



Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent (C)

Zep 3:14-18a

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18

Joy to the World!

This is the Sunday of joy, *Gaudete Sunday*. In the first reading, the people are told to "Shout for joy" because "the LORD is in your midst" (Zephaniah 3:14-15). The psalm response tells us to "cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and holy one of Israel" (see Isaiah 12). The second reading directs us to "rejoice in the Lord always" because "the Lord is near" (Philippians 4:4-5). In the Gospel, we see that "the people were filled with [messianic] expectation," even wondering "whether John might be the Messiah" (Luke 3:15). All John could say was that "one mightier than I is coming" (3:16).

So today, what are we waiting for this Sunday and how is God present? We know that God is already present with us in many ways: in the Church and sacraments; in the lives of good people we know; in

the depths of our hearts. And so, we rejoice. We also know that the story of salvation is unfinished. There are still so many evils from which we must be saved. When you think of them, what's at the top of your list?

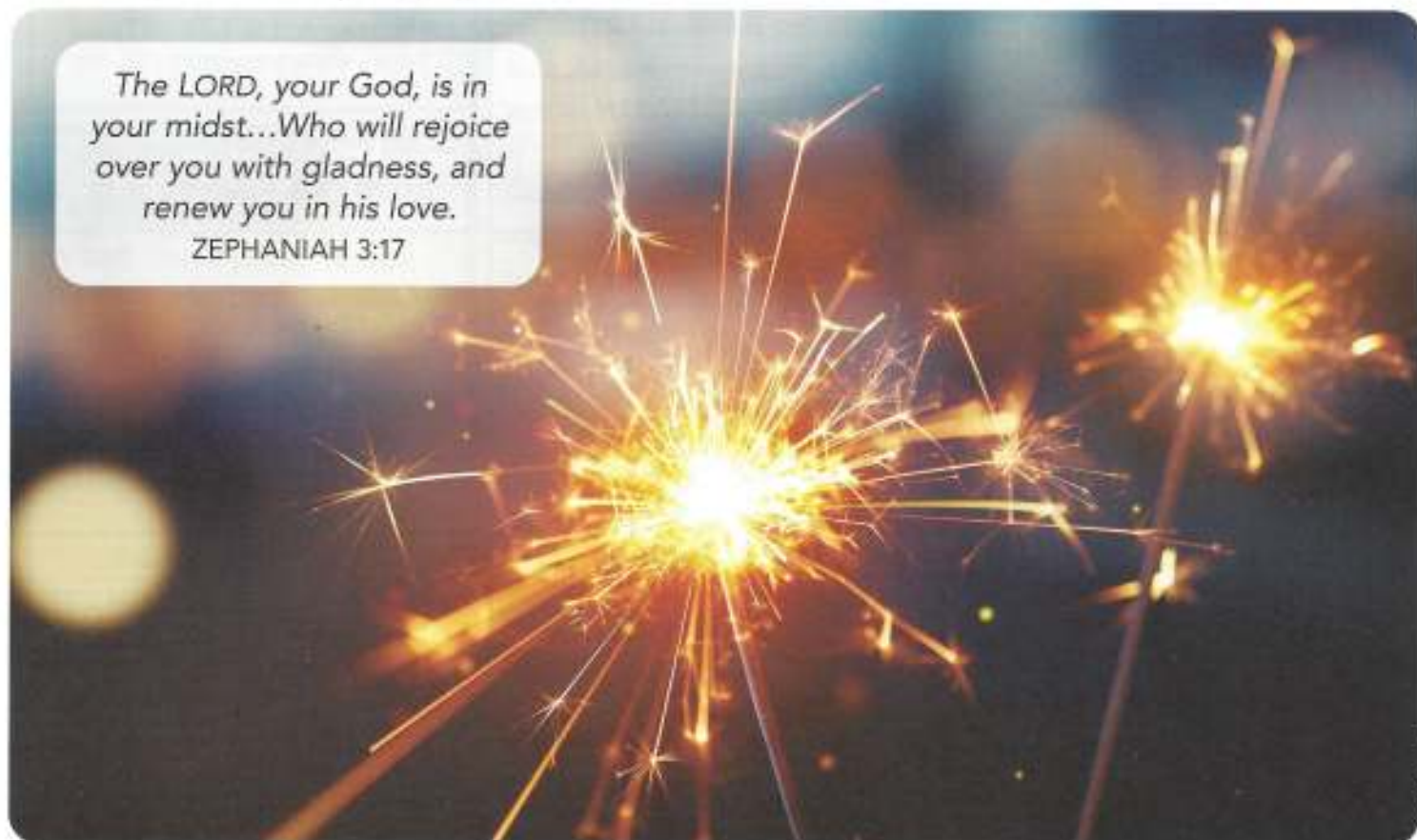
We are eager for God to come into our lives anew to comfort us and strengthen us. We know we cannot do it alone. Even as we wait for the day of salvation to dawn, we rejoice for we know that it came before and will come again. That's why we sing "Joy to the World."

