

The *Jewel* of Little Italy
Our Lady of the Rosary
Italian National Parish



3rd Sunday of Advent Prayer

O God, who see how your people
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,
enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great
a salvation and to celebrate them always with
solemn worship and glad rejoicing.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who
lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



Rejoice

*"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices
in God my Savior;*

Luke 1:46-47

Today is known as Gaudete—Rejoice—Sunday, the day's Latin nickname is taken from today's ancient official Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." The optional rose vestments—reminiscent of winter's early morning skies as the solstice draws near, the festal organ music, the floral arrangements, all these ancient traditions together with the antiphon are meant to anticipate, in sight and sound, the soon-to-break-upon-us Christmas joy. How well today's scriptures illustrate the struggle between Advent's contrasting moods: "joyful expectation" in light of Christ's nativity, and "serious repentance" inspired by John the Baptist's preaching, reminding us that Christ's next coming—at death or at the end of time—will be for judgment as well as redemption.

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Mission Statement of Our Lady of the Rosary

We, the Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, are a pilgrim church. Under the mantle of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we grow as a people of God following Jesus, celebrating the Eucharist, living apostolic service, continuing faith formation and Marian devotions.

We strive to bring the joy of the gospel and imitate Jesus through compassion, mercy and love, especially for the poor and marginalized. We seek to be faithful stewards providing a heart and home for all.

Mass Times

Daily Mass

Monday to Saturday

7:30 am (live streamed)
& 12:00 pm

Saturday Vigil

5:30 pm

Sunday

7:30 am*, 9:00 am, 10:30
am* 12:00 pm (Italian)
*(live streamed)
5:30 pm (Latin)

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The New Piazza View Nativity



In the early planning stages of the piazza; it was decided a nativity would be needed to complete the true feel of an Italian piazza. Upon completion of the piazza in March of 2018 the proper placement of the nativity was still undecided.

In the Summer of the same year, the new gift shop was completed. The raised balcony on the corner of Date and Columbia proved to be a perfect location

for this very special nativity. Before Fr. Joe could begin his search for the right nativity, he had to focus on the restoration of the church.

The church was complete, and the new year was ahead, Fr. Joe made 2021, the year he was going to bring the joy of Christmas to the piazza. He began his search in Italy with the hopes the set would come from Italy to Little Italy, however none proved to be the perfect nativity.

Determined this would be the year he set out looking all over the world. He was given a lead in Mexico. After several trips to Mexico with the help of the Sgalio family, he found the right one. The set was custom made for Our Lady of the Rosary and delivered a few weeks ago. (Please note there are not smaller versions of the nativity available to purchase in the gift shop.)

Fr. Joe and the Little Italy Association decided to debut the nativity at the Christmas Tree Lighting on December 4, 2021. A very determined Fr. Joe got fast to work to build the platform for the scene. He spent the last two weeks and many trips to Home Depot to get it just right. One evening the Martin's were walking by as Fr. Joe was constructing the manger scene on the corner. They asked Father if he needed any straw for the baby. One morning a few days prior to the big day, they delivered to Fr. Joe an eighty-pound bale of straw for the scene. He finished the final details with assistance of the parish staff the morning of the big debut.

From the main stage located in front of the fountain, Marco Li Mandri announced the nativity was in place and completed the piazza. In front of thousands, he proclaimed the beauty of the nativity and invited everyone to go see it. It was a grand debut for our King.

Our Lady of the Rosary has given large visual symbol and proclamation of God's love for the world; especially the community of Little Italy. Our small sacrifice on tradition, has given the best gift of all, Jesus Christ the only reason for the season.

