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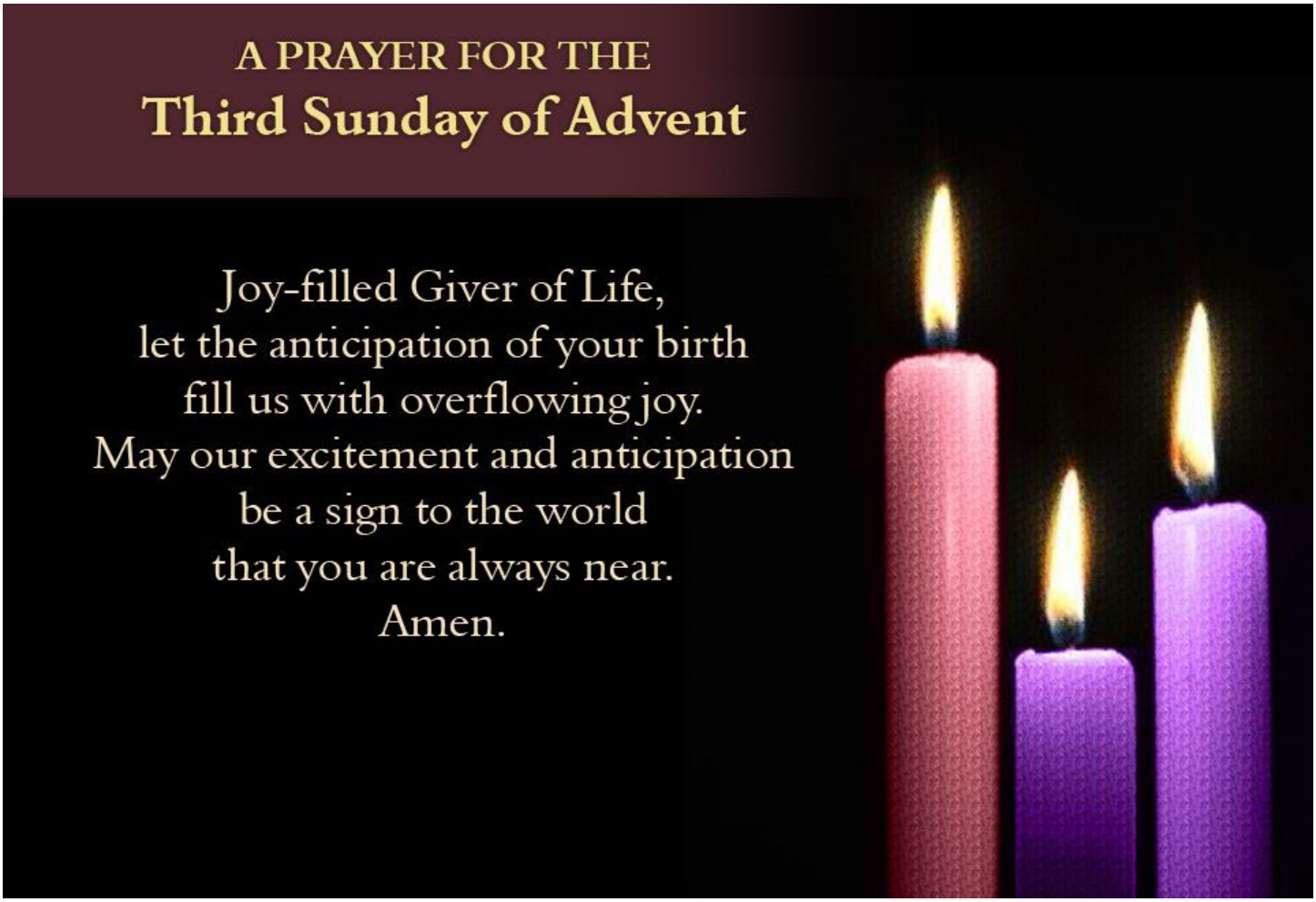


Third Sunday of Advent
December 12-13, 2020

Entrance Hymn: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Verse 1 *O come, O come, Emmanuel,*
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

Verse 2 *O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,*
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels.

