

OUR SAVIOUR PARISH
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MASS SCHEDULE:

SUN. DEC. 15, 2013 - GAUDETE SUNDAY - (THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT -Rose)
7:15AM - LAUDES
*7:45AM - HOLY MASS (ENGLISH, ANCIENT FORM)
*9:00 AM- HOLY MASS (ENGLISH)- +Arlene Kramer by Elizabeth & Victor McAlanis
*10:30AM - HOLY MASS (POLISH)
12:00 NOON - MIDDAY PRAYER
4:30 - VESPERS/ADORATION/COMPLINE

MON. & TUE. DEC. 16 & 17, 2013 - WEEKDAY MASS OF ADVENT - 9:00AM

WED. DEC. 18, 2013 - WEEKDAY MASS OF ADVENT - 7:00PM

THU. FRI. - DEC. 19 & 20, 2013 - WEEKDAY MASS OF ADVENT - 9:00AM

SAT. DEC. 21,2013 - **FEAST - ST. THOMAS the APOSTLE (Red) - MASS - 9AM**

SUNDAY DEC. 22, 2013 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HOLY MASS - 9:00AM
(Mass and Prayer Schedule as above)
9:00AM MASS - + Mark Mechowski by Elizabeth & Victor McAlanis

TODAY'S ENTRANCE RITES:

LITANY (SUNG) - pg 65 in the Mass Booklets
HIGH MASS - RITE I - pg 15 in the Mass Booklets
* The Kyrie is omitted when the Litany is sung
* The Gloria is omitted during the Seasonal Masses of Advent

TODAY'S READINGS

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH
The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy, they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.
READER - THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD! PEOPLE - THANKS BE TO GOD!

THE GRADUAL

PRIEST - *Happy are those whose help is Jacob's God; whose hope is in the Lord, their God, The maker of heaven and earth, the seas and all that is in them.*

PEOPLE - *Who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free.*

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST. JAMES

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

READER - THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD! PEOPLE- THANKS BE TO GOD!

+ A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW +

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see" A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written; 'BEHOLD, I AM SENDING MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU; HE WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.'

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist. Yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

PRIEST - THIS IS THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD!

PEOPLE - PRAISE BE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST!

OUR SAVIOR PARISH CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE of non-perishable food items is continuing. Help feed a needy family during the upcoming Christmas season. Items may be left at the Mary Altar at the entry way of the church. May God Bless you for your generosity.

Decorating and cleaning of our church for Christmas will take place following the after-Mass lunch period on the last Sunday of Advent (next Sunday). If you would like to help, please see Loretta Mikovsky for details.

LITURGICAL NOTES - You will notice that the color of the advent candle, (lit on this the third Sunday of Advent), is rose colored... so too the vestments that the priest wears along with the veil covering the holy vessels. It is the color of rose, which signifies JOY. By this symbolic change of liturgical colors, the Church reminds the faithful that the Feast of the Nativity of Christ (Christmas) is closer than when we first began this Holy Season of Advent. It is because of this fact that the traditional Introit of the Mass on this Sunday always began with the exhortation for the faithful to 'Rejoice!', to take heart!, for the Advent of the Savior is near! Let us then fill our hearts with the joy of our Savior Jesus Christ, whose birth we will soon joyfully commemorate, but even more importantly, whose SECOND COMING we joyfully await! VENI, VENI IMMANUEL! MAY YOU COME LORD JESUS. COME!