

“the coming of the Lord is at hand”

Jas 5:8c



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The Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 PM is
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then posted on olbh.org.

Imagine you lived at the time of the early church, shortly after Jesus' resurrection and ascension into heaven. What was life like? What were the early leaders of the Church telling you? Imagine being so full of joyful anticipation for the return of Jesus, you sold everything you had and gave it to the early Christian community you joined. At that time, many of the Christians believed Jesus would return soon, very soon. And in the year 2022, we are still waiting. As I prayed with the scriptures before the Blessed Sacrament during adoration, I somewhat chuckled when 2 Peter 3:8 came to mind, "with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day." So, for God, it might only be a couple days since Jesus walked on the earth.

The season of Advent is a time of preparation, preparing for the coming of Jesus. While we most commonly think about celebrating his incarnation, his taking on human form and coming as a baby in the past, it is also about his coming again in the future. And just as a child is filled with excitement, hardly able to wait for the coming of Christmas and the gifts to be received, or parents in joyful anticipation of the birth of a child, we too should look forward with just as much excitement and joyful anticipation of the second coming of Jesus.

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. It comes from the first word in the Entrance Antiphon, which is rarely heard in most parishes, comes from Philippians 4:5, "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." In other words, we are to rejoice. Unfortunately, in our world, being joyful at this time of the year can be difficult. For some, this will be the first Christmas season after the death of a loved one. For others, they are dealing with health issues, or one of many other things. And with shopping and baking and parties to attend, it can be an exhausting time. But the Church wants to remind us we are to be filled with excitement and joyful anticipation.

So, over these final two full weeks of the Advent Season, spend some time in joyful expectation of Jesus' second coming. Take some time to talk to Jesus. Take a break from the worries and cares of the world, to spend at least a few minutes in adoration or before the Blessed Sacrament, reading scripture, visiting friends and family, enjoying a treat or two. Allow yourself an opportunity to experience a foretaste of the joy God is planning for us in eternal life. In other words, "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice."

Deacon Greg Serviam



NATIONAL

Eucharistic Revival

Prayer for the Revival

My God, I believe, I adore,
I hope and I love You! I
beg pardon for those who do
not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You.
Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore
You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body,
Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all
the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the
outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is
offended. And, through the infinite merits of the
Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of
Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners.

Our Lady of Fatima

Advent Group Reconciliations

Sturgis, St. Francis, Sunday, December 11th, 2 PM

Rapid City, Blessed Sacrament, Mercy Night,
Thursday, December 15th, 4-7 PM

Rapid City, St. Isaac Jogues, Thursday, December
15th, 6 PM

Rapid City, St. Therese, Mercy Night, Tuesday,
December 20th, 5-7 PM

Volunteer Ushers Needed for funeral Masses

*"Do to others whatever you would
have them do to you." Mt 7:12*

Call the office, 605-787-5168, to volunteer.

Christmas Caroling

Join us for Christmas
Caroling on Thursday,
December 22nd. We will
meet at the Church at 4
PM for caroling and will
meet back at the Church at for cookies and cocoa at 6
PM. All ages and abilities are welcome. Please call the
office for details or to let us know you are coming, 605-
787-5168.



St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Cookie Sale

The SVdP Christmas cookie sale will be **December 17-18, 2022**. If you would like to donate treats please
have them at the Church on Friday, December 16th or
by 9 AM on Saturday, December 17th.



Aquam in Vinum Amicus (Ava)

Water into Wine with Friends

**Fr. Andrzej, Deacon John and Joni Osnes,
Phillip and Teresa Thompson invite you to a**

Wine and Cheese party

Saturday, December 17th | 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

Child care provided



The Giving Tree

Please take a tag from the giving tree and return it
UNwrapped by Monday, **December 12th**. These
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Order by
December 11th

Pick up December 18th between Masses

Christmas Mass

Saturday, December 24
4 PM & 8 PM

Sunday, December 25
8 & 11 AM



All are welcome.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

Tuesday, December 13

SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN, MARTYR

8 AM Mass for All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, December 14

SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST, AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8 AM Mass for Karyn Seymour

