

"GO AND TELL JOHN WHAT YOU HEAR AND SEE:
THE BLIND REGAIN THEIR SIGHT, THE LAME WALK,
LEPERS ARE CLEANSED, THE DEAF HEAR, THE DEAD ARE RAISED,
AND THE POOR HAVE THE GOOD NEWS PROCLAIMED TO THEM."

MATTHEW 11:4-5



THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 15, 2019

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Put yourself in the scene of today's Gospel passage. John the Baptist is in prison. He has heard stories of what Jesus is doing, and wants reassurance that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. John's disciples and those who surrounded Jesus were faithful Jews who would have known Isaiah's prophecies by heart. God would send One who would bring sight to the blind, healing to those who were ill, salvation to all who longed to know God's mercy and peace.

Jesus' response to the disciples' question rings as powerfully in our ears today as it surely did for the people who were with him that day. His actions are precisely those that the people had been told to expect. Jesus is the One for whom the people have been patiently yet anxiously waiting, like the farmer who waits for the fruits of his labor. Jesus is the One for whom our hearts long.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday,	December 14, 2019
5:45 pm	Parish Family of St. Patrick
Sunday,	December 15, 2019
9:00 am	+Leonard 7 +Rosella Smith req. by Don Smith
Monday,	December 16, 2019
9:00 am	Special Intention of the Giver
Tuesday,	December 17, 2019
12:00pm	+Loretta Tulley - Mass of Christian Burial
Wednesday,	December 18, 2019—NO MASS
Thursday,	December 19, 2019
9:00 am	Special intention of the Giver
Friday,	December 20, 2019
9:00 am	Adoration until 11am
Saturday,	December 21, 2019
5:45 pm	+Parish Family of St. Patrick
Sunday,	December 22, 2019
9:00 am	+Adele Kalinowski req. by the Family

Altar Servers:

Saturday, December 21 - 5:45 pm
Kenny & AnneMarie Smith
Sunday, December 22 - 9:00 am
volunteers

Cantor / Lector (Reader) :

Saturday, December 21 - 5:45 pm
Sue Nugent / Jerry Kinsella
Sunday, December 22 - 9:00 am
Sarah Hoehn / Steve Hoehn

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, December 21 - 5:45 pm
Cindy Smith
Sunday, December 22 - 9:00 am
Grace Niemiec

Usher:

Saturday, December 21 - 5:45 pm
Bill Phelan / Mark Tillotson
Sunday, December 22 - 9:00 am
Bruce Boyle / Jim Ciesla

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters : Boyle, Kotesa, Phelps

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37
Sunday, December 8\$1,897.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish

***Please Participate!
Your Gift Makes a Difference!***

Parish Goal:	\$ 10,400.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 11,845.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 11,025.00
2019 Rebate	438.00

Thank you for your generous response.

2020 COLLECTION ENVELOPES – Are available in the vestibule, please pick up your boxed set. If you are new to the area and would like envelopes, please contact the office. Also, if there is a change in address or phone number please let us know. Thank you.

If you are unable to come to church because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. A priest or home bound minister can come to your home. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian can be reached at :
1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102.

Mass intentions can be requested through the office, or dropped in any weekend collection, please mark in a separate envelope. Think about having a Mass for a loved one. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. We are also accepting requests for our 2-week Sacred Heart Candle.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Extra Flower offering envelopes are in the back of church. If you would like to honor a special person or make a donation in memory of a loved one, enter their names on the envelope and return in the collection. The name will be published in the Christmas bulletin. Flowers will remain in church. Donations must be returned by December 15 to be included in the Christmas bulletin.

2020 calendars are available in the vestibule.

Please pick one up.

Thanks to Forsythe Funeral Home for providing these lovely calendars



St Patrick's will be going to the Northern Illinois Food Banks's South Suburban Center to label and box cans on Saturday, December 28th from 9:00 - 11:30, please consider joining us. The signup sheet is in the vestibule. The consent form only needs to be filled out once.

REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and "the coming of the Lord." But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as Gaudete (Latin for "rejoice") Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today's first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God's saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God's presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah's prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus' presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: "The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them" (Matthew 11:5).

