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Third Sunday of Advent

Joy

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!

Philippians 4:4




"Who is this that comes forth like the dawn, as beautiful as the moon, as resplendent as the sun..." Song 6:10 (Vg)

O Blessed Virgin, Our Lady of Guadalupe Intercede for us with your Son That we who live in this land, Indigenous and non-Indigenous together may experience healing and reconciliation, on a renewed journey for justice and peace for our children.

Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Bishop: Most. Rev. Daniel Miehm
Mass Times: Sat 5 pm, Sun 10 am
Admin. Assistant: Maryann Clancy
Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 9am - 4pm
Knights of Col.: Ray Johnston
CWL: Mary McKeiver
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WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

Third Sunday of Advent

December 10, 11.

St. Joseph's Parish Mass Intentions

- TUESDAY Dec 13 8:30 am** † Karen Murphy (by the Scott Family)
- WEDNESDAY Dec 14 8:30 am** † Phil & Brigid Brennan (by Ed & Maura Holek)
- THURSDAY Dec 15 11:30 am** † Randy Johnston (by Ray Cranley) **NEW TIME**
- FRIDAY Dec 16 8:30 am** † Gerard Curtain (by Bernard & Lise Leahy)
- SATURDAY Dec 17 5:00 pm** People of the Parish
- SUNDAY Dec 18 10:00 am** † Bernard & Eva Sullivan & Margaret Grauenbauer (by Bob & Maureen Sullivan)

We are currently booking masses in Late January

LECTORS	SAT – 5:00 PM	SUN –10:00 AM
Dec 10-11	Darlene Sullivan	Tom McInnis
Dec 17-18	Michelle Towns	Mike Moloney
EUCHARIST		
Dec 10-11	Michael Korkus	Jennifer DeMaeyer
Dec 17-18	Terry Pecoskie	Annette Dunford
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Dec 10-11	Murray Carlow	John Sullivan
Dec 17-18	Albert Heffernan	Ray Carlow
CLEANERS		
Week of Dec 12	Marian Coughlin	Marian Leahy
Week of Dec 19	Darlene Sullivan	Suzanne Allen

Parish Stewardship

Dec 4, \$3,153 including \$858 of pre-authorized offering.
We thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

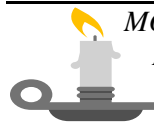
ADVENT STUDY SERIES Our fourth and last Advent study this Wednesday will combine the last two videos in the series. It has been a good time of challenging reflection for the season. All are welcome to join us in the parish hall from 1:30 - 3:00 pm.

CHRISTMAS BAGS ADVENT PROJECT Christmas bags for the residents of our two halfway houses in Peterborough have been distributed. Please return the completed bag by Dec 18th.

CWL NEWS We will be collecting food for the **LAKEFIELD FOOD BANK** at the back of the church until Dec 18. Please donate what you can as there are many local residents who are in need of help this year.



CURRENT CANDLES ARE LIGHTED THE BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE BURNS Dec 10-16 FOR HEALING BY TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION.



OUR ST. JOSEPH CANDLE IS LIGHTED Dec 10-16 FOR THE POPE'S INTENTIONS.

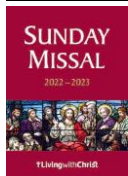


PRAY THE ROSARY AT HOME FOR YOUR FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS:



Danny Ross, Cathy Millen, Kevin Heffernan, Wyatt Moloney, Barbra Wallace, Patti Simmons. Add a stone to our stone bag so that we can count how many members are praying the rosary to our Blessed Mother for our parish and parishioners.

LIVING WITH CHRIST SUNDAY MISSALS FOR



2022 – 2023: Enrich your participation in the mass by following the readings in the missal or prepare and meditate on the readings before Sunday Mass. Missals are available at the back of the church. \$5.00 each please.

FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Envelopes are at the ushers table. You can have loved ones remembered at Christmas with beautiful flowers to decorate our church. Please return by December 18.



