm.**

Poinsettias Donations Dec: 15th-22nd.

Sun. Dec. 23rd 12 noon Altar decorations for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon. Dec. 23rd:

6:30pm **Misa de Navidad en Cachagua.**

Tue. Dec. 24th:

4:30pm **Christmas Eve Children Mass.**

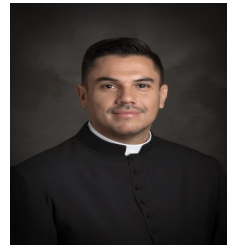
Wed. Dec. 25th: 10am: **Christmas Day Mass**

Office Closed: Dec. 25th 2024—Jan. 5th 2025.

Wed. Jan. 1st 2024. **Mary Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation),**
12 Noon English Mass

Sun. Jan. 2025. **Solmenity of the Epiphany of the Lord.**

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST'S DESK...





Dear Parishioner and Friends of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. We celebrated Immaculate Conception this past Monday December 9th praying for the United States of America as She is our Patroness. On Thursday December 12th our Hispanic Community venerate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with Aztec Dancing, Mariachis and a Convivio Celebration. We celebrate the maternal intercession of Our Lady in every advocacy that we have in the Church.

This Third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete" Sunday: Latin for 'Joy'. Let us meditate together the meaning of this fruit of the Holy Spirit in our weekend Masses. Shalom Fr. Jhonnatan.


SPAIN PILGRIMAGE
11 DAYS: SEPTEMBER 15-25, 2025

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III DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO—DEC. 15ST, 2024 ALÉGRENSE SIEMPRE EN EL SEÑOR

En la lectura del Evangelio de hoy, la multitud le pide detalles a Juan el Bautista. ¿Qué evidencia de arrepentimiento se requiere? Juan responde nombrando acciones concretas: las multitudes deberían compartir su comida y sus mantos; los recaudadores de impuestos deben ser justos; Los soldados deben actuar de manera justa. La preocupación por la justicia es un sello distintivo del evangelio de Lucas.

Cuando la multitud comienza a preguntarse si Juan el Bautista podría ser el Mesías, Juan interpreta su bautismo y deja claro que su ministerio es una preparación para el Mesías. Juan el Bautista conoce su lugar y papel en el plan de salvación de Dios. Al alentar a la multitud a actuar de manera similar de acuerdo con su posición en la vida, la enseñanza de Juan sugiere que cada persona tiene un papel que desempeñar en la salvación de Dios. Es el gran misterio de nuestra salvación que Dios permite e incluso pide la cooperación humana en sus planes divinos.

El tercer domingo de Adviento también se llama Domingo de Gaudete. Gaudete es una palabra latina que significa "alegrarse". Este nombre está tomado de la antifona de entrada a la misa del domingo, que también se repite en la segunda lectura de hoy de la carta de Pablo a los Filipenses. Algunas personas celebran este domingo encendiendo una vela rosa en lugar de una violeta en su corona de Adviento. Es un recordatorio de que la temporada de Adviento es una temporada de alegría porque nuestra salvación ya está cerca.





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SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 AM in English,

Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month

1:00 pm in the Church.

4th Saturday of the month at 7:00pm in Cachagua.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:

1:00 pm—3:00 pm.

Sundays: 10:00 am—11:00 am.

“At the heart of silence is prayer. At the heart of prayer is faith. At the heart of faith is life. At the heart of life is service.” St. Teresa of Avila

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