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We begin this third week of Advent in anticipation of Christmas. You may recall that in Matthew's Gospel during the first week of Advent, we saw Jesus telling His disciples to be watchful and to stay alert.

Matthew's gospel presents us with four themes to keep in mind in our preparation for the feast of Christmas. Each of these themes enables us to reflect upon this season and points us to the birth of Christ.

The themes that the Scriptures present to us are preparation, joy, hope, and love. Each one is a stepping stone for our celebration of Christ being born into the world. They are themes that allow us to focus on what is important in our lives.

In my office, I have many mementos that I have received from people throughout my years of being a priest. In the early days of my priesthood, I received a framed piece of needlepoint. At every subsequent assignment, I had that framed needlepoint. It became the last thing I packed when concluding an assignment, and the first thing I unpacked when I arrived at a new parish. It serves as a point of focus for me when events or situations became overwhelming.

Life can sometimes be overwhelming. When this happens, we might feel pulled in various directions and lose our focus. The words on the needlepoint help me to focus on what is important in my life and pulls me back to the events and situations at hand. Those three simple yet powerful words in needlepoint are family, faith, and friends.

As we draw closer in our journey toward Bethlehem, may we prepare ourselves to receive He who is our joy, our hope, and our love.

Bon mot: "As the print of the seal on the wax is the express image of the seal itself, so Christ is the express image—the perfect representation of God."

—Ambrose of Milan

Carpe Diem,
Fr. Tony



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

December 24

at 4:00pm, 6:00pm, or Midnight (with 11:30pm Music Prelude)

December 25

at 9:00am or 11:30am

December 26

at 4:00pm

December 27

at 9:00am or 11:30am

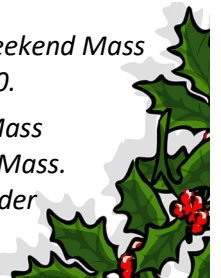
Video Mass will also be available.

*Out of love and concern for the health of others, and to accommodate our own COVID-19 capacity restrictions, we ask that you **only attend one Mass** out of these four days.*

*The Archdiocese of Detroit has announced that the normal obligation to attend both Christmas and weekend Mass can be fulfilled by attending **one Mass** from December 24, 2020 through December 27, 2020.*

*Additionally, Archbishop Vigneron has granted a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass **through February 17, 2020**. Thus, you are not under the normal obligation to attend Christmas Mass.*

When making your Christmas plans, we ask that you keep the dispensation in mind and consider what is best for your own situation. Thank you for your understanding.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 9:00am & 11:30am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 7:00pm
Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am

Holy Day Masses As Announced

Confession

Tuesday 5:30pm

Rosary

Tuesday 6:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday

9:00am—1:00pm & 4:30pm—8:00pm

Tuesday

2:00pm—8:00pm

Saturday

3:00pm—5:00pm

Sunday

10:00am—12:30pm

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, December 14, 2020

9:00am Panera
1:00pm Intercessory Prayer Team
(via Zoom)
6:00pm Advent Reconciliation

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

5:30pm Confessions
6:00pm Rosary
7:00pm Mass

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

8:00am Mass
9:30am Needlecrafters

Thursday, December 17, 2020

8:00am Mass
9:00am Swiffers Team #2

Friday, December 18, 2020

No events

Saturday, December 19, 2020

4:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 20, 2020

9:00am Mass
11:30am Mass



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Rejoice! All of you, rejoice! Welcome to the halfway point of Advent! I remember the seventh week of boot camp—the end of the halfway point during that phase of training. I looked

back at how long each individual day seemed, yet how quickly the weeks flew by. Halfway: it seems to be a point that we strive for, because, after all, once we are halfway through something, it is all downhill from there, right?

I think we often trick ourselves into believing that—halfway through the week, halfway home, halfway done with our homework, halfway done with our chores, etc. Many times, though, a daunting task does not get easier when the halfway point is reached. Instead, somewhere in the back of our minds, there is that little voice that tells us, “You are *only* halfway there. You still have so far to go!” This is where my faith helps me with my lack of strength. It gives me that small nudge to get me past those pesky voices and sticky spots that hold me fast and keep me from proceeding.

This halfway point in Advent, Gaudete Sunday, reminds us to rejoice. Rejoice for all the good things that have happened. Rejoice, even if things are not going as planned. Rejoice, even if there seems to be an insurmountable number of tasks ahead of us. Rejoice! Last week, I wrote about God’s plan already being fulfilled. That revelation, given to us, is something that not many will understand. But, armed with that knowledge, we know that no matter the task we have before us, God’s will is done. Regardless of if I succeed or fail, God uses my every experience for His will. Even though I might worry, God has everything under control! In this knowledge, we can all rejoice!