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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE We invite everyone to come to Christmas masses and bring your friends or relatives to share the joy of Christmas.
CRISTMAS EVE 5PM AND 7 PM
CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00AM
NEW YEARS EVE 5PM
NEW YEARS DAY 10:00AM



“I rejoiced when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.”

Psalm 122:1

We welcome all visitors and parishioners who have come to worship here today on

Third Sunday of Advent. To our visitors, you may have come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name, we pray you will find peace, hospitality, and friendship with us.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, we are glad you're here and hope that you come back again. The doors of our parish and our hearts are open to you. Please be in touch.

Holy Eucharist – Did you know? **This week's theme:**

Doubt In today's Gospel John the Baptist has his doubts about Jesus. He sends his disciples to ask Our Lord, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"

Reflection: Do you doubt the real, substantial Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? In humility ask Our Lord today after you receive Him in Holy Communion to reveal His loving Presence to you. Do you doubt His love for you, as you gaze upon the crucifix? Do you doubt His desire to come to dwell in the very depths of your heart, as you approach Him in the Holy Eucharist?

Please note: I will begin to hear confessions Sunday morning from 9a.m. -9:30 a.m. as well as Saturday 4p.m. – 4:30 a.m. help prepare you for the Christmas season.

On Dec 21 from 9a.m till 7p.m. all day confession at **St. Alphonsus.** During the day there will be different priests present to hear confessions. (This will be the last chance before the celebration of Christmas within the city area).

We begin the Third Week in Advent rejoicing! We light the pink candle to remind us that the birth of Christ is soon to be celebrated and all the promises made of old will once again be fulfilled. The prophet Isaiah fills us with reasons to rejoice at the coming of the Savior. The Israelites had been wandering in the desert and waiting for that promise to be fulfilled. You can feel that excitement almost jumping off the pages of Scripture: *The desert and parched land will exult. They will bloom with abundant flowers and rejoice with joyful song. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak. Say to those whose hearts are frightened Be strong, fear not! Here is your God...he comes to save you! Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared. Then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing.*

For those who suffer or feel abandoned or lost or confused or saddened, these are the words we need to hear to lift us from our darkness to the light and joy of God's love. James in our second reading calls us to this Advent with the words: "Be patient until the coming of the Lord. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." We need to heed these words as we prepare ourselves for Christmas. This Advent season is a gift to us from the Lord. It calls us to all the things we want the most in life: peace, joy, hope and love. We are given these days to ask ourselves how we can bring these to our lives and to those around us. Open your ears and hear His promise, walk firmly in the path that Christ has set for us and open your eyes to the beauty of God's love that surrounds us. Those promises will become more and more real if we do!

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS AFTER THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

Such a loss! Such a keen and tearing pain. Even when I am in a crowded room, there is a loneliness I never knew existed. Comforting God, I have turned to you so many times for solace, and I come again. While the world is bright and sparkling, my heart feels leaden and has an emptiness that cannot be filled.

Lord, how can I enter into this season of joy? In my head I celebrate your birth into this world, but in my everyday life, I am filled with a grief that runs so very deep. You blessed me with a loving relationship and now it is gone from my life. How can I be faithful to that love and the memory of that love and my sorrow in this season of "Rejoice!"??

Tears are so close to the surface all the time and helpful friends who want to "keep me busy" don't seem to really understand that I need to embrace my grief. I am afraid of letting go of the sadness and losing the deep love connection I had.

Instead of entering into the Rejoice of Christmas, I long for the sorrow of Lent. I beg you Lord, show me how the two are connected. I ponder the name *Emmanuel* and know that it means "God with us." With us. With me in this world, in this sorrow. If I look beyond my pain, I know that you, too, suffered so much in this world. I never understood so clearly before that *Emmanuel* is what your nativity is really about. You are in my world, in my pain.

Thank you, Lord, for the loved one you blessed my life with. Grant me now in my grief, a peace. Give me a comfort that might not make the tears go away, but that lets me feel your presence as you take up a place deep in my heart, *with me.*

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