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Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 11, 2022

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”
LK 3:4,6  R. Alleluia, alleluia.

December 10  Saturday
Advent Weekday
12:05  Intentions of Su Family
5:15  Marylou Walsh

December 11  Third Sunday of Advent
8:00  For the People of the Parish
9:30  Anthony J. Land, Sr.
11:00  Neil Moravek
12:30  Ester y Ventura Torres
6:30  Charlotte Thomsen

December 12  Monday
Our Lady of Guadalupe
7:15  Michael E. Land
12:05  Marie Nicolai
9:00  Intentions of the Priest Celebrant

December 13  Tuesday
St. Lucy
7:15  Intentions of Mother
Mary Quentin
Sheridan, RSM
12:05  Essie Mae Rubin

December 14  Wednesday
St. John of the Cross
7:15  Mary Catherine
Flemings
12:05  Gloria Soto de Garcia

December 15  Thursday
Advent Weekday
7:15  Intentions of Mother
Mary Quentin
Sheridan, RSM
12:05  Mary Ann Lazor

December 16  Friday
Advent Weekday
7:15  Anthony Powell
12:05  Barbara Fried

December 17  Saturday
Late Advent Weekday
12:05  Leone, Cuccurrullo, Kenny Families
5:15  Peg, Gene, Maureen Janda, Peggy Ann, and Sean

December 18  Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00  For the People of the Parish
9:30  Gloria Quici
11:00  Carol Wenger Gibbons
12:30  Sebastian Rodriguez
6:30  Virgilio P. Domingo

Dear Parishioners,

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.” This is the Entrance Antiphon in the Roman Missal for Mass for this Third Sunday of Advent. The antiphon comes from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Philippians (4: 4-5). In fact, the nickname for this Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, derives from the Latin for the first word of the antiphon, “rejoice.” For two weeks, we have been devoutly anticipating the celebration of the Birth of our Savior with Christmas. Hopefully, these two weeks have been marked by a seriousness of purpose - focusing on our need to prepare for the coming of Christ anew into our lives, repenting of our sins and seeking ways to be more faithful to the Word of the Lord, and reflecting on our Father’s goodness in sending us his only begotten Son. Now, after two such weeks we truly do rejoice that the promised coming of Christ with Christmas is around the corner. We are halfway through this holy time of preparation. Indeed, the Lord is near! As real as our rejoicing might be, so we must continue with sincerity to look toward Christmas with a desire to further ready our hearts for the Savior. Continue the Advent journey, listening to the prophet Isaiah, heeding the voice of Saint John the Baptist, and quietly praying with Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

An Advent Confession is a very important part of our preparation for Christmas. A soul free from sin, from serious sin, is a soul ready for Christmas. We have Confessions every day of the week at the Cathedral Basilica - on Sunday at 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM, on Saturday at 4:15 PM and Monday through Friday at 11:30 AM. Parents bring your children, children bring your parents, neighbors bring your neighbors, to the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. The Lord is kind and merciful!

On Monday, December 12, 2022, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of the Americas. Archbishop Nelson Perez will celebrate Mass on Sunday evening, December 11, 2022 at 9:00 PM in the Cathedral Basilica to commemorate Our Lady of Guadalupe. On Monday, the schedule is as usual with Mass at 7:15 AM and 12:05 PM in the Cathedral Chapel.

This Wednesday, December 14, 2022, the Nativity Scene outside the Cathedral Basilica, at 18th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, will be blessed at 3:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to the blessing!

Once again, the generous response to the Parish Giving Tree has been overwhelming. Many, many children and adults will benefit from your generosity this Christmas. If anyone is interested in assisting with the delivery of these gifts, please contact the Parish Office, 215-561-1313.

Please keep the intention for peace in our City and an end to gun violence in our neighborhoods in your prayers. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be directed to the support of the outreach services in the Cathedral Parish. If possible, please make use of the on-line opportunities for making your weekly offering. Thank you so very much for all of your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish, especially with the annual Parish Fall Collection (Block Collection) and the Annual Seminary Collection taking place at this time.

Blessed Advent!
Father Dennis Gill
Rector
Let us prepare our hearts during this time of Advent to welcome the Messiah. His mother, Mary, the woman of the YES, made the plan of God her own without reservation. Let us ask Mary to become a clear light for our steps and the highest model for our inspiration. The spirit of giving is most evident during the Advent season. Please consider a gift to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul Parish through your will or a planned gift. Thank you for being a blessing to the Cathedral parish!

For more information, visit: www.cathedralphila.org.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Pray for us.

And let us remember to always pray for each other!

