

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**December 13, 2020**

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE. In today's gospel, we hear the preaching of John the Baptist, as written and remembered by John the Evangelist. When the priests and Levites question John about his identity, he points instead to one who is coming after him, one whom, "they do not recognize". As mysterious as these words must have been for the people who first heard them, they also hold a mystery for us. How is Christ in our midst? How do we recognize him?

LET US REJOICE! The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday, because the opening antiphon of the Mass begins with the Latin word "Gaudete", which means "rejoice". We rejoice today because the birthday of Jesus is fast approaching. The liturgical color for this Sunday is rose, which reminds us of the rosy hue of the eastern sky, before the rising sun, symbolic of the coming of the true Light of the world, Jesus Christ. This year, particularly, because of the added stress, fear and uncertainty brought into our lives by the corona virus, may we find joy and comfort in the prayers we offer for one another, the renewed thoughts of friendship as we send our Christmas cards, the light of beauty and hope as we decorate our homes for the holidays, and the bonds of faith that unite us to one another. How important it is for us, as St. Paul says, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing, and in all circumstances, give thanks."

LAST DAYS OF ADVENT. Beginning December 17th, we begin our immediate preparation for Christmas. Using the prophetic titles of the Messiah, especially from Isaiah, the Church sings the "O" Antiphons before the Gospel: O Wisdom, O Leader of Ancient Israel, O Flower of Jesse's Stem, O Key of David, O Radiant Dawn, O King of Nations, O Emmanuel.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION. A reminder that during Advent, we are having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 2:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., when we will conclude with Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION. On Thursdays, during Adoration, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., there is an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confession.

GIFTS FOR THE GIVING TREE. If you forgot to bring in your gift for our Giving Tree beneficiaries, Birthright and the Westside Catholic Center, you may still bring them in any time during the day on Monday, December 14. We will distribute the gifts on Tuesday.

2021 CALENDARS. We thank the DeJohn-Zevnik Funeral Home for providing beautiful calendars for our parishioners. They are by all the entrances of the church. Please feel free to take one.

Last Sunday's Offering: \$4,740.00

Church Needs: \$1,000 from the Vana Family Foundation in memory of Jennie Gorjanc-Kogovsek; \$2,000 from Marie Ogrinc; \$40 in memory of Valeria Cekada from Christine Vargo & Nancy Segulin; \$50 from Maria Patyk; \$100 in memory Mary Grozdanik from James Meinke; \$100 for church repairs in memory of gandparents from Edward Dolinar.

The following in memory of Mollie Jurecic: \$25 from John & Jeanette Albrecht, \$20 from Mari Celestina, \$50 from Anna Knez, \$50 from David & Diane Korosec, \$30 from Sophie Kosem, \$75 from Jean Pisano, \$100 from Sharon Takacs, \$50 from Agnes & Alice Koporc, \$50 from Ann Zakacs, \$15 from Tillie Spehar, \$20 from Helena Gorshe, \$20 from Anne Gavinesky.

Your generosity to the Parish is appreciated!

NEW INVOCATIONS TO THE LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. Pope Francis has added 3 new invocations to the Litany. They are MOTHER OF MERCY, after Mother of the Church; MOTHER OF HOPE, after Mother of Divine Grace; and COMFORT OF MIGRANTS, after Refuge of sinners.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER & DECORATION ENVELOPES. By all the entrances of the church are special envelopes for flower donations for the Christmas Season in memory of your loved ones. Please use them for your memorial gifts.

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS. This Monday, December 14, members of our parish council will begin setting up Christmas trees in the church. Decorators of the trees are asked to help on Tuesday, December 15.

CHILDREN'S CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES. Grade school and high school students are asked to pick up their boxes of contribution envelopes in the parking lot entrance to the church near the priest's sacristy. What we learn to do as children stays with us into our adulthood. Every young person is an important member of the parish and also has a responsibility to help support the church.

CUSTODIAN NEEDED. We are looking for a dependable and responsible person willing to work either full time or part time (full time employees receive benefits) who could clean and keep presentable the parish hall and kitchen, the school and church. If you are interested or know of someone interested in this position, please contact Fr. Kumse at 216-761-7740.

50/50 WINTER RAFFLE. Tickets are now available for our 50/50 raffle, which will be held on Fat Tuesday (Pustni Torek), the day before Ash Wednesday. Donation per ticket is \$5. Please feel free to take and either buy or sell as many tickets as you can. Tickets are available after weekend Masses in the parking lot entrance of the church and every day in the parish office.

Masses for the Week of December 14-20, 2020

Monday:	(12/14) SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS (Priest and Doctor of the Church)
7:45 a.m.	Janez Švigelj (Daughters & family and Son & family)
Tuesday:	(12/15) ADVENT WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Joseph Kete (Family)
Wednesday:	(12/16) ADVENT WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Poor Souls
Thursday:	(12/17) LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Chris Friend (Family)
Friday:	(12/18) LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Virginia Doles (Jerry & Janet Legan)
Saturday:	(12/19) LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Josephine Merc (Martina Stepec)
5:00 p.m.	Frank Ferkulj (Margie Tarasco)
Sunday:	(12/20) FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 a.m.	Ciril Stepec (Family)
10:00 a.m.	Frank Zalar (Zalar Family)
12:00 noon	Parishioners

Please Pray for Our Sick: Rev. William Jerse, Tom McNulty, Tom Adamich, Zdravko Novak, Mladen & Dušanka Lengel, Brenda Prebevsek, George Rozman.