As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord God make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

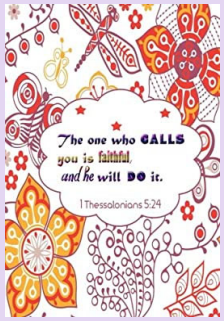
Responsorial Psalm

My soul rejoices in my God.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

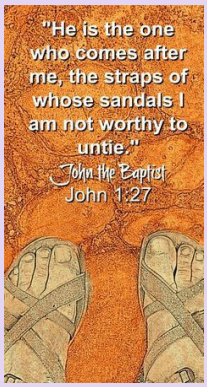
Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.



Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia*

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,*'" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

General Intercessions:

Please respond: Come, Lord Jesus.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: My Soul Rejoices

Refrain: *My soul rejoices in God, my Savior.*
My spirit finds its joy in God, the living God

Verse 1 *My soul proclaims your mighty deeds.*
My Spirit sings the greatness of your name.
Refrain

Verse 2 *Your mercy flows throughout the land*
And every generation knows your love.
Refrain

Verse 3 *You cast the mighty from their thrones*
And raise the poor and lowly to new life.
Refrain

Verse 4 *You fill the hungry with good things.*
With empty hands you send the rich away.
Refrain

Verse 5 *Just as you promised Abraham,*
You come to free your people Israel.
Refrain

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Recessional Hymn: God Has Chosen Me

Verse 1 *God has chosen me, God has chosen me*
To bring good news to the poor.
God has chosen me, God has chosen me
To bring new sight to those searching for light:
God has chosen me, chosen me:

Refrain *And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near,*
To remove oppression and breakdown fear,
Yes, God's time is near, God's time is near,
God's time is near, God's time is near.

Verse 2 *God has chosen me, God has chosen me*
To set alight a new fire.
God has chosen me, God has chosen me
To bring to birth a new kingdom on earth:
God has chosen me, chosen me:
Refrain

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Thank you for sharing in our Eucharistic Celebration. May you be blessed with a prayerful and safe Advent season.

MON-FRI CONNELLSVILLE WINTER WEATHER MASS GUIDELINES

If you need to clear the snow from your sidewalk, Mass will be held at St. Rita, regardless of the day of the week.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Go to youghcatholic.org/stream for the live-streaming of St. John's 11:30am SUN Mass.

SAT, DEC 12		**Vigil/Our Lady of Guadalupe**
4:00pm	IC	Orval Glenn Gallentine, III (Mom & Dad)
5:00pm	SA	Adolph & Helen Piccioni (Niece, Sandra)
6:00pm	SR	Joey Marciante (Brother, Tony, Parents & Family)
SUN, DEC 13		**3rd Sunday of Advent**
8:00am	SR	Pro Populo
9:00am	SA	Edward Guynn (John & Ruth Tabaj)
9:30am	IC	Bernard "Bernie" Wolfe (Thomas Berish & Family)
11:30am	SJ	Mary Brooks (The Carla & Keith Hager Family)
MON, DEC 14		**St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**
8:00am	SR	Anna Mary Palladino (Family of Anna Mary)
8:30am	SR	Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:30am	SA	Joseph "Bud" Ranker (Wife, Theresa & Family)
TUE, DEC 15		**Advent Weekday**
8:00am	SJ	Joseph Zozula (Patti Pillar, Kathy Collins & Debbie Trader)
8:30am	SA	William & Carol Yourich (Cousins)
WED, DEC 16		**Advent Weekday**
8:00am	SR	Frances Gebadlo (Daughters)
8:30am	SR	Adoration until 6pm
THU, DEC 17		**Advent Weekday**
8:00am	IC	Charlott Durket (Judy Schroyer)
8:00am	SA	Prayers for Priests & Padre Pio Devotions
8:30am	SA	Joanne Natale (Sandra Lincoln)
FRI, DEC 18		**Advent Weekday**
8:00am	SR	Tony Mongell (Uncle John)
8:15am	SA	Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:30am	SA	James, Clara & Michael Cellurale (The Cellurale Family)
SAT, DEC 19		**Vigil**
4:00pm	IC	Patricia Broderick & All Deceased Members of the Broderick & Zgorecki Families (Bob Broderick & Family)
5:00pm	SA	Joseph & Anna Zerechak (Daughter, Audrey & Family)
6:00pm	SR	Dorothy Orr (The Dan Hill Family)
SUN, DEC 20		**4th Sunday of Advent**
8:00am	SR	Salvatore Ruvo (Annette & Howard)
9:00am	SA	Pro Populo
9:30am	IC	Tommy McGuinness (Aunt Anita & Cousins, Alexa & Austin)
11:30am	SJ	Howard & Kathleen Davanzo (Don & Sandy Davanzo)

Homebound, sick, quarantined, or just feeling disconnected? Go to youghcatholic.org/stuckathome to find ways to strengthen your faith during this difficult time.

ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

MON, DEC 14, 21
beginning at 7pm

SAT, DEC 19
beginning at 11:30am

All of these confessions will be held at the St. Rita school building on the 1st floor. We are planning to have all 3 priests there for each of the confession times. Please wear masks, respect social distancing, and follow the signs.

Please set aside some time during this busy season for confession.

St. Rita Church will also be open for private adoration and prayer.

MON, DEC 14, 21
6:30-7:30pm

SAT, DEC 19
11am-12 noon

Due to the pandemic, there will be NO Advent regional penance services.

I ask you to take time amidst everything else, to think about whether you will attend a Christmas Mass at 1 of our 4 churches. We believe that with the various times we are scheduling our Christmas liturgies, we are giving you and your family an opportunity to celebrate this Holy Day together. I share the Christmas Mass schedule with you this week so that you may prepare your personal schedule. Because of this pandemic, I ask you to please choose wisely with your own safety and that of others as a guide.

Christmas Vigil (Eve) Masses

3:00pm	St. Rita
4:00pm	IC
4:30pm	St. Al
5:00pm	St. John
9:00pm	IC
Midnight	St. John

Christmas Day Masses

9:00am	St. Rita
10:00am	St. Al

Please note: We are planning to live-stream the midnight Mass from St. John.

What's Happening

There is a small number of St. John's 125th Anniversary commemorative glasses and Christmas ornaments available for purchase after 11:30am SUN Masses until DEC 20. You may also call Stephanie or Toni at 628-8878 to arrange a purchase for a time that is more convenient for you.

MON, DEC 14 is the last day our Christian Mothers will be collecting baby items for Alternatives.Yes. Since they will not be having a Christmas party this year, the UNwrapped items may be dropped off at the DeVivo Centre.

are now available at our churches and in both parish offices. A donation of $3 is asked for a package of 4 wafers.
Thanks for respecting our honor system.

Join Fr. Dan at St. John Church on TUE, DEC 15 from 7-8pm, as he discusses STORIES ABOUT JESUS' BIRTH.
In-person and live-streamed.

HOLIDAY BULLETIN SCHEDULE

BULLETIN DATE	INFO DEADLINE
JAN 2-3	DEC 17
JAN 9-10	DEC 28

Join us on our website, YouTube channel and Facebook page for a live-streamed CONCERT AND SING-A-LONG, 7-8pm both days.

TUE, DEC 22 ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS
WED, DEC 23 THE CHRISTMAS STORY AND CAROLS

We are now scheduling 2021 Masses for the Connellsville parishes-1st come, 1st served. A Mass Intention Request form must be received to schedule a Mass. NO PHONE REQUESTS. Forms are available at the DeVivo Centre and at www.youghcatholic.org. Completed forms/stipends ($10/Mass) may be put in the collection basket, mailed, or put in the dropbox by the door on the parish office porch.
To schedule a Mass at St. Al, call their office at 277-4236.

TICKETS FOR ST. ALOYSIUS' ADVENT BASKET AUCTION, DOOR-PRIZE AND LOTTERY HAT RAFFLE CAN BE PURCHASED BEFORE AND AFTER WEEKEND MASSES.
- Auction/door-prize tickets are $5 for 5.
- Lottery Hat/door-prize tickets are $5 for 5 or $10 for 15.

Take a chance on some EXTRA SPECIAL baskets and Christmas gifts!

FR. PAUL WILL DO A LIVE-DRAWING FOR ALL WINNERS ON SUN, DEC 20.

St. Joseph parish in Everson is selling homemade hardtack candy, in fruit or spice for $5/bag. To order please call 887-3718.

CONN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Centered In Christ

Conn-Area is selling a calendar ticket for FEB 2021, with 28 chances to win. Total of cash prizes awarded is $10,000. Each ticket has one 3-digit number, drawn on the PA daily lottery, evening number. Cost is $20/ticket. You may call Conn-Area at 628-5090 to purchase your ticket, or stop at the school.

Pray THE ANGELUS PRAYER with us WED's at noon on the Yough Catholic Community Facebook page.