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- *Think of a few ways you have experienced God's goodness in your life. Rejoice and give thanks for these blessings.*
- *What are your hopes for the day of salvation?*

*The LORD, your God, is in
your midst...Who will rejoice
over you with gladness, and
renew you in his love.*
ZEPHANIAH 3:17





Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and

Thursday - 9:00am

Saturday Confessions - 10:30-11:15

AM or by appointment

Sunday Mass - 8:30am

***Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Thaddeus Tran

****Upcoming Events At Church****

CCD December In-Person @Hall

CCD 12/12-K-4th

CCD 12/19—5th-8th



St. Thomas More Catholic Church

For All Three Churches

Emergency Number

779-248-2164

St. Thomas More Church

302 Chestnut St.

Dalzell, IL 61320

Phone: (815) 663-6201

Email: StTMoreDalzell32@gmail.com

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -

Tues. & Fri. - 8:00am

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass-5:00pm

Adoration Room

TIME CHANGE

Open Monday-Sunday 9AM-6PM

****Upcoming Events At Church****

Ravioli Making—Call to order

Phone # 815-252-2215

*CCD Classes @HT Church Hall



St. Patrick Catholic Church

St. Patrick Church

(Office at Holy Trinity Church)

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL 61312

Phone: (815) 894-2006

Mail To: P.O. Box 159 Cherry 61317

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

***3 Churches Pastoral Assistant**

Julie Hollinger

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****Office Hours****

Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri.

- 9AM-12PM

St. Thomas More (Hrs may vary)

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

****Facebook: Use Link on Home**

Page - www.bureaucatholic.org

****Upcoming Events At Church****

CCD Class time 9:30-10:30

Daily Mass Intentions for Masses the Week of Dec. 13, 2021

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

12/14** 8:00AM **STM

12/15 **5:30PM **HT Mass/Rosary

12/16**9:00AM**HT

12/17** 8:00AM **STM

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions Weekend of Dec 18-19, 2021

Saturday:

**4:00PM **STM

Sunday:

www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 8:30AMHT

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

**St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:00 PM

Offered For

† No Mass

† Olivero Families

† Mina DeAngelo

† Virginia Lucas

† Linda Orlandi

Offered For

† Julie Taliani

† Michael Campbell

† Mark Fiek

† For The Parishioners

Online masses WILL CONTINUE to be available @HT www.bureaucatholic.org

Latest Offering's

Weekend Dec.5th

Holy Trinity - \$2133.00
St. Patrick - \$793.00
St. Thomas More - \$772.00



Volunteers needed for decorating at
all three parishes

SP—Sat. Dec. 18th 9:00am

HT & STM Weekend of 18th&19th
Contact office for more info

ADA Goals & Update 2021

Holy Trinity—\$14,062

\$8,075.00

St. Patrick—\$8,619

\$6,470.00

St. Thomas More—\$9,485

\$4,040.17



A BIG Thank you to ALL the
Volunteers who help fundraise for
our churches. SP Sausage Makers/
Sellers—STM Rav/Tort/AntiPasto
Makers/Sellers—HT—Ticket Sellers!!
You are helping to make a
Difference!

Fundraising Update

HT- Pick 3 Drawing Sat. 12/11
Winning #'s posted on website.