May She Rest in God's Peace:

+Marica Lavriša



KUVERTE ZA BOŽIČNO CVETJE. Pri vseh vhodih v cerkev so posebne kuverte za dar cvetja za božično okrasitev cerkve v spomin vaših rajnih. Prosimo vzemite jih za vaš dar v spomin.

50/50 ZIMSKO ŽREBANJE. Srečke sedaj lahko dobite za 50/50 žrebanje ki bo na Pustni torek, dan pred pepelnično sredo. Dar je \$5 za srečko. Prosimo, vzemite jih za sebe ali da jih prodaste kolikor jih želite. Srečke dobite pri vseh vhodih v cerkev in vsak dan v župnijskem uradu.

2021 KOLEDARJI. Zahvaljujemo se DeJohn-Zevnik pogrebnemu zavodu, ki so preskrbeli koledarje za naše župljane. Koledarji so pri vseh vhodih v cerkev. Prosimo, vzemite enega.

IŠČEMO HIŠNIKA. Iščemo samomotiveranega in odgovornega hišnika, ki bi hotel čistiti župnijsko dvorano, cerkev in šolsko poslopje in tudi majhna popravila zunaj z minimalnom nadzorstvom. Lahko je polna zaposlitev ali polovična. Če se osebno zanimate ali veste za nekoga, ki bi se zanimal, prosimo pokličite g. Kumšeta na 216-761-7740.

**ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA:
MOJA DUŠA SE RADUJE V MOJEM BOGU.**

DANES JE TRETJA ADVENTNA NEDELJA.

RADUJTE SE! Tretja Adventna nedelja imenujemo "Gaudete" nedelja, zato ker vstopni spev maše se začne z latinsko besedo "Gaudete" kar pomeni "radujte se!" Mi se radujemo danes zato ker se Jezusovo rojstvo hitro bliža. Liturgična barva za to nedeljo je rožnata, kar nas spominja na rožnato barvo vzhodnega neba ob zori, simbolični prihod prave luči sveta, Jezusa Kristusa. Letos posebno, zaradi dodanega napora in negotovosti prinese v naše življenje s corona virusom, naj mi najdemo veselje in tolažbo v molitvi za drug drugega, obnovljenim prijateljstvom ko pošiljamo božična voščila, v luči lepote in upanja, ko krasimo naše domove za praznike in vezi vere, ki nas združujejo z drug drugim. Kako pomembno je to za nas, kot pravi Sv. Pavel, "Vedno se veselite, neprenehoma molite, v vsem bodite hvaležni."

DRUŽINSKA PERSPEKTIVA. V današnjem Evangeliju, mi slišimo pridiganje Janeza Krstnika, kot je napisano in v spominu Janeza Evangelista. Ko so duhovniki in Leviti spraševali Janeza Krstnika o njegovi identiteti, on jih namesto opozori, da "tisti ki pride za njim, vi ne poznate." Kako skrivnostno kot te besede je moralo biti za ljudi, ki so prvič slišali, držijo tudi skrivnost za nas. Kako je Kristus v naši sredi? Kako mi njega spoznamo?

EVHARISTIČNO ČEŠČENJE. Ne pozabite, da v Adventnem času imamo češčenje Najsvetejšega od 2:00 do 6:15 zvečer, ko bomo zaključili z litanijami Matere Božje in blagoslovom.

ZAKRAMENT SPOVEDI. Ob četrtek med češčenjem od 5:00 do 6:00 zvečer imate priložnost prejeti zakrament spovedi.

NOVI VZKLIKI K LITANIJAM MATERE BOŽJE. Papež Frančišek je dodal 3 nove vzklke na izražene želje, da se v obrazec litanij Device Marije vnesejo vzklki, 'Mati usmiljenja,' 'Mati upanja,' in 'Tolažba beguncev.' Po navodilih bo prvi vzklik umeščen za "Mati Cerkve," drugi za "Mati milosti božje," tretji pa za "Pribežališče grešnikov."

DAROVI ZA DREVESCE OBDAROVANJA. Če ste pozabili vaše darilo za drevesce obdarovanja v pomoč Birthright in Westside Catholic Center, jih še vedno lahko prinesete ves dan v ponedeljek 14. decembra. Mi bomo razdelili darila v torek.

ZGLEDA DA PRIHAJA BOŽIČ. V ponedeljek 14. decembra bodo člani Pastoralnega sveta naše župnije začeli postavljati božična drevesa v cerkvi. Tisti ki bodo okrasili drevesa so naprošeni da pridejo v torek 15. decembra.

ZADNJI DNEVI ADVENTA. 17 decembra začenjamo našo zadnjo pripravo za Božič. Z preroškim naslovom Mesija, posebno od Izaija, cerkev poje "O" speve pred Evangelijem: O Modrost, O Voditelj Izraelove hiše, O Korenina Jesejeva, O Ključ Davidov, O Vzhajajoči svit, Kralj narodov, O Emanuel.