

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, December 12

Third Sunday of Advent

2nd Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Monday, December 13

Memorial of St. Lucy

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 14

Memorial of St. John the Cross

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 15

Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 a.m.

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed at 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 16

Thursday of the Third Week of Advent

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed at 2:00 p.m.

Friday, December 17

Friday of the Third Week of Advent

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed at 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 18

Saturday of the Third Week of Advent

Live-Streamed Mass at 7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 a.m.

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 19

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2nd Collection for Repairs & Maintenance

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Scripture Reflection

Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim his name; / among the nations make known his deeds, / proclaim how exalted is his name (Isaiah 12:4).

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection 11/29 – 12/5

Sunday Offering	\$ 4,862.22
Weekday Offering & Thanksgiving	\$ 1,152.82
Online Giving	\$ 1,828.66
Other Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 60.00
Total Offertory	\$ 7,903.70

Other Collection

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 25.00
Campaign Human Development	\$ 31.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 2.27
Holy Day	\$ 45.00
Others (Gallery, Candles, Baptisms)	\$ 1,747.00
Total	\$ 9,753.97

Living the Liturgy

- For a week, make a practice of reviewing your day each evening. Reflect on each day, naming things or opportunities for which you are grateful. Name moments you were invited to witness God's presence. Review how you did. Resolve how you want to act the next day. Children can be helped to do this at bedtime. At the end of the week, talk with your family or another person about your insights.
- John tells three groups what they should do to follow the Messiah. Choose one group and imagine how their lives and those of the people around them might have changed if they followed John's exhortation. Write the ending to their story.
- John tells the crowds to share their cloaks with those who have none. How can you share what you have in a way that stretches you to identify with those who do not have any warm or seasonal clothes? What will you choose to do about it?

Sharing the Faith

- What are the false gods that we worship or the cultural pressures tempting us to ignore our covenant with God?
- What would John say to you and your parish community if you asked what you should do?
- How do John's words to his followers challenge us today?

Saint of the Week

The more humble a man is, the better he knows himself and, therefore, the better he knows God. The more he knows God, the better he loves Him...thus by humility, he obtains more charity and by having more charity, he obtains more humility. - Blessed Anthony Grassi (1592-1671), Priest, Feast Day December 18.

December 12, 2021 – Third Sunday of Advent

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Zephaniah 3:14-18a / Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 / Philippians 4:4-7 / Isaiah 61:1 (cited in Luke 4:18) / Luke 3:10-18

Prophets often came into a world that was desolate and barren, and to a people desperately in need of hearing their message. Yet, often the people were resistant to the word of God, the promise of good news, spoken through them. John the Baptist was a prophet who proclaimed a message of good news. He, too, met resistance, but many did open their ears and hearts to listen.

Some people wanted a triumphant messiah who would destroy Israel's enemies. Others hoped a catastrophe would overthrow the present world order. But John heralded the Messiah who asked for a change from within, a conversion of heart. John's message was concrete and immediate: share what you have. Be fair and just. Don't take advantage of your authority and power.

Now it is our turn to reflect deeply on the Baptist's call and offer the Messiah our receptive and open hearts. John laid out the mission. Jesus lived the mission in his very person and his ministry. Now is our turn to proclaim and live the good news, to make known the promise that the Messiah will come again in glory.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Fourth Sunday of Advent"

Micah 5:1-4a / Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 / Hebrews 10:5-10 / Luke 1:38 / Luke 1:39-45

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!"

We are on the third Sunday of Advent. We are nearing the day of the celebration of Christ's birth. Our readings this Sunday stir our minds and hearts to have a joyful spirit. The Good News is at hand. And that good news is knowing how blessed our lives are with Christ in our lives. With Christ coming into the world, we experience so much comfort and joy knowing that we have a God full of mercy and compassion.

The Gospel narrates many groups of people approaching John asking him what they need to do. John replies to them in a manner suited to their profession and status in life. The crowds ask, and John replies to open their hearts in generosity. Tax collectors ask, and John replies that they live and act justly. Soldiers ask, and John replies to them to carry out their task in the true spirit of service. If we also ask John the question, "what should we do" what do you think John will tell us?

This Sunday, it would be a good reflection to think of John's answer to our question. Each of us should ask ourselves since we have different situations in life. It is also good to ask what we can do as a Community of Disciples in this world we live in. After all the difficulties we had and still with the current pandemic situation we are in, the question is so appropriate to ask, "What should we do?" Many families are grieving because of the loss of a loved one, and jobs were cut off. The troubling thing we are experiencing today is the instability of our economic, social, cultural, and political life that influence our moral values and decisions.

To bring to light what we need to do, Jesus, Himself, directs us to ponder the essential things in life, especially Gospel Values, that form us to be His disciples today. At that, we can share His Good News of Salvation and experience true joy amidst the ups and downs of life.

As we continue our Advent Journey, may our search for an answer or answers lead us to realize how wonderful it is to celebrate the birth of Christ, the source of our joy and our life. May it also remind us that we are called to share this joy with others.

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual



THE OUTREACH MINISTRY WILL BE OUTSIDE ALL SUNDAY MASSES ON DECEMBER 11-12 TO COLLECT THE GIFTS FOR THE HOMELESS FOR THE EARTHLY ANGELS CHRISTMAS PROJECT. WE WILL ALSO COLLECT ANY MEN'S OR WOMEN'S CLOTHING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE AT THIS TIME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

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