CONFESSION

Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
11:00 am to 11:30 am



Please Pray for
Sibel Aydemir

On Tuesday, December 14, 2021.
Sibel will be entering into the religious life with the Hermits of St Mary of Carmel, in Houston Minnesota

Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:30 PM

VIGIL

8:00 PM

LATIN

11:30 PM
CAROLING

MIDNIGHT MASS

12:00 AM

CHRISTMAS DAY

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

10:30 AM

12:00 PM

NO 5:30PM VIGIL



SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Dec 12: 3rd Sunday of Advent
Dec 13: St Lucy
Dec 14: St. John of the Cross
Dec 16: Las Posadas begins
Dec 19: 4th Sunday of Advent
Dec 24: Christmas Eve
Dec 25: Christmas Day

Our Lady's Gifts

Monday to Saturday
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Tuesday: Closed

Sunday

8:30 am to 1:00 pm
8:30 am or the finish of the 7:30 am Mass

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Classes are held every
Tuesday evening
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
through June 7, 2022.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

December 12 - December 19

Sunday, December 12: Zep 3:14-18a;
Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Monday, December 13: Nm 24:2-7,
15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt
21:23-27

Tuesday, December 14: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13;
Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt
21:28-32

Wednesday, December 15: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday, December 16: Is 54:1-10;
Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday, December 17: Gn 49:2, 8-10;
Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Saturday, December 18: Jer 23:5-8;
Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Sunday, December 19: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps
80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10;
Lk 1:39-45

Mass Intentions

WEEK OF DECEMBER 12 - DECEMBER 18

Sunday, December 12

7:30 am Tevita Daunibau † Sibel Aydemir
9:00 am People of the Parish
10:30 am Vito DeMaria †
12:00 pm Societa del Santo Rosario Society
5:30 pm Dr. Vipond † C. Martin

Monday, December 13

7:30 am Jeremy G. Sanchez (Int) Carolina Sanchez
12:00 pm Pasquale LoCoco † Lia Crivello

Tuesday, December 14

7:30 am Roselyn LoCoco † Antoinette & Sharon Silva
12:00 pm George Driscoll † Shirley Pearson

Wednesday, December 15

7:30 am McKenna & Kaden Douglas † Mark & Melanie Deiro
12:00 pm Laurie Massa † Adeline Massa

Thursday, December 16

7:30 am Vince Giacalone † Carmella & Family
12:00 pm Roselyn Lo Coco † Pasquale & Catherine LoCoco

Friday, December 17

7:30 am Pasquale LoCoco † Suli Crivello
12:00 pm Vincenzo Filippone † Maria Filippone & Family

Saturday, December 18

7:30 am Perpetual Membership
12:00 pm Frances Sardina † Dorothy Skrobala
Mariano & Agata Crivello † Anna Maria Buscemi
5:30 pm Tony & Rose Bernadino † Jack & Chandra Pecoraro

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation.

— Isaiah 12:3



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“Let us rejoice in the lot that is
ours! Let us give and give again,
and give royally, never forgetting
that Our Beloved is a hidden
Treasure which few souls know
how to find.”

—*St. Therese of Lisieux*

Advent at Home



“And you will have joy and
gladness, and many will
rejoice at his birth.”

The Gospel of St. Luke 1:14

Why is rose used during Advent in the Advent wreath and vestments?

Advent is a time of penance, and so the ordinary liturgical color for Advent is violet. On the third Sunday of Advent, which is also called Gaudete (Latin: “Rejoice”) Sunday, we recognize the joyful anticipation of the season that will culminate in the birth of Christ on Christmas by changing the liturgical color to rose. Rose is a “brightening” of the ordinary violet and thus symbolizes joy.

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What is Las Posadas



Las Posadas, (Spanish: “The Inns”) religious festival celebrated in Mexico and some parts of the United States between December 16 and 24. Las Posadas commemorates the journey that Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a safe refuge where Mary could give birth to the baby Jesus. When they were

unable to find lodging in Bethlehem, Joseph and Mary were forced to seek shelter in a stable, where the Christ Child was born. Las Posadas is celebrated from Wednesday, December 16 to Thursday, December 24.

