

DID YOU KNOW?



The Third Sunday of Advent is always known as “Gaudete Sunday.” “Gaudete” (pronounced, gau-day-tay) is Latin for “rejoice,” and the name for the day is taken from the entrance antiphon of the Mass, which is:

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.”

Indeed, the Lord is near—in the celebration of the birth of Jesus next week, but also every day in the gathering of the assembly for Mass, the proclamation of the Word, and the celebration of the Eucharist. Indeed, the Lord is more near to us than we are to ourselves, living with us, in us, and through us by virtue of our baptism.

On Gaudete Sunday, the rose-colored candle (representing joy) is lit on the Advent Wreath, and the priest has the option of wearing rose or violet vestments.

Rejoice! The Lord is with you; and with your spirit.