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**December 12, 2021**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

### FAITH SHARING

The central theme of today's readings is the command "Rejoice!" We are to do so mainly by realizing the presence of Jesus in our midst, by receiving Jesus into our lives through our repentance, our renewal of life, and by doing God's will. Today is called "Gaudete" Sunday because today's Mass begins with the opening antiphon, "*Gaudete in Domino semper*" ("Rejoice in the Lord always").



In today's first reading, the prophet Zephaniah encourages Jerusalem and Israel to shout out for the joy of their expected deliverance by the Lord.

St. Paul echoes this message of joy in the second reading, a letter written from imprisonment: "*Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice...*"

In the Gospel today, John the Baptist explains the secret of Christian joy as our wholehearted commitment to God's Way by the doing of His will. John challenges people to generosity and a sense of fairness so that others may have reason to rejoice. According to John, happiness comes from doing our duties faithfully, doing good for others, and sharing our blessings with others in need.

### Responsorial Psalm

**R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One**

### ENTRANCE HYMN (Psalm 85:6-7;90:14)

V. Will You be angry with us forever, drag out Your anger for all generations? Please give us life again, that Your people may rejoice in You.

**R. Fill us at daybreak with Your love, that all our days we may sing for joy.**

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### Gospel

**LK 3:10-18**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?"

He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise."

Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?"

He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed."

Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?"

He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages."

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ.

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.



## Today's Hymns

**Processional Hymn**  
Hymn of Faith

**Hymn to the Holy Spirit**  
144 Come, Thou Creator

**Offertory Hymn**  
O Come, Divine Messiah  
(Not in hymnal)

**Communion Hymn**  
021 On Jordan's Bank

**Recessional Hymn**  
026 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

### WORSHIP SERVICES

**Sunday, December 12**

3 Sunday of Advent

**12:00 Noon – Holy Mass**

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**Sunday, December 19**

4 Sunday of Advent

**12:00 Noon – Holy Mass**

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**Saturday, December 25**

Solemnity – Nativity of the Lord

**12:00 Noon – Holy Mass**

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### BULLETIN INFORMATION

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### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Let us pray for all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, especially: Howard Friedman, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterce, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Tom Goff, Donald Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, Jan Cherneski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Fr. Donald Wunderlich, Izabela Dryfik, Michal Mularczyk

### ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

### ADVENT CANDLES

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. The first is called the "Candle of Hope." It symbolizes faith in God keeping his promises to humanity. The second is called the "Candle of Preparation," reminding Christians to "get ready" to receive God. The third candle is the "Candle of Joy." It recalls the angels joyfully singing about the birth of Christ. The fourth candle, the "Candle of Love," reminds Christians that God loves them enough to send his only Son to Earth.

Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice. And one is pink, this which we lit today.

Sometimes a white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath; this is a beautiful modern adaptation. The white candle is lit on Christmas Eve. This candle is called the "Christ Candle" and represents the life of Christ. The color white is for purity—because Christ is our sinless, pure Savior.

### OPLATKI - CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Christmas wafers are in sale now at Our Saviour's.

### 2021 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE AT ST. VALENTINE'S AND OUR SAVIOUR'S

**Friday, December 24, 2021**

St. Valentine's 10:00 PM

**Christmas Eve**

Shepherds' Mass – *Pasterka* – with the candle illumination (available on YouTube and Facebook)

**Saturday, December 25, 2021**

St. Valentine's 9:30 AM

Our Saviour's 12:00 Noon

**Christmas Day – Nativity of the Lord**

Christmas Mass (available on YouTube and Facebook)

Christmas Mass

**Sunday, December 26, 2021**

St. Valentine's 9:30 AM

Our Saviour's 12:00 Noon

**Solemnity – Humble Shepherds**

Holy Mass (available on YouTube and Facebook)

Holy Mass

**Friday, December 31, 2021**

St. Valentine's 9:30 AM

**New Year's Eve; Solemnity – Holy Family**

Holy Mass with the blessing of families (in person only)

**Saturday, January 1, 2022**

St. Valentine's 9:30 AM

Our Saviour's 12:00 Noon

**Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord**

Holy Mass (available on YouTube and Facebook)

Holy Mass

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

St. Valentine's 9:30 AM

Our Saviour's 12:00 Noon

**Solemnity – Holy Name of Jesus**

Holy Mass (available on YouTube and Facebook)

Holy Mass

**Thursday, January 6, 2022**

St. Valentine's 9:30 AM

**Solemnity – Epiphany of the Lord**

Holy Mass with the blessing of incense, charcoal & chalk (available on YouTube and Facebook)

Our Saviour's 12:00 Noon

Holy Mass with the blessing of incense, charcoal & chalk

**Sunday, January 9, 2022**

St. Valentine's 9:30 AM

**Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord**

Holy Mass with the Renewal of the Baptismal Promises (available on YouTube and Facebook)

Our Saviour's 12:00 Noon

Holy Mass with the Renewal of the Baptismal Promises