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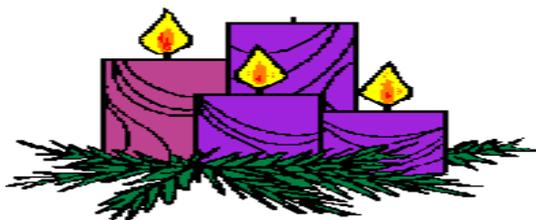
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Sunday, December 12th, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

*Prayers and Blessings for
Our Lady of Guadalupe*

8:30 AM Contemporary Group – warm up

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Lector: Jenna Lightcap

10:30 AM Budget and Calendar Meeting –
in the Parish Hall

Monday, December 13th

Solemnity – Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 AM Mass of the Day

7:00 PM Harmonia Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 14th

Bp. Spiridion of Termithus

8:00 AM Mass of the Day

Wednesday, December 15th

V. Nino / Rorate Mass

8:00 AM Mass of the Day

Thursday, December 16th

Novena Day 1

Bp. Eusebius of Vercelli

8:00 AM +Robert Gorlick (Anniv.),

By Children

10:00 AM Cathedral Seniors – Christmas Movie

Friday, December 17th

Novena Day 2

C. Lazarus of Bethany

8:00 AM Mass of the Day

6:00 PM Cathedral Ushers Christmas Party

Saturday, December 18th

Novena Day 3

M. Rufus & Zosimus

8:00 AM +Thomas Kubacki (Anniv.),

By Mother Gertrude & Sister Jane

5:00 PM Holy Mass / 4th Sunday of Advent

Lector: Michael Pokriki



PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL
TO MEN!

Sunday, December 20th, 2021

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
Novena Day 4**

8:30 AM Harmonia Choir – warm up

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Lector: Tammy Lightcap

10:15 AM Adult Bible Class

MASK MANDATE

In compliance with the Erie county directive, we ask that everyone wear a mask **into church**. Once seated and respecting social distancing, you may remove your mask. Please wear your mask coming up for communion as well as when you leave church. We are still using the blue/green designation for seating. Thanks for your cooperation. We are trying to keep everyone safe and healthy during this recent spiked in cases.

DECEMBER PARISH COMMITTEE COUNTERS

Cindy and Dave Pecynski, Bob Giczkowski,
Chris Lightcap, Chuck Daehn



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER
OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS**

Lord, look upon our friends, family and caregivers with the eyes of your mercy and let your healing hand rest upon them, restoring them to wholeness and strength for service in Your Kingdom. Daniel Drzewiecki, Gerald Ruzala, Galina Berger, Estelle Graczyk, Richard Gramza, Lee Nowicki, Carolyn Tucholski, Patty T., Margaret K., James Dillon, Kathy Peters, Brian Kingston, Joann Hooftallen, Audrey Zygmunt, Pat Drzewiecki, Irene Sikora, Jeanne Karlinski, Kathy Cherico, Chuck Kibby, Gert Janicki, Charles Guarasci, Fr. Gus Sicard, Doreen Bush, Richard Jones, Joan Pepperday

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon	Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17	Matt 21: 23-27
Tues	Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13	Matt 21:28-32
Wed	Isaiah 45:6-8, 18 21-25	Luke 7:18-23
Thurs	Isaiah 54:1-10	Luke 7:24-30
Fri	Genesis 49:2, 8-10	Matt 1:1-17
Sat	Jeremiah 23:5-8	Matt 1:18-24

A Special Thank You

Thank you to all of my church family for the special Christmas Cards and Holiday Greetings. Merry Christmas to you all! Love, **Celia Nowak**

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to our Holy Mother of the Rosary Family during this difficult time and loss of our husband / father Frank Hoerner. All your prayers, cards and visits are a gift our family will always treasure. **Elaine Hoerner and Family**

A CHRISTMAS NOVENA

The Christmas Novena sheet is enclosed. It is a nine-day prayer of intention before Christmas. Please use the prayers every day starting Thursday and continue right up to Christmas. Let this be your help-mate as you “prepare for the coming of the Christ Child”. **May His Nativity bring you grace, blessings, health and peace this Christmas Season and into 2022.**



Christmas Wafers / Oplatki



Christmas wafers are available in the vestibule of the church for your use. Each packet contains 5 wafers. Suggested donation is \$4.00. A pamphlet containing the blessing service at the Wigilia (Christmas Eve dinner) is also provided.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Envelopes for your Christmas flower donations are located in the vestibule of the church for your convenience, or you may use your weekly envelope and indicate accordingly.



