

Saint Charles Borromeo

December 13, 2015

Third Sunday
of Advent



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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM

Brazilian Mass 12:00 noon

Rev. Adriano Lessa

Weekday Masses

(in the lower-level Chapel)

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 AM

Confessions: Saturdays 3: - 3:30 PM
or by appointment

Adult Religious Education

Wednesday: 9:30 - 10:15 AM

Holy Days

9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

If you are new to the parish, WELCOME!

Please introduce yourself. We want to know you and to serve you. We hope you will favor your parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance - according to your means.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 12	4PM - Stanley Cybulski by the family
Sunday, December 13	9AM - Roger Giguere by Louise & Pete LeBlanc
Tuesday, December 15	9AM - Deceased Manigan Family By the family
December 16	9AM - Henri Paul by the family
Thursday, December 17	9AM - Olive & Philippe Godin By Sue & Nel Godin
Friday, December 18	9AM - Lucille Blake
Saturday December 19	4PM - Dominic Gizzarelli by the family
Sunday, December 20	9AM - Mary Mello, Irene & Albo Ce- saroni by Bobby Bosco



Wow! How did that happen? It is already the third Sunday of Advent. And as I write these words, it is Tuesday, the 8th of December, the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Someone said in passing that this is a beautiful feast. I suppose it is so because of at least two reasons: it is dedicated to Mary, and all things connected to her have a character which appeals to Catholic sensibilities; it also reminds us of the care which God has for our world and each of us. God intervenes in Mary's life as its very beginning to prepare her to be the mother of the world's savior. She is kept safe from the effects of human-kind's original revolt against God. Therefore, she was a person whose life was one of grace. She already lived the way the followers of her son would later be able to live once they experienced Jesus as risen and the power of his Holy Spirit taking hold of their lives. She is the first Christian, the first follower and disciple of her son. But the care with which God treated her life was for our sake. In fact, we could even say that even her son's life is also for our sake. She and he both exist so that the world, the human race and human history, may find its way to God. And we are part of that huge plan, even in the particularities of our own lives. Even there God's care is present. May we believe that and live accordingly.

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,817.00
Loose Money	\$ 253.00
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*Thank
you*



Scripture for the week of December 13, 2015

Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-6/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Ps 85:9-14/Lk7:18b-23
Thursday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
Friday:	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Saturday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-6, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Next Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

"For Jesus Christ reigns over the minds of individuals by his teachings, in their hearts by his love, in each one's life by the living according to his law and the imitating of his example."

~Pope Pius XI

Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



Announcements



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is held every Friday in the lower church from 1 to 2 PM.



Our annual **St. Charles Borromeo Christmas Concert**, featuring both the children and the adult choir, will be on Sunday December 20th at 3 PM in the upper church. FREE concert... donations of a non-perishable food item accepted.

This weekend's SECOND COLLECTION is for *THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS* - This fund distributes grants to religious institutes for the retirement needs of senior religious priests, brothers, and sisters. The fund also helps religious institutes plan and manage their retirement needs and programs. Please be generous.

Thurs., Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve 4PM
Fri., Dec. 25 - Christmas Day 9AM
Sat. & Sun. Dec. 26 & 27- Feast of Holy Family 4PM & 9AM
Thurs. Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve 4PM
Fri. Jan 1 - Solemnity of Mary 9AM
Sat. & Sun., Jan. 2 & 3 - Epiphany 4PM & 9AM



When writing your Christmas cards this year, please consider sending a card to a recovering veteran.

Address to: A Recovering American Soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20307-5001

MOUNT ST. CHARLES ACADEMY presents "*LESSONS AND CAROLS*" an Advent Service of Prayer and Song on Sunday, December 13th at 6PM at Precious Blood Church, 94 Carrington Ave. Woon.

Featuring students of Mount Saint Charles Band, Chorus, Dance, and Hand bells. Tickets are free, but

necessary for admission Call (401) 769-0310.

ST. MICHAEL UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, 74 Harris Avenue is hosting it's 10th Annual *COOKIE WALK 2015* on Saturday, December 19 from 9AM to Noon. \$9.00 per pound specialty cookies, cakes, pies and more! Penny Social Raffle. Need to pre-order 5 pounds or more? Call Eleanor at (508) 883-7176.

The Diocese urges anyone who has been the victim of sexual abuse or has credible knowledge of such abuse, by any member of the Catholic Church in Rhode Island, to report the information to Kevin O'Brien, Director of the diocesan Office of Compliance at (401) 941-0760. To seek assistance for victims or family members affected by such abuse, please contact Paula Loud, Director of the diocesan Office Outreach & Prevention at (401) 946-0728.

The Greater Woonsocket Catholic Regional School System will be hosting a **Super Bingo** on Sunday, January 10th at Precious Blood Church Hall. A total of \$6,650. in prizes will be given away! Tickets are \$30 for 18 cards plus specials. (Additional cards will be available for purchase.) Only 275 tickets will be sold. For more details on the event or how to purchase tickets, contact GWCRS Regional Office at (401) 762-1095.

ADVENT PARISH MISSION AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH - St. Joseph Church, 1200 Mendon Road, will be having an **Advent Parish Mission** Monday through Wednesday, December 14 - 16, at 6:30 PM.

Mass and Mission talk each evening. The Franciscans of the Primitive Observance will preach the Mission, entitled "The God of Mercy, The Works of Mercy; the Mother of Mercy." Confessions will also be available every day of the Mission from 8 - 10 AM and from 4:30 - 8:30 PM. For more information, please call (401) 766-0626.



THE GOOD NEWS

The readings for this Sunday are about rejoicing. The First Reading tells God's people to shout for joy, and the Second Reading exhorts Christians to rejoice always. The Gospel Reading says that John the Baptist preached good news to the people. So what did John the Baptist say? What is there to rejoice about?

It helps in thinking about this question to have some sense of what the bad news is.

The Second Reading follows the call to rejoice with an exhortation to have no anxieties. The bad news is everything that raises those anxieties. The First Reading spells out some of it. There are enemies; there are misfortunes—sickness, poverty, unemployment, natural disaster, and all the rest.

It is possible to find some peace about all these things by bringing them to God in prayer and putting your trust in him. At any rate, that is the antidote to these anxieties recommended by the Second Reading.

But a person can have anxieties that are harder to bring to God. There are the relationships you have broken, the wreckage you have made of things at home, the failures you are culpable for at work. Sin can paralyze any effort at joy, in loving relationship with God and others. You can put your trust in God; but what happens when you know that God can put no trust in you? What happens to joy in the face of this thought?

That is the bad news.

But this is also where the good news comes in. The First Reading promises that God will rejoice over you. And why? The answer is also in the First Reading: God will renew you; and when he does, you will be so lovely that God himself will make songs about you and for you, and he himself will sing them to you.

That is amazing good news, isn't it? But how can it be?

This is where the good news of John the Baptist comes in. Christ will baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit will then dwell in you. Christ is Emmanuel, God with us, and he brings God the Holy Spirit into us. When God is with you and in you, how can you keep from singing for joy?

~ Eleonore Stump, Professor of Philosophy, St. Louis University

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the rectory after your baby's birth to prepare for this initial Sacrament of spiritual life.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick (and Communion Calls)

Please notify us if anyone is ill, in the hospital or homebound and may wish to receive Holy Communion at home.



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