In our Gospel reading, John the Baptist manages to elude the seduction of power—as so many had asked if he was the Christ. He manages to point toward Jesus, even though he probably did not yet know Jesus’ role in salvation. Yet, John knew his job and he stayed with it. He continued preparing people for the coming of the Messiah, even when they put him down or ascribed him to something more than he was.

John preached his message to all who came to him: Levites, priests, Pharisees, everyone. Are we not called to do the same in our own way? It often seems like too hard of a job. We give the excuse, “I do not know enough.” We fight the mission to which we are assigned. It often seems like an insurmountable job, but as the apostle Paul wrote to the Thessalonians in this weekend’s second reading:

*“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
In all circumstances give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.
Do not quench the Spirit.
Do not despise prophetic utterances.
Test everything; retain what is good.
Refrain from every kind of evil.”
(1 Thes 5:16-22)*

There will be times that we are tested—times we feel as if we cannot go on—but we know that God is with us and our loved ones. God has made His plan and put all of us exactly where He needs us to be. We choose our next move, and we need to learn from that move, whether the outcome is what we expect or not. We need not quench the Spirit; we simply need to hold onto our faith and know that God is in control! Rejoice!

GAUDETE SUNDAY

Adapted from catholiccurrent.org.

What is special about the Third Sunday of Advent?

For much of the Church's history, this Sunday had a special name: "Gaudete" Sunday. The traditions surrounding this Sunday go back as far as the fourth or fifth century, as does the season of Advent itself.

Advent, our preparation for Christmas, was originally a forty-day penitential season like Lent. In fact, since it used to begin on November 12th (just after the Memorial of St. Martin of Tours), it was called "St. Martin's Lent." "Gaudete Sunday" was the Advent counterpart to "Laetare Sunday," which marks the midpoint in Lent.

On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up by the phrase, "The Lord is coming." But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, "The Lord is near."

This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation. Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose-colored vestments, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday and Laetare Sunday. On this day, we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is also rose-colored, or if you prefer, pink.

The word "Gaudete" is Latin for "Rejoice." In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await His coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.

A PRAYER FOR GAUDETE SUNDAY

Adapted from thecatholicspirit.com.

Dear God,
you know that our hearts long
for the joy and gladness promised by life with you.
Help us to remember that you are with us always,
and that our hearts will rest only when they rest with you.

Holy Spirit,
guide the choices we make throughout this week.
Help us endure hardship. Remind us to be patient.
Stifle our tendency to complain. Help us realize
how much we owe the creator for all we have and all we are.

Father in heaven,
we offer thanks to you for sending John the Baptist
to prepare the way for the coming of the savior.
Help us to heed the Baptist's message to repent
and to renew our commitment to live in holiness.

Come Lord Jesus.
So often we are impatient for your coming,
yet we are fearful of living our lives as one with you.
Come and ease our anxiety. Come and reward our patience.
Come and remove our sorrow.
Our communities and our world eagerly await the day of your birth.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF DEC. 13, 2020

Sunday

3rd Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11

Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

1 Thes 5:16-24

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday

Memorial of Saint John of the Cross,
Priest & Doctor of the Church

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a

Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9

Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13

Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23

Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday

Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25

Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14

Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday

Gn 49:2, 8-10

Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17

Mt 1:1-17

Friday

Jer 23:5-8

Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19

Mt 1:18-25

Saturday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a

Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17

Lk 1:5-25

Sunday

4th Sunday of Advent

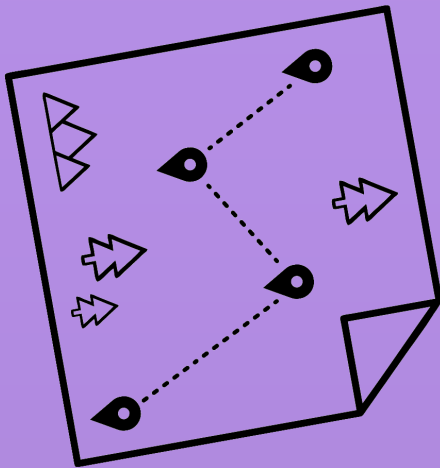
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

Rom 16:25-27

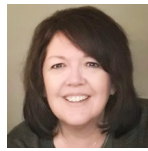
Lk 1:26-38





Advent is a journey toward Bethlehem.
May we let ourselves be drawn
by the light of God made man.

—Pope Francis



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We have now entered the second half of the Advent season—Gaudete Sunday!

