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## December 13, 2020

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekday Masses:  
Monday - Saturday 7:30 AM  
Saturday evening Mass: 5:00 PM  
Sunday Masses:  
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
Holy Day Masses:  
7:30 AM, 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM

#### Summer Sunday Mass Schedule:

June 27, 2021 - September 5, 2021  
Saturday 5:00 PM;  
Sunday 9:00 AM only

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is held the third Sunday of the month after the 10:30 AM Mass. Arrangements for the Baptism should be made at least one month in advance. There are no Baptisms during Lent.

#### SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the rectory or priest in the event of a serious illness. Visits to the home-bound and those in hospitals are made by Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers.

#### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made one year in advance of the proposed marriage according to the Common Policy of the Bishops of the Province of New Jersey. Either the bride or groom must be registered with Our Lady of Sorrows Parish.

#### RELIGIOUS VOCATION

Women and men who feel called to the Religious Life and men called to the Holy Orders should contact the Vocation Office 973-497-4365 or speak with a parish priest.



#### PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome! Every Catholic should be registered in the parish. Letters of testimony for Godparents and Sponsors cannot be given unless one is registered. All parishioners should be active in parish life and be known to one of the parish priests. Stewardship (church support) is a serious responsibility of every Catholic. We urge all parishioners to make regular use of their collection envelopes. When moving, please notify the rectory office.

#### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (R.C.I.A.)

If you have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, or Confirmation, and are over 18 years of age, and are interested in membership in the Catholic Church, please call the rectory office.

#### OUR LADY OF SORROWS MISSION STATEMENT

We are Catholic Christians of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish who are conscious of the plan of God for the salvation of all. We praise the Lord in our everyday lives by sharing our faith and talents with each other for the continued growth of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Community. We wish to live the Beatitudes of Jesus and put them into practice in our daily lives as we answer His call to evangelization.

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 13, 2020



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.

ISAIAH 61:11

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## REPENTING AND REJOICING

The readings this week bear a certain similarity to those of last week—we hear a prophecy from Isaiah that is reiterated by John the Baptist in Mark's Gospel—but today the focus is different. Last week John told us to repent. Today he is the light leading us to God. Today is also known as “Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday,” as the reading from First Thessalonians commands us to “Rejoice in the Lord always.” We are to rejoice. Right now. Combined with last Sunday, this seems like a mixed message. “Which is it? Repenting or Rejoicing?” But John is telling us that one leads to the other. As we prepare for the coming of our Savior we must first repent and then rejoice.

### A LITTLE GOOD NEWS

Many years ago, Canadian singer Ann Murray had a hit song that spoke of her frustrations as she listened to the radio and read the headlines. She sang that “we sure could use a little good news today.” It strikes me that this is the message that the readings want us to leave with this week. The Gospel Antiphon proclaims, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor” (from Isaiah 61:1 and Luke 4: 18). John the Baptist is here to testify to the light, to the Good News.

### WILL THE REAL MESSIAH PLEASE STAND UP?

The Jewish people were waiting for their messiah, they were waiting for a hero. They prodded John several times trying to figure out what his role actually was, and to see what he knew. It became a guessing game. He tried to say nothing, but finally answered in a humble fashion, “I am not he.” He baptized with water as a means of leading people to the coming Christ and helping them to prepare. He somehow avoided the trappings of success that would turn his light on himself. Today he remains a road sign for us, pointing out Christ our Light.

We all want someone to rescue us, and most likely to fix the mistakes and errors that we continue to make as individuals and as nations. Much of that is human nature. Would there be as much fascination with superheroes if this were not the case? How many times do you as an adult turn to your folks for advice, or wish you could talk to a deceased parent? Some need help emotionally, others spiritually, others financially. The reality is that it is tough to get your “ducks in a row” and always has been. Today’s encouraging message is for us to always look to the Light for our help. May we always be like John the Baptist and testify how Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, has been our Savior.

### TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 61:1–2a, 10–11  
Luke 1:46–48, 49–50, 53–54  
1 Thessalonians 5:16–24  
John 1:6–8, 19–28

## WELCOME BISHOP STUDERUS



Most Reverend Gregory J. Studerus, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, will preside at the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Kearny, New Jersey, on Saturday, December 19, 2020.

This will be the Bishop's first visit to our Parish and everyone is invited to attend.

### CHRISTMAS WAFERS

The celebration of Christmas by American families is enriched spiritually when the time honored "Old Country" traditional customs are adopted. The father breaks the Christmas Wafer into pieces, which he shares with his wife and children as they sit around the table covered with a white cloth, under which there is straw, as a reminder of the Holy Child's Manger in Bethlehem. As the members share this "bread of peace and reconciliation" they wish one another happiness and joy for the Christmas Season and the New Year, mutually asking and receiving forgiveness for any hurts or offenses they may have been guilty of during the last twelve months. Wafers are available at the Rectory office. Kindly contact the Rectory office to arrange a time to pick up the wafers. Cost \$5.00.



### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

Donations will be accepted toward the purchase of Christmas Poinsettias in memory of a loved one or special intention. These flowers will be placed on the Altars of the Church during the Christmas Season. The envelopes for the Christmas flowers are located on the table in the back of the Church. Please place it with your donation in the collection basket or drop it off at the Rectory office mail slot.



Let us remember all our family members, loved ones, and fellow parishioners who have died, may God reward them for their good deeds done in faith. Let us also pray for those who are sick at home or in a hospital, especially Joseph Colamedici, Mary Calabrese, Maria Cunha, Kathleen Fudali, Gary Davitt, Ted Hirschi, Kathleen Podlaski, Barbara Russell, June Struzienski, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick".

***May God grant them healing.***

## FEAST OF FAITH

### The Shape of the Mass

In the renewal of the liturgy that followed the Second Vatican Council, the full, conscious, and active participation of the assembly was the primary consideration. By participation, the Council Fathers did not mean just joining in the singing and the spoken responses, but active engagement and prayerful understanding of the rites. They envisioned a transparent liturgy, a worship that spoke so directly to the hearts and minds of the faithful that it would require no explanation at all.

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 does not 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.

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



### Saturday

**5:00 PM**

### December 12

**Richard Walingavich**

Req. Family

### Sunday

**8:00 AM**

### December 13

**Kathleen Laytos**

Req. Irene Potts

### 10:30 AM

### Helder Esteves 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Req. Wife, Ermelinda and Children

### Monday

**7:30 AM**

### December 14

**People of the Parish**

### Tuesday

**7:30 AM**

### December 15

**People of the Parish**

### Wednesday

**7:30 AM**

### December 16

**People of the Parish**

### Thursday

**7:30 AM**

### December 17

**Estela Carbalho**

Req. Marlene Sanchez

### Friday

**7:30 AM**

### December 18

**Souls in Purgatory**

### Saturday

**7:30 AM**

### December 19

**People of the Parish**

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

### December 19

### Deceased Members of the Masonus Family

Req. Linda Reina and Donna Calcado

### Sunday

**8:00 AM**

### December 20

**Ann Herbert**

Req. Dorothy Songile

**Diane Fields**

Req. Irene Potts

**THE ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED 20 MINUTES BEFORE EACH WEEKEND MASS.**



### MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

**DECEMBER 13, 2020**

**Altar Bread & Wine...**

**Kathleen Laytos / Irene Potts**

**Sanctuary Lamp...**

**Kathleen Laytos / Irene Potts**

**Altar Candles...**

**Kathleen Laytos / Irene Potts**

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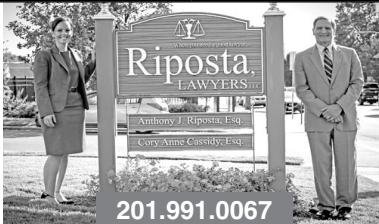
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