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SUNDAY MASS

9:30 a.m.
(Church &
On-line)

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
(Rectorry &
On-line)

**OFFICE
HOURS**

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

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3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A man named John was sent from God. He came
for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might
believe through him. - Jn 1:6-7



ON THE WAY....



May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever.

For all of you old Latins out there this day was know traditionally as “Gaudete Sunday,” from the first word of the Latin Introit: “Rejoice.” The third Sunday of Advent wants to remind us that this is a season of joy. Joy is not the same thing as happiness. Happiness comes when some external thing goes well. I am happy when the Orioles win, when I’ve had a good meal, when the sun is shining during a walk, when the doctor says I’m healthy. As a result, happiness is obviously something that comes and goes depending on factors outside of ourselves.

Joy, by contrast, is more of a condition that we have. It depends on internal factors, not external ones. A recent study defined joy in this way: “Joy is more complex than a feeling or an emotion. It is something one can practice, cultivate, or make a habit.

Consequently, joy is most fully understood as a virtue that involves our thoughts, feelings, and actions in response to what matters most in our lives. Thus, joy is an enduring, deep delight in what holds the most significance.” The Biblical way of saying the same thing is that joy is a mark of the presence of the Holy Spirit. St. Paul includes it as one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, fidelity, gentleness, self-control. Joy abides in us, not reacting to every external stimulus.

Psychological research into the nature of joy has found that you only have genuine joy when you are dealing with the things that matter most in life. One researcher, Pamela King, named three areas which promote joy: (1) growing in authenticity and living more into one’s strengths, (2) growing in depth of relationships and contributing to others, and (3) living more aligned with one’s ethical and spiritual ideals. From a spiritual perspective, we might see those three things as corresponding to (1) accepting ones worth and value as a child of God, made in God’s image and likeness, (2) building relationships that are significant and worthwhile, particularly reaching out to those who are hurting, and (3) walking with Jesus as someone who brings the very presence of God into our lives. Joy flows, therefore, out of deep connections between ourselves and God, ourselves and others.

Pope Francis named his first encyclical “the Joy of the Gospel.” It opens like this: “The Joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness, and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church’s journey in years to come.” The Holy Father rightly points out that a sour Christianity will not attract anyone. Since we have the good news of God’s love, of spiritual freedom, of forgiveness, of compassion joy is a (super)natural byproduct of faith. What else can we do but share the joy we possess with others.

In the Most Holy Trinity,
Fr. John Edmunds, S.T

Sun 12/17	Third Sunday Of Advent	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957)
	†	Peter Marano by Mena Marano
	11:00 a.m.	LGBTQ+ Ministry (Rectory)
Mon 12/18	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
	†	Doris Jean Turner by Turner Family
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (On-line)
Tues 12/19	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
	†	Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondolet by Sister Bernadette Eaton, CSJ
Wed 12/20	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
	†	Mr and Mrs Gaiter and Sons by Sheila Gaiter
	7:00 p.m.	
Thurs 12/21	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
	†	Lonnie Hughes by Sheila Gaiter
	6:00 p.m.	Social Care Board (On-line)
Fri 12/23	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
	†	Noel Cusack by Sister Bernadette Eaton, CSJ
Sun 12/24	4th Sunday Of Advent Christmas Eve	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957)
	†	Louis Marano by Mena Marano
	6:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve (Church On-line)

The Giving Tree presents need to brought to the pantry or to church by Dec 24th!

We really need volunteers for delivering presents!! If you can please drive contact Erin Makowski 312-842-1919 x206



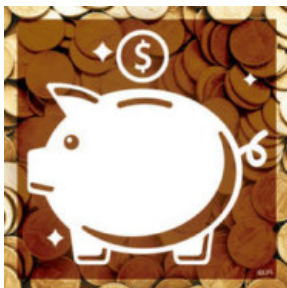
Food Pantry and Church Offices will be closed from December 22 to January 2



A big thank you to all that help make the Senior Thanksgiving Dinner a success. Everything went well and all the seniors had a wonderful time!

**Sunday Collection
December 3rd \$3617.00**

"The Lord loves a cheerful giver"



Saint of the week

Blessed Maria Franziska Schervier was a German Catholic nun who devoted her life to serving the poor and the sick. She founded the Franciscan Sisters of Aachen and began chapters in the United States where she and her sisters also founded a number of hospitals.

Prayer

Almighty, just and merciful God, Blessed Frances Schervier spent her whole life giving back to You all the gifts that You had given her. She cared for the poor and the sick and radiated Your loving presence to all that she met. We beseech You now to glorify your servant, Frances. Give her the honor of sainthood if it is in accordance with Your will.

We ask this through Jesus, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

(Prayer Source: http://franciscansisters-en.sfp-poor.org/images/stories/2016/PDF_2016/pr_canoniz_en.pdf)



St. James has a google form for submitting prayer requests:

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



In Our Prayers



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 Paul Freeman
 Juanita James
 Barbara Southhall
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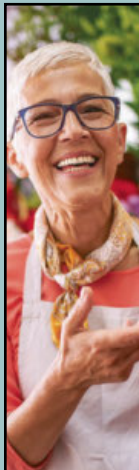
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