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

5:30-6:30 PM Confessions

6:15-7:30 PM Faith Formation

Thursday, December 15

8 AM Mass for the repose of Marjorie Waits

9 AM 'Just' Men's Bible Study

9 AM Lector Bible Study

6 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday, December 16

8 AM Mass at OLBH for the repose of Matt Torrez

8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton for the repose of Richard Thomas

Saturday, December 17

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass for the repose of Raymond Sass

St. Vincent de Paul Bake Sale

Wine and Cheese

Sunday, December 18

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8 AM Mass for the community of Our Lady of the Black hills and our Sister Parishes at Bull Head, Kenel, and McLaughlin

St. Vincent de Paul Bake Sale

9:30-10:45 AM Faith Formation

11 AM Mass for the repose of Edward Vinton

St. Vincent de Paul Bake Sale

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

12/17 SATURDAY 5 PM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Meaghan Allen (lead)
Stella Curtis and Jayce Blaha

Lectors: Johnathan Allen (1st)
Teresa Thompson (2nd)

Hospitality: Connie and James Johns

Sacristan: Joe and Linda Schacher

Eucharistic Minister – Deacon John Osnes

12/18 SUNDAY 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Freddy Weishaar (lead)
Talia Edwards

Lectors: Brenda Flottmeyer (1st)
Joyce Williamson (2nd)

Hospitality: Barb and Mike Coyle

Sacristan: Barb and Gary Erickson

Eucharistic Minister – Body: Deacon John Osnes

12/18 SUNDAY 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Mya Lyon (lead)
Dakota Lyon and Robby Thompson

Lectors: LaChel McCollar (1st)
Laura Varilek (2nd)

Hospitality: Bernadette and John Usera

Sacristan: Emma and Bruce Lehman

Eucharistic Minister – Body: Deacon John Osnes

STEWARDSHIP

| "All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17) | | | |
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| December 3-4, 2022 | | | |
| | Automatic | Basket | Total |
| Adopt a Seminarian | 54 | 75 | 129 |
| Sunday Collection | 2,759 | 4,843 | 7,601 |
| Rectory | - | - | - |
| Mass Intention | - | - | - |
| Fall Festival | | | 165 |
| Christmas Flowers | | - | 130 |
| Steubenville | | | 675 |
| Total Contribution | 2,813 | 4,918 | 8,700.42 |

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PRAYER MINISTRIES

PRAYER CHAIN To add an intention to our OLBH prayer chain text Shanesa Rhodes at 605-786-4240 or email her at shanesarhodes@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS To request a Mass Intention please fill out the envelope on the back counter of the Narthex or call Katie in the office at 605-787-5168.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY To obtain a prayer shawl, contact the office at 605-787-5168.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND If you or family member are sick at home or in the hospital and you would like communion from a priest or lay extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, please call the office at 605-787-5168.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK If you or a family member has been diagnosed with an illness, are preparing for surgery, or in the case of serious illness, please call the office to request the sacrament at 605-787-5168.

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR DECEMBER

Pope's Intention: For volunteer, not-for-profit organizations. We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.

Monday: ZEC 2:14-17; JUDITH 13:18BCDE, 19; LK 1:26-38

Tuesday: ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13; PS 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 AND 23; MT 21:28-32

Wednesday: IS 45:6C-8, 18, 21C-25; PS 85:9AB AND 10, 11-12, 13-14; LK 7:18B-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; PS 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; PS 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

NECROLOGY

To remember in prayer for the repose of their souls those whose deaths are recorded in the parish; and the bishops, priests, and deacons that served in the Diocese of Rapid City. We pray for:

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| December 12 | Rev. Matthias Schmitt, S.J. (1936) Mary V. Keller (1986) |
| December 13 | Most Rev. Harold J. Dimmerling (1987) |
| December 14 | Rev. John J. Groell (1955) |
| December 15 | Elisa Maria Chedel (2016) |
| December 17 | Rev. Michael S. Roach (1989) Harold A. Swallow (1998) |
| December 18 | Rev. Albert Grueter, S.J. (1967) |