The Diocese of Greensburg is sponsoring a "Week of Grace" this 3rd week of Advent.

Additional confession times are being offered to enable as many of our parishioners as possible to receive the grace of the Sacrament of Penance. Because we were not able to hear confessions during the Lenten Season, due to the pandemic, this opportunity is a "Week of Grace". Just a reminder that there are NO regional penance services scheduled during Advent. In addition to our regularly scheduled confession times every MON and SAT during DEC (please check the list on page 4 of this bulletin), there will be these confessions times this week:

MON, DEC 14	**7:00pm until needed**
TUE, DEC 15	**6-7pm**
WED, DEC 16	**4-5pm**
THU, DEC 17	**6-7pm**
SAT, DEC 19	**11:30am until needed**

Please consult page 4 of this bulletin for the Christmas Mass schedule.
It is different this year, so please plan accordingly.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST:
Carla Tressler, Annabella Joseph, Mark Habina, Michael Lazor, Richard Karpiak, Marsha & Barry Huey, Bernadette Smith, Rose Cowan, Turner Trimbath, Joseph Maiese, William Bellus, Anna Newton, Grady Humbert, and Louisa Clawson.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of JOSEPH MARIAN, SR. (father of Marissa Stevenson), JAMES MARNELL, SR., JOHN BUCHHEIT, SR. (father of Michael Buchheit) and RONALD ROZELL, who died recently. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.

The Fullness of Advent - The Fullness of Christ
Mentor, Companion and Coach

Advice, opinions, suggestions! These are usually available from friends and family. They are helpful. Two heads are better than one. Still, we often wonder if the advice is good and reliable. However well-intentioned, it may be wrong. The disciples had no need to wonder about Jesus' guidance. They were not always sure, but basically they knew that here was one whose wisdom could be counted on.

Jesus was a great story-teller. It is amazing how his parables are as rich and enlightening as they were when he first spoke. When we take the time to ponder them, they are always full of new insights. How we need this kind of guidance to keep us on the right road and to enable us to live with the right spirit!

Perhaps most of all, we can experience Jesus as a companion and coach. How wonderful it must have been for the disciples to walk and talk with him! How wonderful it is for us today to have Jesus' living Spirit in our midst! Like a coach, Jesus is with us to help us as we play the game of life. Knowing the historical Jesus and listening to his words helps us not only with choosing directions to go, but also with realizing that we are never alone. During Advent, take time to feel the presence of Christ, always by our side.

Do *we* trust the Christ who comes to *us* at Christmas? Centuries of experience prove that his way is right. His words and his life ring true. Here is one who fulfills the ancient law and shows us what it would mean for us to do the same. Look at the Sermon on the Mount and study the guidance this teacher gives us. The ways of humbleness, meekness, mercy and seeking righteousness lead to the best of life for ourselves and for those around us.

Feast of Faith - The Shape of the Mass

In the renewal of the liturgy that followed the 2nd Vatican Council, the full, conscious, and active participation of the assembly was the primary consideration. By participation, the Council Fathers didn't mean just joining in the singing and the spoken responses, but active engagement and prayerful understanding of the rites.

The liturgy itself is the best possible catechesis on the liturgy. What does the liturgy teach us? It shows us the ministry of Jesus continuing in the present. He gathers a community. He calls us to prayer and repentance and praise. He teaches us with the very word of God. He doesn't send us away empty, but sets before us a marvelous banquet, feeding us with his very body and blood. Then he sends us forth to do what he has done - to give ourselves for others, not just in words, but in deeds. The Mass is the pattern of our Christian lives.

Scripture Readings for This Week:

MON: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
TUE: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
WED: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
THU: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
FRI: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
SAT: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
SUN: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Today is Gaudete Sunday, when we shift our reflection from "the Lord is coming" to "the Lord is near." Rejoice! We are more than half-way to Christmas! This third Sunday of Advent is called "*Gaudete*" Sunday based on the first word of the Latin Entrance Antiphon for this day, meaning "Rejoice", taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "*Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always.")*

Since Advent is a penitential season, the priest normally wears purple vestments, but on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little and the priest may wear rose vestments. This is the Church's way of further heightening our expectation as we draw ever nearer the Solemnity of Christmas.

Providing us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation is also the reason that the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is lit on Gaudete Sunday, is traditionally rose-colored.