Your generosity on 12/4 was:

- Regular $4,455
- Special 1,289 (for Retired Religious of the Cathedral Parish)
- Total $5,744

Thank you for your generosity to the Cathedral Parish.

Please consider a gift to support the good works of our Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

- You are invited to become a member of our parish family and take part in our ministries, programs, events, and worship. Please speak with Deacon Burgos or Sr. Eleanor McCann after any Sunday Mass or make an appointment with Father Gill or Father Biedrzycki, and one of them can help you register.
- Consider the Cathedral in your Financial Plan – call Rose at the Cathedral office 215-561-1313. She can help with your Estate planning – such as adding the Cathedral as a beneficiary of your life insurance, IRA, annuity or a memorial gift. She can also help you with Tax Planning – such as a gift of appreciated stock or a distribution from your IRA.
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Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos:

- Lucy Parolie, Cristelene Agbayani, Nancy Cantwell, Denys Rawson, Scott Lawson, Joshua Storey, Colleen, Joe, Kathleen Anderson, David, Frank A. Vara, Joanne Quickle and her intentions, Casey McKee, Antonio, Ed Bar, Edmund Napieralski, Terri Ann DiMarcantonio, Joseph Maiellano, Alex and Paige Bednarsky, Lysiane, Liam Wajda, For the intentions submitted to PrayersUniteTheWorld.org., Eridania Guzmán, Allison Torres, and those in nursing homes or hospitals and all the sick.

To add or remove parishioners, friends or family members to the prayer list, please send an email to: prayingforyou@cathedralphila.org. Por favor envíe un email o llame a la oficina parroquial para añadir o remover los nombres de la lista de personas que estén enfermas.
Estimados feligreses,

“Estén siempre alegres en el Señor siempre; les repito, estén alegres. El Señor está cerca”. Esta es la Antífona de entrada en el Misal Romano para la Misa de este Tercer Domingo de Adviento. La antífona proviene de la Carta de San Pablo a los Filipenses (4, 4-5). De hecho, el apodo de este domingo, Domingo de Gaudete, se deriva del latín de la primera palabra de la antífona, “alégrate”. Durante dos semanas, hemos estado anticipando con devoción la celebración del Nacimiento de nuestro Salvador con la Navidad. Con suerte, estas dos semanas han estado marcadas por una seriedad de propósito, centrándonos en nuestra necesidad de prepararnos para la venida de Cristo nuevamente a nuestras vidas, arrepintiéndonos de nuestros pecados y buscando formas de ser más fieles a la Palabra del Señor, y reflexionando en la bondad de nuestro Padre al enviarnos a su Hijo unigénito. Ahora, después de dos de esas semanas, verdaderamente nos regocijamos de que la prometida venida de Cristo con la Navidad está a la vuelta de la esquina. Estamos a la mitad de este tiempo sagrado de preparación. ¡Verdaderamente, el Señor está cerca! Tan real como pueda ser nuestro regocijo, debemos continuar con sinceridad mirando hacia la Navidad con el deseo de preparar aún más nuestro corazón para el Salvador. Continuar el camino de Adviento escuchando el profeta Isaías, escuchando la voz de San Juan Bautista y orando en silencio con María, la Madre de Jesús.

Una Confesión de Adviento es una parte muy importante de nuestra preparación para la Navidad. Una alma libre de pecado, de pecado grave, es una alma preparada para la Navidad. Tenemos Confesiones todos los días de la semana en la Catedral Basílica: los domingos a las 9:00 AM y las 5:30 PM, los sábados a las 4:15 PM y de lunes a viernes a las 11:30 AM. Los padres traigan a sus hijos, los niños traigan a sus padres, los vecinos traigan a sus vecinos, al Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación. ¡El Señor es bondadoso y misericordioso!

El lunes 12 de diciembre del 2022 celebramos la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, la patrona de las Américas. El Arzobispo Nelson Pérez celebrará la Misa del domingo 11 de diciembre del 2022 a las 9:00 PM en la Catedral Basílica para conmemorar a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. El lunes tendremos nuestro horario de Misas habitual a las 7:15 AM y 12:05 AM en la Capilla Catedral.

Este miércoles, 14 de diciembre del 2022, se bendecirá El Árbol de Donaciones Parroquial «The Parish Giving Tree por sus nombre en inglés» ha sido abrumadora. Muchos, muchos niños y adultos se beneficiarán de su generosidad esta Navidad. Si alguien está interesado en ayudar con la entrega de estos obsequios, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial al 215-561-1313.

