



## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

### GAUDETE SUNDAY

DECEMBER 11, 2016

**G**AUDETE means “rejoice.” Anticipated joy over our Saviour’s coming breaks through all our **serious Advent preparations**. Although it cannot be entirely repressed, our joy is yet restrained 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 Rosa Mystica* Vito Carnevali  
 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)** Dom Theodore  
 NICENE CREED **(SIT)** *{Text: Missal, pg. 15-16}* Carnevali  
 OFFERTORY VERSE **(STAND)** *Ps. 84:2, 3*  
 ANTHEM **(SIT)** *Alma Redemptoris Mater* N. A. Montani  
**G**RACIOUS Mother of our Redeemer, for ever abiding  
 Heaven’s gateway, and star of ocean, O succor the people  
 Who though falling, strive to rise again.  
 Thou Maiden who bearest thy holy Creator, to the wonder of all nature;  
 Ever Virgin, after, as before thou receivedst that *Ave*  
 From the mouth of Gabriel; have compassion on us sinners.  
 SURSUM CORDA & PREFACE OF ADVENT **(STAND)** Missal pg. 22

SANCTUS **(KNEEL)** Carnevali  
 THE CANON OF THE MASS **(KNEEL)**  
 POST EPIKLESIS *Benedictus qui venit*  
 THE LORD’S PRAYER **(STAND)** Carnevali  
 AGNUS DEI **(KNEEL)** Missal pg. 44  
 PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION Missal pg. 46  
 AGNUS DEI **(KNEEL)** Missal pg 50a  
 COMMUNION VERSE Carnevali  
 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 *Jesus, Lover of my soul* Alan Hovhanness  
 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 this morning. There are Service Books in the pews for your use. While Holy Communion may **be received only 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: Anya Whittier, Adel Mikhail, Tammy Hurtado, Margaret Dudley, Claire Emmons, Patrice Prothro, John Kuzma, Stan Wallace, Traudel Schroad Gunter, Sarah Jerome, John May, Larry Stokes, Ria Furr, Monica Enright, Jackie Huttenhoff, Paul Schroeder, Phyllis Shavlik, Cece Scott, Charles Raines, Megan Hines, Margaret Lyman, Lily Calderon, Neville Gaggiani, Phyllis Roberts, Sue Stanko, Robert Phillips, the suffering Christians in Syria and the Middle East, Maria Palucha, Margie Palucha, Metropolitan Boulos of Aleppo, Metropolitan Mar Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim of Aleppo, Kh. Angela Keiser, Nate Redman, Aaron Rendoff, Vanessa Taylor, Jim Sanders.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS burn this week to God’s honour and glory and for the health and welfare of Ray Rendoff (December 12 – birthday). A gift from Patty Rendoff.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT SAINT AUGUSTINE’S

Here are some important upcoming events at St. Augustine’s Parish. Please mark your calendars.

- **DECORATING OF THE CHURCH: Next Sunday, December 18** after Coffee Hour.
- **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:** Saturday, December 24, Vigil Mass at 8:00am. The choir and orchestra will present the pre-Mass music and the Mass at Midnight.\* Low Mass on Christmas

- Day at 10:00am.
- **NEW YEAR'S DAY**, SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017 HIGH MASS AT 10:00am
- **THE EPIPHANY**, FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017 RUSH HOUR CONCERT \*\* at 5:30pm. High Mass at 7:00pm

WELCOME! Today we welcome Elijah Valdez through the Sacrament of Chrismation!

#### ANNUAL MEETING

Thanks to all who participated in the ANNUAL MEETING of our parish last Sunday. Special thanks to all of the Council Members for preparing reports and presentations that were made. Those of you who were not here are welcome to a packet. Please see Alexandra Eddy for your packet. Frank Slechta was elected from the membership to a three year term on the Council replacing John Fiscus whose term is finished. Thanks to John for his work as Treasurer and for the wonderful report he presented. There was great discussion with many helpful suggestions that we look forward to implementing this coming year.

