



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
**GAUDETE SUNDAY**  
 DECEMBER 13, 2015

**G**AUDETE means “rejoice.” Anticipated joy over our Saviour’s coming coming breaks through all our **serious Advent preparations**. Although it Although it cannot be entirely repressed, our joy is yet restrained for two for two reasons: 1. Like John the Baptist, even the most fervent person feels a great unworthiness either to be a friend of Christ or to be His apostle. 2. Very often our joy is dulled by unnecessary anxiety—an over-extension of self because of the demands of the secular world in this season of faith. We let our peace of soul depend too much upon persons and events and circumstances, and too little upon God’s infallible and tender care.

PRELUDE *Pour l’Advent* Dom Paul Benoit  
 ASPERGES ME *(a weekly reminder of our Baptism)* plainsong  
*(We KNEEL as the priest quietly begins the Prayers at the Foot of the Altar)*  
 INTROIT (**KNEEL**) *Gaudete in Domino* Philip.4:4-6; Ps. 84:2  
 KYRIE (**KNEEL**) *Missa Marialis* plainsong  
 COLLECTS (**STAND**)  
 THE EPISTLE (**SIT**) Philippians 4:4-7  
*Everyone else may disappoint us, but God never will. His answer to every prayer is the best possible answer, even though sometimes long delayed. Therefore we may be at peace and happy in His will and His indwelling presence.*  
 GRADUAL (**SIT**) Ps. 79:2,3,2  
 ALLELUIA (**SIT**) *Excita, Domine*  
 THE HOLY GOSPEL (**STAND**) John 1:19-28  
*The Saviour comes with special graces in each Mass, but His coming is also as near as your next act of kindness. Make that act—and He is yours to love with a new love.*  
 SERMON (**SIT**) Msgr. John A. Mangels  
 NICENE CREED (**STAND**) Missal pg. 15  
 OFFERTORY VERSE (**STAND**) Ps. 84:2, 3  
 HYMN *Rosa Mystica* Hymnal No. 17

SURSUM CORDA & PREFACE OF ADVENT (**STAND**)  
 SANCTUS (**KNEEL**) plainsong  
 THE CANON OF THE MASS (**KNEEL**)  
 THE LORD’S PRAYER (**STAND**) Missal pg. 44  
 AGNUS DEI (**KNEEL**) Missal pg. 46  
 PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION Missal pg 50a  
 AGNUS DEI (**KNEEL**) plainsong  
 COMMUNION VERSE Isaiah 35:4

Following the reception of Holy Communion, it is proper to return to your pew, kneel, and make your **Thanksgiving after Communion**, (*Missal pg. 51 or St. Ambrose Prayer Book pg. 177*) If you have not received Holy Communion, you should make a **“Spiritual Communion”** (*St. Ambrose Prayer Book, pg. 187*). This is far more spiritually beneficial and preferable to “people-watching.”

COMMUNION *Conditor Alme Siderum* Gerald Near  
 POSTCOMMUNION COLLECT (**STAND**)  
 DISMISSAL & BLESSING (**KNEEL**)  
 LAST GOSPEL (**STAND**) John 1:1-14  
 HYMN *Greenland* Hymnal No. 4  
 POSTLUDE *Wachet auf* Charles Callahan

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**W**ELCOME to all our guests and visitors. There are Service books in the pews for your use. While Holy Communion may **only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians**, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to come forward at Communion for a blessing and the *pain benit*—blessed bread. Please fill out one of the “visitor cards” found in the pew racks and take a moment to sign our guest book in the Narthex! Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall (*downstairs*).

Orthodox Christians **must be prepared** for Holy Communion through Sacramental Confession, fasting, prayer, and being at peace with others. A prepared person must have been to Confession recently (*frequency established by his Pastor*), have abstained from food and drink from Midnight and have attended Mass regularly. Please seek and give forgiveness before receiving Communion.

### THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for: the repose of the soul of Archdeacon Russell Hodge, and John A. Price, IV, for the health and welfare of Hal Ogle, Jacob Kakish, Kim Peoria, Charlie Hester, Victoria & John Lopp, Meagan Hines, the special intentions of Alexandra Eddy, Margaret Lyman, Don Clair, Lily Calderon, Charles Moffett, Abraham Martinez, Lisa & Chris, Neville Gaggiani, Phyllis Roberts Lee Hinkley, Priscilla Sanders, Sue Stanko, Robert Phillips, the suffering Christians in Syria and the Middle East, Randy Ortega, Maria Palucha, Margie Palucha, Metropolitan Boulos of Aleppo, Metropolitan Mar Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim of Aleppo, Kh. Angela Keiser, Nate Redman, Tyrone Lee, Peggy Moore, Patty Rendoff, Aaron Rendoff, Vanessa Taylor, Jim Sanders.

### SOME UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark you calendars for the following events in our parish.

- **DECORATING OF THE CHURCH:** Sunday, Dec. 20 after Coffee Hour

- **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:** Thursday, Dec. 24 at 11:30pm; the choir and orchestra will sing/present the pre-Mass music and the Mass at midnight. Low Mass on Christmas Day at 10:00am.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

The envelopes for Christmas flowers and decorations are on the table in the Narthex. Please indicate if you would like the flowers as a memorial or gift. Thank you for your generosity.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMPS** burn this week to the greater honour and glory of God and for the health and welfare of Glen and Joan Clifford (anniversary) and for Lily Calderon and Paulie Dole on their birthdays. A gift from Patty Rendoff.

