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December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

From the desk of Fr. Rob.....



This is one of my favourite Sundays of the whole year: Gaudete Sunday, taken from the Latin - to rejoice. Christian joy is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. We have many reasons to be joyful. Firstly, we are the beloved children of God. We are loved unconditionally. Secondly, this gift of joy can never be taken away. Unlike happiness, which is dependent on circumstances, joy is eternal.

Our readings speak of joy this weekend-the joy that comes from knowing that God is near. We are reminded to be alert and to prepare for the in-breaking of the Kingdom of God. St. Paul reminds us: "Brothers and sisters, rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Very good advice!

In years past, we have celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with our youth on this day which was always another sign of joy. We have begun our preparations with them and they will receive confirmation right after Easter in 2021.

We are filled with joy as we prepare for Christmas-despite the limitations that 2020 Christmas will entail. Regardless, the Good News of Christ's birth will fill us all with joy once again.

As of press time, (Thurs) we are proceeding as normal but things could change so check the local news, health unit, parish websites etc. for updates on the weekend.

Pastoral Team

Pastor:

Fr. Rob Rocheleau

Associate Pastor:

Fr. Daniel Bombardier

Pastoral Minister:

Rachelle Leslie

Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministry:

Maria Mollica

Priest Chaplains to St. Anthony:

Fr. Barnabas Kiss OFM & Fr. Angelus Ligeti OFM

New Mass Schedule (Temporary times due to COVID-19):

Saturday

5 pm Our Lady of the Atonement

5 pm St. John Vianney

Sunday

8:30 am Our Lady of the Atonement for
St. Vincent de Paul Parish

9:00 am St. John Vianney

10:30 am Our Lady of the Atonement

The mass for Hungarian Community is on hold
for time being

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available by appointment only at this time.

Call the office to arrange a time.

Baptism

Contact the Pastoral Minister to discuss baptism.

Marriage

Contact the office at least eight months in advance.

Marriage preparation is required.

Sacrament of the Sick


Communal Celebrations Seasonally.

Individually anytime - Speak to one of the priests.

Office Hours

Monday: 9 am-3 pm

Tuesday-Friday: 9 am-4pm

Vocations Calendar Please Pray for...	 Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK
Tuesday, December 15 9 am @ SJV Fr. Christophe Mbunzu O.F.M. Cap.	Special Intentions of the Dumlaio-Lamug Families-Rose & Zenon Anna Iatonna- Anthony & Cheryl Macari Michelle Parent-Hilda Manzerolle Dino Pergolesi- wife Egle Pergolesi & Family
Wednesday, December 16 9 am @ OLOA Deacon Brian MacDonald	Nora Lina-Her Family Nicanora Magat-Her Family Angelo Mariani- wife Angela & Family Mike DiMambro- The DiMambro Family William Abanid- Helfa & Helma Yu Antonina Caradonna- Maria DiGiorgi
Thursday, December 17 9 am @ SJV <i>Ministers to Migrant Workers in the Diocese of London</i>	Jim Leclair-Richard Normandeau Letizia Di Carlo- Mr. & Mrs. John Soave Donna Jean Garant-Elaine Garant Betty Lucier- Sisters Mabel & Pat St. Louis Mary & Ferdine St. Louis- Sisters Mabel & Pat St. Louis
Friday, December 18 9 am @ OLOA Fr. Augustine Ogundele	George & Rita Peltier- Nancy Peltier William Abanid-Noie B. Aguilon Deceased Members of the Portelli Families- Deceased Members of the Talon-Andres Families Tal Pio-Dave & Hana Algudady Jaime Alves- Brother Antonio & Family
Saturday, December 19 5 pm SJV 5 pm OLOA Deacon Daniel Lemire	Intentions of the Parishioners
Sunday, December 20 4th Sunday of Advent 8:30 am & 10:30 am OLOA 9 am SJV Fr. Matthew George	Intentions of the Parishioners <u>1st Reading:</u> 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 <u>2nd Reading:</u> Romans 16.25-27 <u>Gospel:</u> Luke 1.26-38