**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**.

**CHECK THE BOOKSTORE** for gifts, Church Calendars and Cards!

#### 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!

We discussed at the Annual Meeting how our friends and benefactors give us a great amount of money for these special services. This is an INVESTMENT that they are making in us to help spread the Faith and increase the Parish. It is up to us—everyone of you—to do what you can to get the word out as well as to BE PRESENT and WELCOME our visitors, help them and encourage them to come back. **Don't let it be the world's best kept secret...**

**REST ETERNAL:** We express our condolences and sympathy to Alexandra Eddy on the death of her Aunt, Carolyn. May she rest in peace.

#### KING SOOPERS GIFT CARDS

Please continue to use and re-load your cards. If you have not used a card for 90 days, please get a new one from Debbie Braun or Mary Beth Flory so that purchases will accrue towards St. Augustine's Account.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** It has been the long-standing tradition in this Parish to have an Offering for Flowers and Decorations for the Church during the Twelve Days of Christmas. We are very grateful to Anne VanVors for her work in procuring the trees and greens and arranging for the poinsettias. She also made the lovely Advent Wreath. We are also grateful to all of you for your kind donations. The flower offering envelopes are in the Narthex. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

**Think About It:** Love can do all things but if it ceases to be generous and sharing it is no longer love. **St. Gregory the Great, Dialogist & Pope of Rome** (+604)

#### \*MSGR. MANGELS HAS ANNOUNCED THE CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM

THE AMBROSIAN CHORISTERS & ORCHESTRA will present FESTAL MUSIC FOR THE EVE OF CHRISTMAS on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:30pm. The Pre-Midnight Mass music will consist of Mozart's magnificent motet **Exsultate Jubilate**, featuring Stephanie Anne Ball, coloratura soprano and orchestra, and Vincent Novello's arrangement of the traditional carol **Adeste Fideles** in the style of Mozart. At Mass, the "**Credo-Mass**"—a joyous, festal and sparkling setting of the

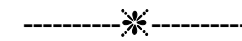
Liturgy by Mozart—will be heard with Pergolesi's **Glory to God in the Highest** at the Offertory and Mauro-Cattone's touching Christmas Lullaby **Ninna Nanna** (Sleep, O Child Divine) at Communion. The Mass will conclude with Handel's **Hallelujah Chorus** from **The Messiah**. The traditional carols of Christmas will be sung by the congregation and choir and the **Gregorian Chant Propers of the Mass** will be sung by the *schola cantorum*.

#### 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: A **BENEFACTOR** would take care of the entire cost. **ARCHANGELS** contribute \$1,000.00-\$2,000; **SERAPHIM** contribute \$500.00-\$1,000.00; **ANGELS** sponsor one musician at \$250.00; **CHERUBIM** contribute \$100.00-200.00; and of course any **GIFT** is most gratefully appreciated! If you would like to contribute, please earmark your donation: Christmas Music. Thank you!

**\*\*EPIPHANY RUSH HOUR CONCERT** On Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm beat the rush hour traffic and come into the serene beauty of St. Augustine's. Alexandra Eddy, violin with Don Hilsberg, harp; David Short, cello; Richard Robertson, organ; and Mackenzie Talley, soprano will perform music of Buxtehude, Bach, and Telemann; a new carol by Alexandra Eddy; and some new arrangements of Epiphany/Christmas Carols. The concert is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be received to benefit the music program at St. Augustine's.

**The Church Fathers Speak:** The Church is holy, although there are sinners within her. Those who sin, but who cleanse themselves with true repentance, do not keep the Church from being holy. Likewise, unrepentant sinners are cut off, either visibly by Church authority or invisibly by the judgement of God, to keep the Body of Christ holy. **St. Philaret Metropolitan of Moscow** (+1867)



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#### THIS WEEK AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

Monday, December 12	Advent Feria <i>fast &amp; abstinence</i>	
Tuesday, December 13	Saint Lucy, V.M.; <i>St. Herman of Alaska, P.C.</i>	
Wednesday, December 14	Ember Wednesday in Advent <i>fast &amp; abstinence</i>	Mass 7:00pm
Thursday, December 15	Octave Day of the Conception of the BVM	
Friday, December 16	Ember Friday in Advent <i>fast &amp; abstinence</i>	
Saturday, December 17	Ember Saturday in Advent <i>fast &amp; abstinence</i>	Mass 10:00am
Sunday, December 18	Fourth Sunday in Advent	Solemn High Mass 10:00am

**CONFESSIONS:** *The Sacrament of Confession is available after all weekday Services, and anytime by appointment.*