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3rd Sunday of Advent (Year B) 13th December 2020



Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm
Sunday 9.30am
11.00am
Spanish Mass 12.30pm
Mon, Wed & Fri 10am

Sacrament of Confession

By Appointment

If you would like Confession,
please email, or call the Parish
Office.

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm

Saints Days

Mon 14th - St John of the Cross

Tue 15th - BL Bonaventure
of Pistoia



Novena Mass for Christmas

/Simbang Gabi - From
Tuesday 15th to Wednesday
23rd December, Novena
Masses will be at 8pm.

St Peregrine Mass: Will be
held on Wednesday 30th
December at 10am.



Recently Dead:

Maylin (Milo) Diasanta (Rip)
Michael Luvaglio (Rip)

Sunday Reflection: “Rejoice, the Lord is near” – This Sunday of Advent is referred to as “Gaudete” Sunday. The somber penitential Mood lightens. We can wear ‘Rose’ coloured vestments at Mass and the Advent candle on the wreath is ‘Rose’ or ‘Pink’. The instruction for today’s liturgy states, “The Advent moderation in the use of the organ, other musical instruments and flowers, does not apply to “Gaudete Sunday”. With the increase of light on our Advent wreath (now 3 candles) we are beginning to sense the nearness of the Lord and feel the warmth and light of his presence. We are anticipating the approach of the great feast of Christmas. Appropriately, John the Baptist is yet again a central figure in our Liturgy. One of the great things about John the Baptist is that he knows who he is and he knows his place. In the midst of much religious confusion and uncertainty, he can declare unambiguously that he is not the light in person but that he is a witness to speak for the light. John keeps declaring “I am not” so that he can focus the spotlight on the one who is coming after him and who can say “I am”. John’s role is to point people in the direction of Jesus, and once introduced to Jesus they will see “the true light”. That is why St John in the fourth gospel is so emphatic in stressing that John “is a witness to the light”. Advent calls us all to push back the darkness in our lives and in our world. We are invited to engage in dispelling the selfishness, the hard-heartedness, the unforgiveness and the injustice and hatred that disfigures the world and make way for the light of the Christ to shine on human hearts and human affairs. Together in love and faith we can more powerfully reflect the light of the word-made-flesh. Holiness is the constant and committed struggle of letting Christ be the light that shines through everything we do. When that begins to happen, “Rejoice the Lord is near”, and pray “Come, Lord Jesus, come”.

New Liturgical Year – There is No ‘Gloria’ during Advent. The central altar symbol is the “Advent Wreath”, telling us the Christmas story of God’s eternal love. Advent is a period of devout expectation and hope.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) – registration is now open. A course for adults who have not been baptised and would like to be, as well as for Christians of other denominations who would like to be received into the Roman Catholic Church, and Roman Catholics who have not been confirmed. Please email the Parish Office for a registration form.



Christmas Masses – Christmas Eve there will be two Masses a) at 6.30pm and b) 9pm (Christmas Carols at 8.30pm). Christmas Day Masses at 9.30am and 11am and a Spanish Mass at 12.30pm. Admittance to these Masses will be by ticket only due to Covid 19 restrictions and social distancing. Please get your tickets from the Parish Office.

Happy Christmas to all!