“The Third Sunday of Advent (like the Fourth Sunday of Lent) is a day of joy in the midst of our spiritual preparations for Christmas.

It is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday, from the Latin of the Entrance Antiphon for today. The antiphon captures the mood of the entire liturgy as we move into the second part of Advent: there is a sense of joyful expectation, an awareness that the fulfillment of God’s great plan for us is near” (*Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays*, 2020).

John the Baptist is an interesting character. He is a prophet—not a person who tells of the future, but a person who serves as God’s messenger. Prophets in the Old Testament brought warnings to the people to return to God’s ways, which they generally struggled to follow. We see the role of the prophets throughout the Old Testament, including John, who is known as the last prophet. His message was a call to repentance, but also served to ready the way of the Lord. His role was to prepare the people for the earthly mission of Jesus.

There is a decidedly joyful sense in today’s readings. In the reading from Isaiah we hear of the Israelites returning from Exile, singing, “I rejoice heartily in the Lord [...] for [God] has clothed me with a robe of salvation” (Is 61:10). In Paul’s letter to the Thessalonians, he reminds his readers to “rejoice always” (1 Thes 5:16). John the Baptist provides us a beautiful example of joy and humility, saying that “there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie” (Jn 1:26-27). As we reflect on God’s word, let us rejoice, for we know that God is with us.

It is sometimes challenging to look around us and see reasons for rejoicing. We can look to the readings today for inspiration and a renewal of hope—hope in the Lord, not in the things of this world. Advent is a journey toward Bethlehem, and today, we are halfway there.

“Let yourself be drawn in by the light of God made man” (Pope Francis).

So rejoice—but as we rejoice, we also must prepare. We prepare for the coming of the Son of God, into the world, into our hearts, and at the end of time. Let us try to put aside all the business and craziness of the world and concentrate on preparing our hearts for the divine presence in us and among us.

HOW CAN WE BE MODERN CATHOLICS WITH CST?

Catholic Social Teaching continues to be our compass as we navigate the modern world. Now that Modern Catholic has introduced us to each of the seven principles, we must ask, “What now?”

We encourage you to email us at moderncatholic@sjfparish.org to share how Catholic Social Teaching will influence your daily life. This is your opportunity to enter the conversation! Which principles stood out to you, and why? And, most importantly, what aspects of Catholic Social Teaching would you like us to cover next?

Want to review what we’ve learned? Visit sjfparish.org/mcarchive to read the full Modern Catholic series. We hope to hear from you via email by December 20, 2020 at moderncatholic@sjfparish.org!

SAINT VIRGINIA CENTURIONE BRACELLI

Adapted from catholiccurrent.org.

Feast day: December 15, 2020

Unable to persuade her parents that she had a religious vocation, Virginia was married at age 15 to the son of another notable Italian family. But he gambled, lived dissolutely, and died after only five years. Virginia, despite her unhappiness in the marriage, nursed him at the end. She vowed to live celibately thereafter, bringing up her two daughters and caring for abandoned children, especially girls. She founded several schools and the Sisters of Our Lady of the Refuge on Mount Calvary. She was canonized in her hometown, Genoa, in 2003.



ADVENT 2020 RESOURCES

Advent is upon us! We offer several resources for this season:

“Little Blue Books,” Advent Edition:

These little books offer a great way to prepare your heart for the Lord, and offer a variety of prayers for the season.

Little Blue Books are available now in the Gathering Space. A donation of \$1/book is appreciated.

Christmas Wafers:

The Christmas wafer commemorates a custom that is many centuries old. Oplatek (from the Latin “Oblatum,” meaning Holy Bread) is believed by some to emanate as far back as the “manna” of Exodus 16:31 and is sometimes referred to as the Bread of Angels. Shared at the Christmas Vigil meal, the breaking of the Christmas wafer offers best wishes to family and friends.

Christmas wafers **are now available** in the Parish Office. A donation of \$1/package of four wafers is appreciated.

ADVENT 2020 EVENT SCHEDULE

Advent Reconciliation Service:

Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:00pm in the main worship space.

Christmas Season Decorating:

We are still in need of some hearty Christmas decorating lovers to put up our large tree in the Gathering Space, as well as a few other items in the Church. While we can't do our regular large group gathering for decorating, with your help we can still have all the beauty that is fitting for the coming of Jesus.

If you can come in during the week and work with a few other people, please contact Laurie Hall at LHall@sjfparish.org or by calling 586-977-8080, Ext. 104. (If you are a high school student looking for service hours, this is your opportunity!)

