

Saint Charles Borromeo



December 14, 2014
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 13	4PM - Bob, Georgiana & David Bosco by Bobby Bosco
Sunday, December 14	9AM - Roger Giguere by Louise & Pete LeBlanc
Tuesday, December 16	9AM - St. Charles Parishioners
Wednesday, December 17	9AM - Mary Dailey, Parish Bene- factor by the parish
Thursday, December 18	9AM - Mary Mello & Irene & Albo Cesaroni, by Bobby Bosco
Friday, December 19	9AM - Aldo F. Rossi and family by his sisters
Saturday, December 20	4PM - Elanor Kane by the family
Sunday, December 21	9AM - Kennedy & Shiel Families by the families

*From the
Pastor* 

The entrance antiphon, the phrase to be said or recited at the beginning of Mass, for this third Sunday of Advent is "Rejoice in the Lord always...." In Latin the word is Gaudete. Hence the name for this Sunday. We are being told to rejoice because the birth of the Lord is near at hand. And yet the weather and the news do not offer us much to rejoice about. On this Tuesday, the 9th of December, it is slippery. Yet many people made it out to Mass this morning. I tell them that they should not do this, especially since many of them are already octogenarians, but they won't listen.

That is the weather. But the news is also not very promising. More than fifty years have passed since our nation was involved in race riots in our cities and in the deaths of young men and women who went south on buses to protest the segregation laws. Now we are experiencing new demonstrations because of confrontations between the police and black people, especially black youths. "When will they ever learn...?" Wasn't that a song by Peter, Paul and Mary?

People will differ on the verdicts given which exonerated police officers. Nevertheless, there are just too many questionable cases emerging for the public to pretend that there is not a problem in the way black people are often treated by police. Of course questionable behavior on the part of some police reflects the prejudices which still exist in our communal or societal heart. We and the police will have to be careful in the future. And that is true not only with respect to black people but also with Latinos and people who look like they may come from Muslim countries.

We have just three black police men and women here in Woonsocket. That is probably too few given the number of our police force (around 80, I think) and the number of black people in our city. Maybe more black police officers would help us here to avoid the confrontations which have taken place in other cities.

Fr. Finnegan, S.J.

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 3,153.00
Loose Money	\$ 341.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 1,041.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 4,535.00

*Thank
You*



Scripture for the week of December 14, 2014

- 14 SUN** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
15 Mon Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
16 Tue Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
17 Wed Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
18 Thu Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
19 Fri Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
20 Sat Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
21 SUN 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

If I ever become a Saint - I will surely be one of "darkness." I will continually be absent from heaven - to light the light of those in darkness on earth.
 ~Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

Announcements



This Weekend's Second Collection is *THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS*

Support religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital support for the retirement needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure that younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

Saint Charles Religious Education Program will present a ***Children's Christmas Concert*** on Sunday, December 21st at 3PM, featuring the children of St. Charles with special guests from *The Providence Youth Guitar Ensemble*. Please consider bringing a jar of peanut butter or other non-perishable food item for Bryan's Pantry.

Adult Christmas Concert will be held on December 24th at 3:30PM before our Christmas Eve Mass.

SAVE THE DATE - Church Cleaning - on Friday, December 12 and/or Saturday, December 13 from 9:30 to 11:30AM. All are welcome. Bring your favorite cleaning materials.

2015 Reflections Catholic Calendars will be at the church entrances the next few weeks. Pick one up if you wish. They are sponsored by S. DiPardo Memorial Chapel Funeral Home.

ADVENT PARISH MISSION AT SACRED HEART CHURCH, 415 Olo Street, Woonsocket - Sacred Heart is having Mission Talks December 15 through 18 (Mon. - Thurs.) at 7PM. Fr. Jordan Turano, O.P. will be giving the talks followed by Confessions. All are welcome.

The following **MINI RETREATS** will be held at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA on December 10 and January 8. All are welcome. Time: 10AM - 12:30PM. Cost: \$20. Please register at least 2 days in advance by contacting Peggy Patenaude at (508) 548-9149. The fee can be paid on arrival.

Dec 10: In Search for More - We are all seekers of "the more" in life and we may go to great lengths to find it. One place we often fail to look is right where we are—in the ordinary encounters and experiences of our lives. Sometimes we struggle to know more, be more, succeed more and all we really have to do is love more. Perhaps the most "more" we will ever find is in love of one another—a message worth pondering during Advent.

January 8: To Be Faithful - What does it mean to be faithful? Faithfulness can be played out in so many ways, such as, through honoring commitments, maintaining and nurturing relationships, or standing up for one's beliefs. It is not always easy to be faithful, but the fidelity of God's love can not only comfort us when times are difficult, but also remind us of what we too can be.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AT LA SALETTE SHRINE IN ATTLEBORO "**JESUS LIGHT OF LIFE**" is this year's theme. The illuminations will run from November 27 through January 4, 2015 - 5 to 9PM.

FR. PAT'S CONCERTS at Shrine Church at La Salette, from Thanksgiving—January 4th, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays. Time of Concerts: Tuesdays - Fridays: 3PM & 7PM, Saturdays & Sundays - 3PM & 7:30PM. (Fr. Pat will not be there on Mondays and on Saturday, December 6).

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS

It is a time for rejoicing: "The Lord is near! The earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time."

We again encounter John the Baptist echoing Isaiah's oracle: "Make straight the way of the Lord!" This time it appears alongside Paul's ringing exhortation: "Rejoice always, never cease praying, render constant thanks."

It also appears—quite significantly—alongside two passages that speak of salvation for the lowly.

The First Reading has Isaiah tell of being sent "to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners."

The responsorial psalm is Mary's song from the first chapter of Luke: "The hungry he has given every good thing, while the rich he has sent empty away."

The Alleluia follows this with a rewording of Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord ... sent me to bring Good News to the poor."

The message of today's liturgy is clear. The salvation we await with joy will liberate both the individual and the community, and its special focus will be the poor and lowly, not the rich and powerful.

"As the earth brings forth its plants ... so will the Lord God make justice."

Jesus comes so that our community might no longer be scarred with poverty and oppression but might instead "be preserved whole and entire, spirit, soul, and body."

As a leaven in the world, the Church is called to participate in human affairs and to recognize in the poor, the afflicted, and the oppressed the presence of the Lord summoning the Christian community to action.
~Gerald Darring

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

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