**CHURCH DECORATING** This coming weekend we will decorate the Church for Nativity. We need some help to prepare the trees **on Saturday afternoon** and then we will all work to decorate the Church **after Mass next Sunday**.

### CHRISTMAS HANDOUT READY!

Please help publicize and spread the “good word!” We have flyers ready for our annual Christmas Midnight Mass. **YOU** can help *spread the word* by taking some with you and putting them up in prominent places or giving them to your friends as an invitation! There is **NOTHING** in the world like a Christmas Midnight Mass at St. Augustine’s! ***Don’t let it be the worlds best kept secret...***

### CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS PROGRAM

Monsignor Mangels has announced the program for the Midnight Mass at St. Augustine’s on Wednesday, **December 24 beginning at 11:30pm**.

THE AMBROSIAN CHORISTERS will present Healey Willan’s *THE MYSTERY OF BETHLEHEM* and for the Midnight Mass, the choir and orchestra will present Franz Schubert’s *MASS IN G*. Incidental music will include: Adam’s *O HOLY NIGHT* and, Franz Biebl’s celebrated *AVE MARIA* and familiar carols with the congregation. Get the word out!!

### CHRISTMAS ORCHESTRAL SPONSORSHIP

The funding of special music for the Great Feast Days (and many of the “extras” here at St. Augustine’s) **does not come from** Parish funds. It is provided by **special offerings from the friends and benefactors of this parish**. Over the years, parishioners have asked if they could be of help in this endeavor and we have happily received their free will offerings. To be an orchestral sponsor, there are several categories: ***Archangel:*** \$2500.00, ***Seraphim:*** 500.00, ***Angels:*** 250.00, ***Cherubim:*** 100.00, ***Gifts:*** any amount. If you would like to contribute, please earmark your donation: Christmas Music. Thank you!

**KING SOOPERS CARDS:** We made our goal this month! Don’t forget to use your cards for Christmas Shopping at King Soopers. Thanks so much to all of you who use and participate in this program. If you would like to give King Soopers cards as Christmas gifts, stocking stuffers and the like, please see Debbie Braun today!

**CHRISTMAS NOVENA** The beautiful prayers of preparation for Christmas which begin on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. can be found in your ST. AMBROSE PRAYER BOOK on pg. 438. This is an excellent way to sanctify the days and orient us towards Christ’s birth.

### WINTER EMBER DAYS

Next week, during the week following the Third Sunday in Advent, the Winter Ember Days occur. The Ember Days are days of pray, fast and abstinence that mark the four seasons of the

year. It is also an excellent “marker” or reminder of **our need for Sacramental Confession**; reconciliation with God and neighbor. In our Antiochian Archdiocese, it is recommended that one make his Confession **AT LEAST four times per year**. The Ember Days serve as the perfect time to do that in our Western Orthodox Tradition. It is also a good idea to go to Confession before the Great Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord. **Don’t wait till the last minute**—come during the Ember Days.

### REST ETERNAL!

We wish to express our condolences to Marian Rubey on the death of her uncle, Charles Moffett. May he rest in peace.

### BOOKSTORE NEWS

The **2016 Liturgical Wall Calendar** is available as well as a selection of **Christmas & other cards by our own Anne Emmons and Fr. Theodore!** Other cards and gifts can also be ordered in time for Christmas giving. Check out YOUR Bookstore and help support the Parish.

**THE CHURCH FATHERS SPEAK**—Beware! At the dreadful Judgment you will be asked to give an account of what you have done with the words of God, whether you have listened to them and kept them, whether you have rejoiced in them or been ashamed of them. If you have been ashamed of them, then the Lord will also be ashamed of you when He comes in the glory of His Father together with the Holy Angels (Mark 8:38). ***St. Justin Popovich***

**THINK ABOUT IT:** We are preparing to celebrate Christmas; there is **No Christmas without Christ** and there is **No Christmas without Mass!** ***Put Christ and Mass back into ChristMass!***

### ***THIS WEEK AT SAINT AUGUSTINE’S***

Monday, Dec. 14	Advent Feria <i>fast</i>	
Tuesday, Dec. 15	Octave of the Conception BVM	
Wednesday, Dec. 16	EMBER WEDNESDAY <b><i>fast &amp; abstinence</i></b>	Mass 7:00pm
Thursday, Dec. 17	Advent Feria	
Friday, Dec. 18	EMBER FRIDAY <b><i>fast &amp; abstinence</i></b>	
Saturday, Dec. 19	EMBER SATURDAY <b><i>fast &amp; abstinence</i></b>	Mass 10:00am
Sunday, Dec. 21	The Fourth Sunday in Advent <b>Church decorating following Mass</b>	High Mass 10:00am

**CONFESSIONS:** *The Sacrament of Confession is available on Advent Sunday mornings from 9:00—9:45am, after all weekday Services, and anytime by appointment.*