Mantenga en sus oraciones la intención por la paz en nuestra ciudad y el fin de la violencia armada en nuestros vecindarios. ¡Nuestra Señora, Reina de la Paz, ruega por nosotros!

La segunda colecta de la Misa del próximo domingo estará dirigida al apoyo de los servicios de extensión en la Parroquia Catedral. Si es posible, aproveche las oportunidades en línea para hacer su ofrenda semanal. Muchas gracias por toda su bondad y generosidad con la Parroquia de la Catedral, especialmente con la Colecta Parroquial Anual de Otoño (Colecta en Bloque) y la Colecta Anual del Seminario que se llevan a cabo en este momento.

¡Bendecido Adviento!
Padre Dennis Gill, Rector
The Cathedral Parish will be aiding those in need once again. We will assist the following organizations: St. John’s Hospice, Visitation Community Center, the Little Sisters of the Poor Holy Family Home, the Sisters of Life maternity home, Guiding Star maternity home, Women of Hope, and the Hispanic Ministry. We will also be helping twelve families who have requested assistance.

PLEASE TAKE ONE OR MORE ORNAMENTS and purchase a gift for that person or group. RETURN THE ORNAMENT AND GIFT, UNWRAPPED but in a gift bag, along with a brief Christmas prayer greeting, to the parish office or give it to someone in the sacristy after Mass. YOU MAY ALSO DONATE GIFT CARDS FROM TARGET, WALMART, WAWA OR VISA; place in the collection basket at Mass in an envelope labelled “Giving Tree”, or mail to the parish office.

ALL GIFTS MUST BE IN BY TODAY, DECEMBER 11th. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, please call or leave a message with Sister Mary Raphael, Outreach Coordinator, 215-561-1313, x 134. Thank you for your generosity!
Sundays of Advent
9:00 AM, 12 Noon (in Spanish in the Chapel), and 5:30 PM in the Basilica

Monday through Friday, at 11:30 AM in the Basilica
Saturdays of Advent at 4:15 PM in the Basilica

Saturday, Christmas Eve, December 24, 2022 at 11:00 AM in the Basilica

Resources for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation
can be found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship, http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/sacred-liturgy/archdiocesan-guidelines/

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, December 25
A Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, Christmas Eve, December 24, 2022
5:00 PM Solemn Vigil Mass and 7:30 PM Vigil Mass in the Basilica
11:00 PM Choral Prelude to Mass during the Night (Midnight Mass): Sacred Music and Carols

Sunday, Christmas Day, December 25, 2022
12:00 AM – Solemn Mass during the Night (Midnight Mass) in the Basilica
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM Noon – Solemn Mass in the Basilica

There is no 6:30 PM Mass.

Monday, December 26, 2022
9:00 AM Solemn Mass in the Cathedral Chapel

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 30, 2022
Follow regular Mass schedule
When a Sunday does not occur between December 25 and January 1, this feast is celebrated on December 30 with only one reading before the Gospel.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, January 1
A Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, New Year’s Eve, December 31, 2022
5:15 PM Anticipated Mass in the Cathedral Basilica
11:00 PM Holy Hour with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Basilica

Sunday, New Year’s Day, January 1, 2023
12:00 Midnight, Solemn Mass in the Basilica
8:00 AM Mass, 9:30 AM Mass and 11:00 AM, Solemn Mass in the Basilica.; 12:30 PM Spanish Mass in the Chapel.

There is no 6:30 PM Mass

Confessions on Saturday, December 31, 2022, beginning at 4:15 PM and Confessions on Sunday, January 1, 2023, beginning at 9:00 AM

The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is the doorway to the Christian life and to all the other Sacraments. As such, preparation of the parents and for the Baptism itself deserve very special attention. The celebration of Baptism at the Cathedral Parish takes place on the FIRSTSunday of each month at 12:30 PM after the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. Everyone is welcome. The celebration will be carried out with liturgical music and with a great sense of hospitality.

Upcoming Baptisms: February 5, 2023; March 5, 2023
Most of the Baptism Preparation Sessions take place on the THIRD Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM in anticipation of the celebration of the Sacrament. Parents in the Cathedral Parish are obligated to participate. The session is open to all of our neighbor parishes and to godparents as well. Parents are encouraged to participate during pregnancy, if at all possible. Please call Sister Mary Marta at the rectory by calling 215-561-1313 to register for the Baptism Preparation Session provide your phone number, parish, and names of people attending. Also note if you would like to schedule the baptism at the Cathedral.

Upcoming prep sessions: December 18, 2022; January 15, 2023

For details on requirements for the parents and sponsors please visit our website: cathedralphila.org/sacraments/baptism

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