SAT-SUN, NOV 28-29, 2020
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adult	$3,747.00
Loose	425.00
Maintenance	35.00
TOTAL	**$4,207.00**
Cemetery	$20.00
Accent	$20.00
All Saints	$5.00
Thanksgiving	$654.00
Immaculate Conception	$10.00
Christmas	$40.00
Christmas Flowers	$15.00
Mission Co-Op	$70.00
Catholic Relief	$370.00
Retired Religious	$3.00
Children & Family	$5.00

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ST. ALOYSIUS

Adult	$2,364.00
Loose	45.50
Children/Young Adults	8.00
TOTAL	**$2,417.50**
Thanksgiving	$371.00
Catholic Relief	$110.00

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ST. JOHN

Adult	$2,517.00
Loose	75.00
Maintenance	140.00
TOTAL	**$2,732.00**
Cemetery	$130.00
All Saints	$5.00
Thanksgiving	$607.00
Accent	$10.00
Mission Co-Op	$55.00
Catholic Relief	$87.00

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ST. RITA

Adult	$2,583.00
Loose	417.00
Maintenance	13.00
TOTAL	**$3,013.00**
Cemetery	$27.00
Accent	$17.00
Thanksgiving	$1,222.00
Immaculate Conception	$3.00
Christmas	$75.00

Two special Masses will be celebrated on Christmas Day for all who gave to the Christmas flower fund. You may use the envelope in your packet.

SAT-SUN, DEC 5-6, 2020
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adult	$3,966.00
Loose	343.00
Maintenance	64.00
TOTAL	**$4,373.00**
Cemetery	$79.00
Accent	$342.00
All Saints	$5.00
Thanksgiving	$50.00
Immaculate Conception	$166.00
Christmas	$155.00
Catholic Relief	$20.00
Retired Religious	$5.00
Children & Family	$15.00

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ST. ALOYSIUS

Adult	$2,877.00
Loose	67.00
Children/Young Adults	9.00
Parish Improvements	20.00
Energy	35.00
TOTAL	**$3,008.00**
Thanksgiving	$145.00
Catholic Relief	$25.00

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ST. JOHN

Adult	$2,894.00
Loose	190.00
Maintenance	235.00
TOTAL	**$3,319.00**
Cemetery	$20.00
Thanksgiving	$20.00
Immaculate Conception	$173.00
Christmas	$30.00
Christmas Flowers	$65.00
Accent	$111.00
Mission Co-Op	$5.00

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ST. RITA

Adult	$3,393.52
Loose	381.00
Maintenance	300.00
TOTAL	$4,074.52
Cemetery	$105.00
Accent	$187.00
Immaculate Conception	$171.00
Christmas	$70.00
Christmas Flowers	$217.00
Catholic Relief	$55.00
Children & Family	$25.00

SUN, DEC 13, 2020
Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
A CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

Young children sit on Santa's lap to answer the question that consumes them these days: What do you want for Christmas?

The child in each of us still wants stuff like toys and new clothes. But deep inside us we have more basic needs. We need security, fairness, and love. We want something huge for Christmas. We want peace on earth and justice for the oppressed. We want poverty eliminated and wars ceased.

Isaiah promises we will not be disappointed. He promises that God will do such wondrous things that justice and praise will spring up in every nation. When God is the joy of our soul, Isaiah says, a robe of salvation clothes us and a mantle of justice enfolds us. When God is our joy, we feel as rich as royalty, no matter how poor our state.

What does the earth want for Christmas? It wants good news for the poor, healing for the brokenhearted, liberty for captives, and release for prisoners. The earth wants what God alone can provide.

What do you want for Christmas? Is it something for you or something for the earth? Will it hinder or help the earth get what it needs?

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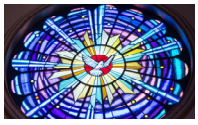

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. (1 Thessalonians 5:19-22)

To our visitors ... If you are just passing through, we are glad you chose to worship with us. If you are seeking a new church home, please know there is always room in our pews and a place in our hearts for you.

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MON-THU 8:30am-noon/1-4pm
FRI 8:30am-1pm

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MON, TUE, THU, FRI 9am-3pm

is offered at St. Rita's School Building on SAT mornings beginning at 11:30, plus by appointment by calling the DeVivo Centre at 628.6840.
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