



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

GAUDETE SUNDAY

DECEMBER 17, 2017

GAUDETE 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, pg. 8.)
 INTROIT **(KNEEL)** *Gaudete in Domino* Philip.4:4-6; Ps. 84:2
 KYRIE **(KNEEL)** *Missa Marialis* chant
 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 **(STAND)** chant
 OFFERTORY VERSE **(STAND)** *Ps. 84:2, 3*
 ANTHEM **(SIT)** *Expectans, expectavi Domine* C. Saint-Saëns
 “PRAY BRETHERN” *I waited with longing for the Lord, and he turned to me. Psalms 130:5, 69:16*
The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his name, to our benefit also, and that of all his holy Church.
 SURSUM CORDA & PREFACE OF ADVENT **(STAND)** Missal pg. 22
 SANCTUS **(KNEEL)** chant

THE CANON OF THE MASS **(KNEEL)**
 THE LORD’S PRAYER **(STAND)**
 AGNUS DEI **(KNEEL)**
 PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION
 AGNUS DEI **(KNEEL)**
 COMMUNION VERSE

Missal pg. 44
 Missal pg. 46
 Missal pg 50a
 chant
 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 *Veni, Redemptor gentium* Chant
 POSTCOMMUNION COLLECT **(STAND)**
 DISMISSAL & BLESSING **(KNEEL)**
 LAST GOSPEL **(STAND)** John 1:1-14
 HYMN *Greenland* Hymnal No. 4
 POSTLUDE *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland.* J. Pachelbel



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME 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: Max Atencio, Charles Rubey, Mother Olga, Marta Lewis, Brian Glass, Keela and Nathan Ainsworth, Larry Belo, Ruth Sanchez, Isaac Swanson, Tony Zubricky, Brian Knop, Miriam Lindstrom, Patty Rendoff, Janet Phillips, Toni Placios Porter, Colleen Fiscus, John MacIntyre, Rhonda Laird, Kaitlin Belitz, Robert Jostmeyer, Michael McDonald, Claire Emmons, Stan Wallace, Traudel Schroad Gunter, John May, Larry Stokes, Ria Furr, Monica Enright, Jackie Huttenhoff, Paul Schroeder, Megan Hines, Phyllis Roberts, Sue Stanko, 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. Angelina Keiser, Nate Redman, Aaron Rendoff, Vanessa Taylor, Jim Sanders.

THE SANCTUARY & VIGIL LAMPS burn this week to God’s honour and glory and for the health and welfare of Elijah Valdez on the first anniversary of his Chrismation. A gift from Priscilla Sanders. Also in memory of and thanksgiving for Glen Swanson, Erik’s father, who would have been 110 years old on December 17. A gift from the Swanson family.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SAINT AUGUSTINE’S

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

- **ANNUAL MEETING:** Change of date: **Sunday, January 14.**
- **Christmas Schedule:** Sunday, December 24, Vigil Mass at 10:00am; at 11:30pm the choir and orchestra will present the pre-Mass music and the Mass at Midnight.* Low Mass on Monday, Christmas Day at 10:00am.
- **Mass on New Year's Day** the Feast of the Circumcision will be at 10:00am.
- **External Solemnity of the Epiphany** While we will have a Low Mass on Saturday, January 6th at 10:00, we will celebrate, as permitted by the rubrics, the Solemnity of Epiphany on Sunday, January 7th at 10:00am.
- **Epiphany Concert**—*Resonet in laudibus*, the second annual Epiphany Concert at St. Augustine's, will be offered at **4:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 6, 2018.** Alexandra Eddy will play viola with Mackenzie Talley, soprano, and Richard Robertson, organ. Works to be performed include Alexandra's arrangements of familiar vocal music of the season; two movements of Johann Sebastian Bach's Cello Suite in G major, transcribed for solo viola; two solo organ pieces, and the world premiere of Alexandra's *Es ist ein' Ros' Entsprungen* for unaccompanied viola, based on Johannes Brahms's lovely organ prelude of the same name, Op. 122, No. 8. Admission is free, and all are welcome. There will be an opportunity to make a freewill offering, all proceeds from which will benefit the Music Program at St. Augustine's. Refreshments will follow!