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Winter Breakfast—Bags for Homeless—a look at EFT Tapping Therapy!! Friends and parishioners are invited to the Winter Breakfast Wednesday, Jan 8th 8-9:30 AM in the Gathering Room of St. Paul's Parish, Peotone. Registration is helpful for planning, but not necessary: 708 258-6364 or 708 258-6917 If convenient, we are asking attendees to check their closets for gently used handbags and or to bring hygiene necessities or non-perishable snacks to place therein. These "Purposeful Purses" are then delivered to homeless or abused women. Following breakfast Clem Carder will demonstrate the Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT)—Tapping therapy. Clem is a certified Occupational and Pain Therapist who has assisted with Catholic Charities training offerings for Balance and Flexibility in local parishes.

ST. NICK NITE





LITURGICAL MINISTERS
THERE IS A SIGN UP SHEET IN THE
VESTIBULE FOR THE CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAY SEASON.

**WE NEED CANTORS, LECTORS/
READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS,
SERVERS AND USHERS.**

**PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR PERSONAL SCHEDULE AND SIGN UP
WHERE YOU CAN. THANK YOU**



RECONCILIATION

**Father will be available next weekend after Mass
to hear Confessions.**

ST.ROSE, Every Thursday 6:00 pm– 7:00 pm

HELP WANTED: The Administrative Support role is accountable for performing a variety of administrative- and computer-related tasks to ensure the business runs smoothly and the expectations of our client families are exceeded and ensures each family has a friendly, inviting and memorable experience. Serve as primary support Family Service Representative.

High School Diploma or equivalent with minimum of two years secretarial experience and knowledge of office protocols including strong oral and written communication skills. Excellent organizational ability, initiative and time management skills. **A high level of proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite (Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint) a must.** Prior experience and ability to operate various office machines (i.e. copies, fax machine, Computer, typewriter machine, etc.). This position is part-time non-benefited hourly position. Monday through Friday/28 hour maximum. Position location: All Saints Catholic Cemetery Office 1839 Hwy. Route 102, Bourbonnais, Illinois.

To view a full job description, visit www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php

Applicants meeting the necessary qualifications please email a cover letter, resume and salary requirements to: humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org **No Phone Calls Please**



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Lorenzo Rossi; Holly Flint-Jones; Cathy Engler; Brett Burkhalter; Michelle Schneider; Lou Crabtree; Ron Englert; Father Roger Kutzner; Doris Robbins, Mike Irlle, Chuck Phelps, Jodi Mundt, Hunter Lauridsen; Fr. Jim Lennon; Gary Ulman; Jessica Lagan; EJ Lagan; Nicole Flint

Anyone wishing to be on the prayer list, should contact the office.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF DECEMBER

- That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

Our parish offers Online Giving, a web based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage our contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. It is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at: www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org and selecting one Online Giving link.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 15, 2019



- Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

- Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
- Monday: Las Posadas begins
- Saturday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

Out of respect for those in Prayer Please be considerate and move your conversation to the Vestibule before & after Mass.

Thank You



WAITING AND HOPING

The people had been searching and waiting for generations for the Anointed One of God. They knew in their hearts that they needed someone to bring them back, to close the divide that had grown between God and God's people. John's baptism of repentance prepared them for the advent, or coming, of the Christ. John's message of repentance and the demands of faith, of justice, and care for the poor and oppressed, while comforting to the weak and vulnerable, was challenging to those in positions of power. Like prophets before him, he refused to ignore the promptings of God to speak God's word. And like many prophets who preceded him, John was imprisoned and eventually martyred.

We can relate to the people who went out into the desert to be baptized. They heard John's urgent call to repentance and his declaration that the Messiah was coming soon. They heard him express God's care for those who needed it most. They were compelled to hear and respond. Their lives were changed, as their hearts were opened to the reality of God's love to which John so powerfully gave witness.

GOD IS WITH YOU

We too ache for God's healing and peace. We wait for God to break into our lives with love. Who among us has not at times felt weak, feeble, afraid? Take heart, you are not alone. God is with you. God is ready to save us from the darkness of sin and lead us to joy in the presence of God's mercy. This is the message of Advent, and of the whole of the gospel: God desires so deeply to be with us that God came to be one with us in Jesus Christ.

Today's Readings: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

12/15/2019