PRAYER REQUESTS**FOR OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND**

Call 605-787-5168 to add a name to the prayer list. These individuals are in special need of your prayers. We pray for Edwin and Omel Weaver (parents of Bob Weaver), Blanche Rieth, Jean Schacher, Bernard Wiehl, Sid and Mary Ann Pulaski, Marjorie Lee, Jeff Feist, Vickie Crowley, Cap Holzer, Linda Schacher, Joyce Kinney, Tony Corbine, Joe George, Tim Curns, Dean Antonsen, Cathy Luedtke, Karen and Frank Weyrich (sister and brother-in-law of Marcia Senn), Jim O'Dea (father of Holly Phillips), Carol Michaelson (mother of Linda Schacher), Joyce DePaulo, John Mizenko Sr., Norbert Liebig, The Nally Family, Jean Scheope, Ruth O'Neil, Jasper Wermers (grandson of Doug and Peggy), Tim Keller (son-in-law of the Holzers), Craig Lindemann (uncle of Maggie Whiteside), Kevin and Julie Spors, Barb Coyle, Crescencia Yanez (aunt of Brenda Mizenko), Lisa Yantes (DeWayne and Helen's daughter), Iris Overholt, Erica Anderson, Greta (granddaughter of Dcn John and Joni), Joe Vetch, Lori Moore, Lenny Tellefson, Mary-Elizabeth Crane (sister of Sheila Keeler), Mary Antonsen, Blondie Wagner (mother of Joni Osnes), Scotty Hudson, Sheila Keeler

FOR THE DECEASED We pray for the repose of Marie Ptacek (mother of Richard Ptacek, and Les Bedney (mother of Marie Langfeldt)

Welcome Visitors!

We hope you have enjoyed sharing in the celebration of the Mass with us. Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, coming to visit, or returning after a long break, welcome to our parish family. Please come again! We have opportunities for all ages and stages of faith. Please pick up a welcome packet from the counter in the gathering space. If you are passing through, we hope you will call our parish your "home away from home" and visit again soon!

Request a Mass Intention

Whenever a priest celebrates Mass, he has at least two specific intentions. The first intention is to celebrate the Mass according to the rubrics the Church provided for how to say the Mass. The second is to apply the grace of that Mass toward a specific need or intention. Intentions can be for a person or a specific need. They can also be for the deceased.

Call OLBH at 605-787-5168 or fill out the envelope on the back counter of the gathering space.

Attention Santa's Helpers!

Chef Jeff at Terra Sancta Retreat Center invites you to a Christmas Cookie Class! From the Baker's Bench, a son of the carpenter, this is the first of a series of cooking/baking classes we hope to offer in the coming months. Come mix, make, and decorate your Christmas cookies in the kitchen at Terra Sancta Retreat Center with Chef Jeff! We will make decorated Sugar Cookies, Icebox Cookies, Ginger Snap Cookies, and piped Butter Tea Cookies! Kids (10 years and older) with a parent/adult welcome! Classes are small (10-12 students) and group participation encouraged. Register today! \$30 per adult (kids 10-15 free with parent). Register on-line at: <http://terrasancta.org/bbChristmas>. Class will be from 12pm-3pm on Wednesday, December 21 OR join us on Thursday, December 22 at Terra Sancta Retreat Center, 2101 City Springs Rd, Rapid City, SD. Questions? Call 605-716-0925 or email stay@terrasancta.org.

Marriage Matters Weekend

Saturday-Sunday, February 18-19, 2023, Catholic Social Services in partnership with Family Life Ministries presents this weekend retreat for married couples (optional Friday night arrival). Terra Sancta, 2101 City Springs Rd, Rapid City, SD 57702. RSVP: <https://terrasancta.org/event/marriage-matters-7/> or 605-716-0925.

Returning Catholics

Monday, January 9, 2023, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. There are many reasons why people may drift away from the Catholic Church. There is ultimately only one reason to return ... because your heavenly Father is reaching out to you! Catholics Returning Home is a six-week series for non-practicing Catholics who are considering returning to the church. The informal sessions are held twice a year. The next session will be held at St. Therese Church, 532 Adams St., Rapid City. There is no charge and pre-registration is appreciated but not required. All are welcome. For more information, email info@returningcatholics.net, call (605) 939-0579, or visit <http://ReturningCatholics.net>.



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Luke 5:1-11

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