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Prepare yourself properly to receive the Lord on His birthday by coming to Confession. Confessions will be heard on Wednesday before and after Mass; on Saturday before and after Mass; and on Sunday before Mass.

WELCOME to the entire Swanson Family! We are so happy to have Johanna and her family visiting from London. The coffee Hour today is a celebration St. Lucy's Day.

CHURCH DECORATING Because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, we will be decorating during the week. On Thursday, December 21st at 4:30 pm we will get the trees set up and things moved into place. On Friday, December 22 at 2:30pm we will string the lights and garland and set the Nativity Scene. Any help you can provide would be most gratefully appreciated!

Wisdom from the Church Fathers: All hidden things that happen inside us, things which no one sees except God and our conscience, we need to inventory and take responsibility for. For example, did I neglect my prayers? Did I despise God's commandments? Did I entertain evil thoughts? Did I judge and condemn another person? ***St. Dorotheos of Gaza*** (+565)

CHECK THE BOOKSTORE for gifts, Church Calendars and Cards!

WE NEED parishioners to function as ushers and greeters for Midnight Mass and ask that as many of you as possible please take pictures and videos at the Mass for our website.

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 world's best kept secret...***

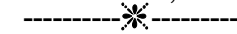
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: It has been the long-standing tradition in this Parish to have an Offering for Flowers and Decorations for the Church during the Twelve Days of Christmas. We are very grateful to Anne VanVors for her work in procuring the trees and greens and arranging for the poinsettias. She also 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. PLEASE, get your envelopes in today!

Think About It: Isn't it strange that you can find barely a word to say when you're praying to God, but have little trouble when talking to a friend or gossiping about someone or something else?

***MSGR. MANGELS HAS ANNOUNCED THE CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM**
THE AMBROSIAN CHORISTERS & ORCHESTRA will present A FESTIVAL OF MUSIC FOR THE EVE OF CHRISTMAS on Sunday, December 24th beginning at 11:30pm. The Pre-Midnight Mass music will consist of a selection of Christmas music for voices, organ and violin. During Mass, the ***Missa Brevis in G***, KV 140 (***Pastoral Mass***), a joyous, festal and sparkling setting of the Liturgy by Mozart will be heard with Peter Latona's arrangement of ***Behold a Mystical Rose*** at the Offertory and John Rutter's ***What Sweeter Music*** at Communion. The Mass will conclude with Mozart's ***Church Sonata in C***, KV 328. 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*. Thanks to all who have contributed to the cost! If you would like to make a donation, we would be most grateful.

The Church Fathers Speak: Let us listen to the soul for we cannot see it since it is invisible. Listen to its beauty: temperance, mildness, almsgiving, love, brotherly kindness, tender affection, obedience to God, fulfillment of the Law, righteousness, and contrition of heart. They are not the results of nature, but of moral disposition. He who does not possess them, is able to receive them. And he who has them, if he becomes careless, loses them. ***St. John Chrysostom*** (+407)



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THIS WEEK AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

Monday, December 18	Expectation of the BVM <i>fast & abstinence</i>	
Tuesday, December 19	Advent Feria	
Wednesday, December 20	Ember Wednesday in Advent <i>fast & abstinence</i>	Mass 10:00am
Thursday, December 21	St. Thomas the Apostle	Decorating at 4:30pm
Friday, December 22	Ember Friday in Advent <i>fast & abstinence</i>	Decorating at 2:30pm
Saturday, December 23	Ember Saturday in Advent <i>fast & abstinence</i>	Mass 10:00am
Sunday, December 24	Vigil of the Nativity	High Mass 10:00am 11:30pm

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC FOR THE EVE OF CHRISTMAS
CONFESSIONS: *The Sacrament of Confession is available after all weekday Services, and anytime by appointment.*