Bureaucatholic.org

STM Ravs/Tort \$8 bag—Volunteers
welcome to make pasta Mondays &
Wednesdays



Gaudete Sunday - The Third Sunday of Advent

A Joyful Sunday. The Third
Sunday of Advent is also known as
Gaudete Sunday. The word
“*gaudete*” is derived from the Latin
words “*gaudium*,” joy, and
“*gaudeo*,” to rejoice or be glad.
Gaudete Sunday occurs eight to
thirteen days before Christmas, and
the nearness of the feast is reason
for great joy.

A Joyful Color. Rose represents joy
and may be used as the liturgical
color for *Gaudete* Sunday. Violet
remains the official color for the
Season of Advent, the Third
Sunday included, because all of
Advent has a penitential tone, a
time to be absolved of sin and be in
the state of grace for Christmas.
Gaudete Sunday offers a brief
respite to focus on the uplifting,
upcoming joyful celebration of the
Nativity.

Joyful Adornments. The priest may
wear a rose chasuble and the
deacon may wear a rose dalmatic.
Church decorations may include
roses or other flowers, a rose-
colored altar cloth, drapery on the
pulpit or ambo, chalice veil,
tabernacle curtain, or wall hangings.
The third candle of the Advent
wreath is rose.

Confessions

The next confessions will be
Saturday - Dec. 18th 10:30-11:15- at
St. Thomas More in the hall



CHRISTMAS MASSES

HT- Fri. Christmas Eve 4:00pm -
Children's Mass

SP- Friday Christmas Eve 10:00pm
Mass -Christmas Choir Selections will
begin at 9:30pm

STM- Saturday Christmas Morning
10:00am Mass



Those interested in singing in the
Christmas Choir are encouraged to
join us. All are Welcome!

Tues. 12/14 @SP 6:00pm

Mon. 12/20 @SP 6:00pm



Christmas Flower Collection

Poinsettia's spiritual story behind it...

As Christmas drew near a poor
Mexican girl was sad because she
didn't have anything to give to the baby
Jesus. Her cousin tried to cheer her up
and encouraged her to give even the
smallest gift with great love.
Not knowing what to do, the poor girl
gathered some weeds along the
roadside and put them in a bouquet.
She approached the nativity scene,
slightly embarrassed, but confident that
she was giving Jesus the best that she
could give. After she placed them in
front of the manger the weeds
transformed into a beautiful red
poinsettia and were later known as
“Flowers of the Holy Night.”

Dear Padre,

I recently moved to a parish that includes a large Mexican community that's known for their annual *posadas* event. What is that?

Las *posadas*, a nine-day novena preparation for the celebration of Christmas, begins December 16 and ends Christmas Eve.

Posada is Spanish for "inn." The ceremony remembers Mary and Joseph's trip to Bethlehem and their difficulty finding a place to stay. *Posadas* are celebrated in many ways, but the traditional celebration involves a group of people, the "pilgrims," going to several houses, knocking on the door, and asking for *posada*. The pilgrims sing the part of Joseph as he explains their situation and asks for a place to stay. The people inside sing back that they have no room and that the pilgrims should just move on.

On the last night, the people in the last house recognize that Mary is the Queen of Heaven and that the child she carries is the Savior of the World. They invite the pilgrims inside and hold a prayer service that may include a Scripture reading or the rosary. The celebration ends with food and singing.

This tradition is more than a folksy reenactment of Joseph and Mary's search for lodging—it's a solemn dramatization by women and men who believe God

searches with them, a touching ceremony that can help Christians today see the real needs of those who live without the security of a home, health insurance, or a steady job.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR
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Do you have a question
for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your
question and to learn more about
Dear Padre.



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Many Christians have that face...from a funeral wake, a face of sadness. But Christ is risen! Christ loves you! And you have no joy? Let us think a bit about this and let us ask: "Do I have joy because the Lord is close to me, because the Lord loves me, because the Lord has redeemed me?"

GAUDETE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy,
Virgin and Martyr
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday

DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross,
Priest and Doctor
of the Church
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday

DECEMBER 15

Advent Weekday
Is 45:6b-8, 18,
21c-25
Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday

DECEMBER 16

Advent Weekday
Is 54:1-10
Lk 7:24-30

Friday

DECEMBER 17

Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2, 8-10
Mt 1:1-17

Saturday

DECEMBER 18

Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25

Sunday

DECEMBER 19

Fourth Sunday
of Advent
Mi 5:1-4a
Heb 10:5-10
Lk 1:39-45

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