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MASS LITURGIES FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve Masses, Friday, Dec. 24th

4:00 PM Vigil Mass /Contemporary Group

10:30 PM Carols of the Season

Harmonia Choir

11:00 PM Shepherd's Mass

Christmas Day Mass, Saturday, Dec. 25

10:00 AM Mass / Harmonia Choir



Friday, December 27th – Feast of St. John Mass 9:00 AM / Blessing of Wine. Wine will be blessed and distributed on Monday December 27th

at the 9:00 AM Mass. Anyone who wishes to take blessed wine home should bring a small container to transport it in.

2022 LITURGICAL CALENDERS

The 2022 Liturgical Calendars are available for your taking, located in the church vestibule compliments of Chris Miller of the Barron - Miller Funeral Home. A sincere thank you to Chris Miller for his generosity in underwriting the cost of the calendars!

END OF YEAR/STEWARDSHIP

Is your **stewardship/pledge** current for 2021? If not please fulfill your financial obligation before the end of the year. The finance committee will **be closing the books for 2021 on Thursday, December 30th**. If you plan on contributing to your stewardship pledge or any other donations, you must do so by this date to get credit for this year.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The offering envelopes for 2022 are in the vestibule of the church. **Please pick them up** and begin using them January 2022.



YMS OF R MEETING

AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS will be held

January 21st at 6:00 PM for refreshments / meeting to follow at 7:00 PM. Thanks, Chuck Daehn

POSITION AVAILABLE

There will be an opening for an office Administrative Assistant in 2022. For further information or should you wish to apply, please contact Richard Jones - Parish Committee Chairman at 864-0281 or Bishop John Mack.

THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD GIVE JOY

Good Day! Let us behold Jesus the Word Incarnate revealing Himself to us in the Sunday readings. It is the Third Sunday of advent today as we draw closer to the feast of our Lord's nativity. We are called to rejoice. The rose color candle of the advent wreath reminds us of the joy, the nearness of Jesus' birth should evoke from us. Today's Gospel presents to us the figure of John the Baptist again. This time he is explaining his ministry to his followers. His task was to announce and to prepare the coming of the One, who is greater than he. Let us focus on him and be joyful.

Many people having heard the teaching of John the Baptist were filled with anticipation for the coming of the Messiah. This is a form of joy, an attitude of waiting and not just waiting, hopeful anticipation. In fact, they were thinking, is this John the Baptist the Messiah that we are waiting for? He clarifies that he is not the One? But having this message about someone who would come with an invitation of John the Baptist to conversion of mind and heart (Metanoia) the joy in the coming of the Lord requires a change of heart as we already saw in the first two readings. There are many blocks to rejoicing in the Lord and that's why there is a need of conversion. People asked John the Baptist, what shall we do? What type of conversion should we undergo or should we embrace so that our anticipation, our joy, our longing for the One, the anointed of the Lord be complete? John the Baptist explains:

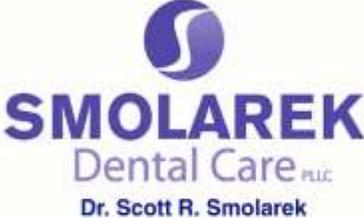
- Start sharing what you have. If you have food, open your eyes to those who have none or have little and share that will give you joy. You have extra clothing, open your eyes to the many who are naked. Especially even the faintest dignified covering for their bodies. It will give you joy. Sharing generosity, just like in the second reading. The tax collector asked John the Baptist what should they do? Tax collector related to money but money collected in order to provide for the common good. John the Baptist told them direct to their faces. Do not steal, do not cheat, be honest. The money you are collecting is not for your pockets and to use the way you want, keeping the money of the people to your selves to promote yourself interest will give your temporary joy and later your conscience will bother you. Look after the common good. Be honest. This will give you joy.

- Be contented with what you have. Do not abuse your power. Promote safety and peace in the community not disaster and separation. Be happy to work on the common goal and work for the true joy.

Dear brothers and sister, the Third Sunday of Advent invites us to think of all the good things that life has given us. We get this inspiration from the letter to the Philippians, (Phil. 4:4-5) today's entrance antiphon:

"Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, Rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near."
FR. NADEEM YAQOUB

MASS SCHEDULE – DAILY 8 AM
WEEKEND: SATURDAY 5 PM & SUNDAY 9 AM



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