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

The following is the proposed schedule:
(contingent on any restrictions imposed)

St. John Vianney:

Christmas Eve: 4 pm, 6 pm (Full) & 8 pm



Christmas Day: 10 am

Our Lady of the Atonement:

Christmas Eve: 4 pm (Full), 6 pm (St. Vincent de Paul) & 8 pm

Christmas Day: 10 am

As the border remains closed, the Friars will be unable to cross over to offer mass for St. Anthony Hungarian Parish.

We are off to a good start with the bulk of our mass reservations taken this past week. The pastoral team took the evening phone shifts to give our other staff a break. It was great to speak to everyone. Some masses are already at full capacity but there is room at some of the others.

HAPPY RETIREMENT –GERRY MOORE

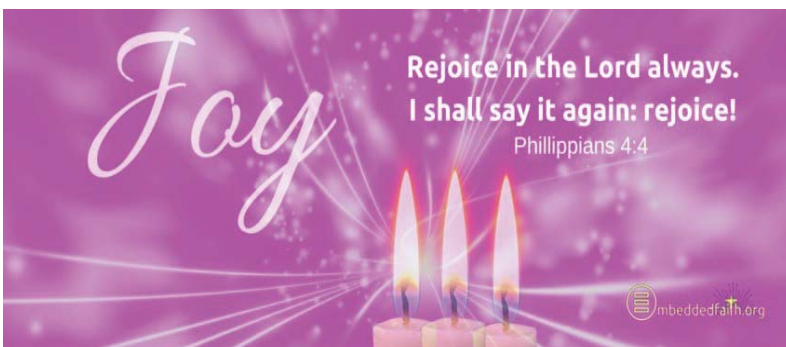
Our thanks to Gerry who has served as the custodian of St. Vincent de Paul Parish for the last 16 years as well as assisting at the other two parishes during the pandemic months. Thanks Gerry for your service, good nature and willingness to help. God bless in your retirement effective Dec. 31, 2020.

LAST CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS CWL & K OF C

Members are reminded to please submit their renewals ASAP. Feel free to drop off to the parish office, place in the slot in the rectory door at St. John Vianney, put in the offertory basket at mass or mail it in. We will ensure it gets to the respective membership directors. Thank you!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOTTLE DRIVE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Normally the Knights would conduct a bottle drive right after New Year's. This year, they ask you to keep your Christmas and New Year's cans and bottles in storage for the time being. They hope to have a drop off bottle drive sometime in the New Year when they are assured of a warm day.



There is a Time for Everything under Heaven...

Let us all pray for all those who are in need of healing, at home, nursing homes or in hospital, and all those who care for them. Let us pray also for our deceased parishioners and family members who have died:

Mark Dugal

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the Risen Lord bring peace and comfort to those who mourn.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Saturday, Dec. 19th 11 am-noon at both
St. John Vianney &**

Our Lady of the Atonement.

Preparing the Way for the Lord



WONDERFUL NEWS

Pope Francis announced a **Year of St. Joseph** in honor of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal

Church. The year began Dec. 8, 2020, and concludes on Dec. 8, 2021.

Pope Francis has established a Year of St. Joseph so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will."

"Each of us can discover in Joseph -- the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence -- an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble," he wrote.

"St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

Pope Pius IX proclaimed St. Joseph patron of the Universal Church on Dec. 8, 1870. ***St. Joseph, pray for us!***

OFFERTORY DONATIONS: year end is here and with the banks and office being closed over Christmas with stat holidays it is important to have all 2020 donations received by **Sunday, December 27**. They can also be dropped off to the parish office prior to that -just call ahead and we will meet you at the door OR put in the slot at the rectory door at SJV. Thank you.

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There are a variety of good Advent programmes available at the moment to help aid our spiritual formation as well as some Christmas programmes.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen

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