Las Posadas is celebrated in cities and towns across Mexico. Each evening during the festival, a small child dressed as an angel leads a procession through the streets of the town. The procession is primarily made up of children dressed in silver and gold robes carrying lit candles and images of Mary and Joseph riding a donkey. Adults, including musicians, follow the procession, which visits selected homes and asks for lodging for Joseph and Mary. Traditionally, the procession is always refused lodging, though the hosts often provide refreshments. At each stop, passages of scripture are read and Christmas carols are sung.

Mass is held each day after the procession, and, at the conclusion of the service, children break open piñatas filled with candy, toys, and, occasionally, money. The piñatas are usually crafted in the form of a star, which is said to have guided the three wise men of biblical tradition to the newborn Jesus. - “Las Posadas”. Encyclopedia Britannica.



Week 3

The Symbolism of the Third Candle of Advent



The third candle symbolizes joy and is called the "Shepherd's Candle." To the shepherd's great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too. In liturgy, the color rose signifies joy. This candle is colored pink to represent joyfulness and rejoicing.



Gospel Summary

In today's Gospel reading, those in the crowd, tax collectors, and soldiers all ask John the Baptist what they should do. In each response, and according to each group's circumstance, John emphasizes keeping or taking only what is needed or prescribed. John also makes it clear to all that the Christ for whom they have been waiting is yet to come.

Reflection for Parents

This Gospel highlights several Christian values that are learned in the home—generosity, fairness, truthfulness, and contentment with what you have. Take some time today to think about each of these values. How are your children learning these values through your example? How can you make these values more a part of your family life as Christmas nears?

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

At this halfway point in Advent, choose as a family one way you can share what you have with others. Perhaps you can donate gently used coats and sweaters or new hats and mittens to a local shelter. If your parish food pantry is in need of donations, go grocery shopping and help meet the need for food. If you are a musically gifted family, plan to carol in your neighborhood or at a local care facility.

Discussion Starters

- Something that I have more than enough of is . . .
- I can share the extra that I have with . . .
- Something that is hard for me to share is . . .

Prayer

Sit for a moment in silence.

Light three candles and sit for a moment in silence.

Christ our Joy,
Brighten our homes with your presence,
Clarify our vision so that we might see you in the people we cherish.
Make every holiday activity an opportunity to spread your light and love
We await your coming with delight.

Amen.



Advent Prayer

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail.
Amen.





Prayers for the Sick

Deacon Stephen
 Shirley Pearson
 Georgina "Gigi" Lyon
 Carole Oueijan
 Trish Guidi
 Vincent Coppola
 Lisa Uribe
 Luis Benitez
 Rosie Stanley
 Hector & Patricia Serano
 Xavier Tan
 Debbie Thompson
 Luis Benitez, Jr.
 Michela Johansson
 Giuseppe Scire-Cireneco



2021
 Father Joe's Villages
 Wish List

Our Lady of the Rosary

Giving Tree

Instructions

- Select item(s) from the "Wish List" you would like to donate. All items are new and unused.
- Wrap Gifts
- Label the package with the contents. (make sure the label will be secure to the package)
- Deliver to the Church

**Next Sunday
 December 19
 is the last day!**



CATHOLIC CORNER

GAUDETE!

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete, the Latin word meaning "Rejoice!" Today's readings contain many words with the same meaning as "rejoice." They are printed here. Color and decorate them so they really represent rejoicing.

Why do we rejoice this day? Because Christmas is almost here!

The priest wears rose-colored vestments at Mass today.

We light the third candle on the Advent wreath, the pink one, to remind us that now there is more light than darkness.

