



Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

-- *Thessalonians 5:16*



Daily Mass

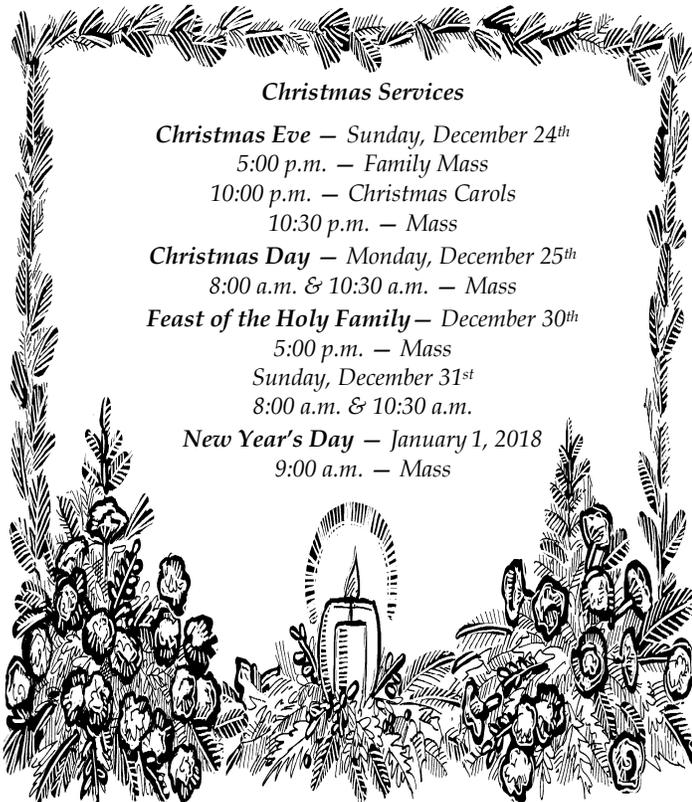
Week of December 18th – 23rd

- Monday: 8:00 Nancy & Brendan Pedder+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Virginia Prior+
- Wednesday: 8:00 John Gallagher+
- Thursday: 8:00 Evelyn Vitagliano+
- Friday: 8:00 Marge Van Drisse+
- Saturday: 8:00 Helen Power+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Carol Cullinane, Doris Brusasco, Donald Mulvey, John Miller, Thomas Lee, Michael Kluziski, Dennis Reeve, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Bonnie Danielson, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Michael Vasquez, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Rosa Santos and Juanita Estrelles.

Weekly Collection	December 10 th
Plate	\$10,332.00
School Support	\$606.50



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday or Rejoice Sunday. We light the rose colored candle on the Advent wreath. The Presider at Mass has the option of wearing rose colored vestments.

In the first reading, the Prophet Isaiah writes: “Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you.”

The coming of the Lord is near, but staying focused on the true significance of his arrival can be a struggle. If we are not careful, this can become a season in which we “rejoice” in the superficial and the material. It is easy to lose sight of what is holy and important.

In this week’s gospel, Jesus proclaims that he has come to heal, to bless and to save.

If we acknowledge our need for healing, blessing and saving, we will be prepared to experience the joy of Christmas. We will rejoice in the Lord! And he will rejoice in us!

Love, Fr. Leo

More Than Disciples!

Each of today’s four scriptural roles -- disciple, prophet, apostle, herald -- forms a facet of our life in Christ as we live it day by day. Isaiah tells us that a prophet is anointed, as we were anointed at our baptism in water and the Spirit, to bring glad tidings and to promote God’s reign of healing, justice and peace. An apostle, like Paul, is one who is “sent.” Each of us, in his or her own way, is sent by Christ to be a voice of rejoicing, to encourage prophetic voices in the world and to make sure that the work of the Spirit thrives. John the Baptist shows us the job of the herald, making the Lord’s way straight, announcing the coming of the Light of the World.



Religious Retirement Collection!

This weekend, December 16th and 17th, is the annual Retirement Fund for Religious appeal.

Watch Mass at Home!

If you are ever unable to attend Mass, turn to Channel 20 on your TV on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. Heartofthe-nation.org celebrates the Liturgy every Sunday. Also, you can go to: www.catholicstv.org for a daily Mass schedule.

2018 Young Adult Retreat!

Do you want to make a commitment in the new year to bolster your spiritual life? If so, consider attending the weekend young adult retreat, *Discerning Our Call to Discipleship*, at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos, from February 16 - 18, 2018. It will be led by Corpus Christi Staff member, Ann Naffziger, and others. For more information, visit: <http://www.jrclosaltos.org>.

Screenagers Free Documentary!

Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age, a free documentary showing the biggest parenting issue of our time, will be shown on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium. Physician and filmmaker, Delaney Ruston, explores the struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Screenagers empowers kids and parents to best navigate the digital world and provides practical resources to help. Appropriate for adults and children in grades 5 and above. For more information, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/ybygscbo>.

Shaun's Confirmation News!

This Advent season, the Confirmation Class of 2018 is looking to help those in need. We are in need of donations for the homeless community. Please drop off items such as blankets, jackets, canned food, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc., in the Gibson Center in the bin marked "Confirmation Donations." We will be marking packages and delivering them to various homeless encampments throughout Oakland. The deadline for dropping items off is Christmas Eve, December 24th. All donations are much appreciated. Thank You for your participation!

Today's Readings!

First Reading -- As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalms -- My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

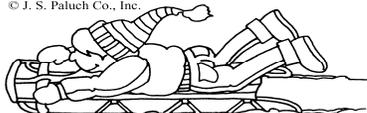
Second Reading -- Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel -- I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

Extra Yarn Needed!

If anyone has any extra yarn that they are not using, please drop it by the Parish Office. Sally Costello will be making items with it. If you have any questions, Sally's number is 339-1771. Thank You!

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Christmas Giving Tree!



There is still time to take an ornament from the Christmas Giving Tree in the Gibson Center, labeled with children's clothing size; make your purchase, attach the ornament to the item and place under the tree to benefit the children served by St. Vincent de Paul's Visitation Center. There is no need to wrap the gifts. The deadline for delivery of the gifts is Tuesday, December 19th. Often these gifts are the only Christmas presents that are received and are gratefully appreciated by the Visitation Center families. If you have any questions, please contact Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304. Thank You!



An Evening of Caroling!

Please join the Corpus Christi Parish Family for sing-a-long caroling tonight, December 17th, featuring Fr. Leo's [in]famous "Twelve Days of Christmas!" Singing begins at 4:30 p.m. sharp. From 5:30 p.m. on, the Men's Club will be providing holiday cheer in the Gibson Center, including hot mulled wine and assorted treats. See you there!

Walking the Camino!

Are you interested in learning about, and possibly walking, the Camino de Santiago in Spain? If so, please join parishioner Laurie Ferris on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center for a brief overview of its history, routes and pilgrim traditions. She will also share some highlights of two short Camino routes, the *Portugués* and *Inglés*. You will learn how you can walk a Camino in as little as one week and still earn a *Compostela* (certificate of completion). There will be time for questions and answers. Laurie is an active member of the Bay Area chapter of American Pilgrims on the Camino and maintains a blog at: thecaminoprovides.com.

Christmas Decorations

This is your invitation to become part of a beautiful tradition by giving toward the Christmas decorations for our church. It is also a loving way to remember or honor someone for whom you care.

Enclosed is \$ _____

From: _____

In honor/memory of: (Circle One)