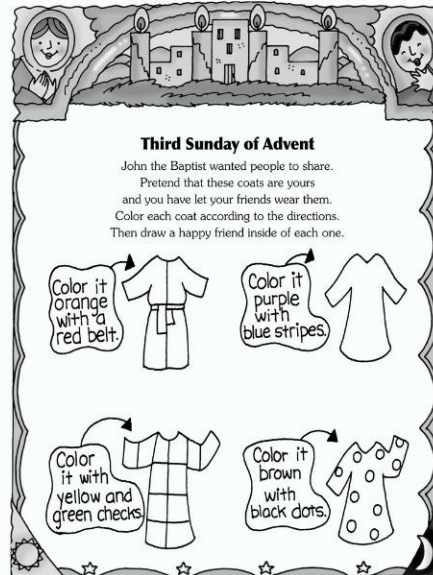
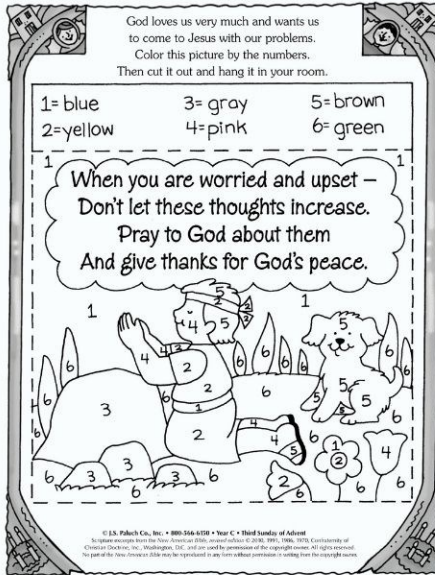
Christ our Light will soon be here!

Sing Joyfully

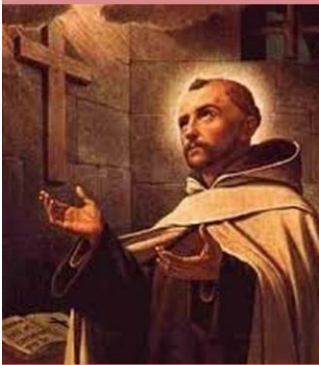
Be Glad Exult

Shout for Joy

Cry out with Joy



St. John of the Cross'
"Prayer of Peace"
to calm your mind



St. John of the Cross
Feast Day: December 14

John is a saint because his life was a heroic effort to live up to his name: "of the Cross." The folly of the cross came to full realization in time. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34b) is the story of John's life. The Paschal Mystery—through death to life—strongly marks John as reformer, mystic-poet, and theologian-priest.

Ordained a Carmelite priest in 1567 at age 25, John met Teresa of Avila and like her, vowed himself to the primitive Rule of the Carmelites. As partner with Teresa and in his own right, John engaged in the work of reform, and came to experience the price of reform: increasing opposition,

misunderstanding, persecution, imprisonment. He came to know the cross acutely—to experience the dying of Jesus—as he sat month after month in his dark, damp, narrow cell with only his God.

Yet, the paradox! In this dying of imprisonment John came to life, uttering poetry. In the darkness of the dungeon, John's spirit came into the Light. There are many mystics, many poets; John is unique as mystic-poet, expressing in his prison-cross the ecstasy of mystical union with God in the Spiritual Canticle.

But as agony leads to ecstasy, so John had his Ascent to Mt. Carmel, as he named it in his prose masterpiece. As man-Christian-Carmelite, he experienced in himself this purifying ascent; as spiritual director, he sensed it in others; as psychologist-theologian, he described and analyzed it in his prose writings. His prose works are outstanding in underscoring the cost of discipleship, the path of union with God: rigorous discipline, abandonment, purification. Uniquely and strongly John underlines the gospel paradox: The cross leads to resurrection, agony to ecstasy, darkness to light, abandonment to possession, denial to self to union with God. If you want to save your life, you must lose it. John is truly "of the Cross." He died at 49—a life short, but full. - Franciscan Media

O Blessed Jesus, grant me stillness of soul in Thee. Let Thy mighty calmness reign in me. Rule me, O thou King of gentleness, King of peace. Give me control, control over my words, thoughts and actions. From all irritability, want of meekness, want of gentleness, O dear Lord, deliver me. By thine own deep patience give me patience, stillness of soul in Thee. Make me in this, and in all, more and more like Thee.

Amen.

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