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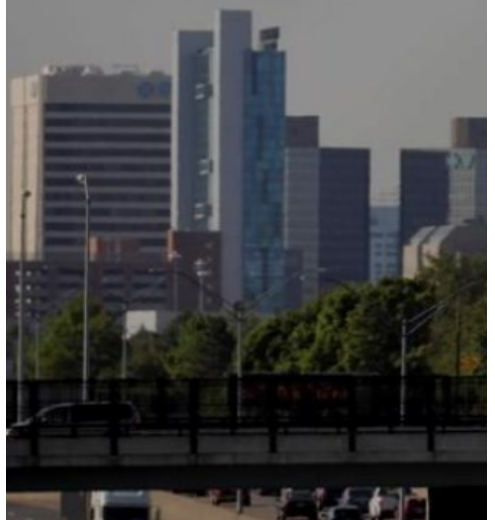
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INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Let us pray for you! Although we are still socially distant, our Intercessory Prayer team is here for you. They are praying for all requests submitted.

Our Intercessory Prayer box remains open on our website. Please visit sjfparish.org/intercessoryprayer to submit prayer requests.

If you have any questions, contact Laurie Hall at LHall@sjfparish.org.

THE 2020 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Rise and be not afraid.

The Catholic Services Appeal is an annual campaign that raises funds for the Archdiocese of Detroit ministries, programs, and services that benefit all the faithful in southeast Michigan. This archdiocesan-wide campaign communicates that the local Church extends beyond the parish.

The CSA is an opportunity for the faithful **to respond to Christ's command** "to love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 15:12) by helping to fund services throughout the southeast Michigan area. This collaborative, archdiocesan campaign is a way to demonstrate the unity of the larger Church and to fund these vital programs.

Our parish goal is \$79,000. If we do not meet our goal, our parish must pay the difference. If we exceed our goal, the money over and above comes back to our parish.

Please visit givecsa.org to make a contribution. We thank God in advance for your support!



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Over the last few months, several people have asked when we might have the choir back, and when we can begin more interactive congregational singing.

According to the Archdiocesan guidelines mandating minimal congregational singing and limited leaders of song, we probably will not see much change in how we are currently doing things until the Archbishop announces another evaluation of current practices after Ash Wednesday (February 17, 2021). I suspect our current music situation may last well into Lent and Easter as the new COVID-19 vaccines are distributed slowly among the various areas of our population.

As you know, I recorded a second grouping of hymns and songs for Advent, the Immaculate Conception, and Christmas, so please do tune into our Digital Music Series to hear new releases every Sunday and Thursday. All songs are available at sjfparish.org/digitalmusicseries. I'll also continue to sing a number of appropriate selections at Mass during Communion so you can enjoy live meditations.

You may recall that, last year, our wonderful choir participated in the Archdiocesan celebration of the feast of St. Cecilia, patron saint of musicians, which took place on the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. I was so proud of our choir! If I recall, we sang *Jesus, the Light of the World* and *Prepare the Way of The Lord*, which everyone loved. Eight or nine choirs performed, and I also saw some of our own parishioners in attendance.

Fast forward to 2020: while the traditional St. Cecilia choral sing was not possible due to COVID-19 restrictions, a virtual celebration did take place thanks to Detroit area music directors Rob Buzaitis, Julie Marie Ford, Elizabeth Esqueda, Paul Shafer, Mandy Gerstenbrand, Deborah Frontczak, and Joe and Jim Balistreri. For your listening pleasure, a link to the recorded event is available at sjfparish.org/musicministry.

I truly hope everyone had a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving a few weeks ago. The time from Thanksgiving to the New Year is a favorite of mine, what with the emphasis on celebrating family and friends. Certainly, this year's holidays will look different due to pandemic concerns, but we can still all be thankful, whether it be through Zoom conferences, phone calls, emails, texts, or enjoying a meal.

Ordinarily, I host small holiday soirees and do all the cooking. Of course, my dog Pudge is always right alongside, "helping" me in case any food drops on the floor. This year's Thanksgiving dinner was terrific, but the day didn't go without mishaps: Pudge's paw swelled up again. Why does it always happen on a holiday or weekend? I texted my vet who called in a script to CVS. Fortunately, Mr. Pudge is now on the mend.

Then, my four-year-old refrigerator decided to quit. Yes, it was stuffed to the max, not only with Thanksgiving food, but also with a lot of items I found on sale for the upcoming holidays: beef, chicken, cheeses, frozen veggies, eggnog, milk, cream, and more. Mr. Fridge is *not* on the mend.

I pondered how unlucky that was, but then it hit me: how lucky are we to have refrigerators, freezers, grocery stores, and vets who will help us on a holiday? I think my fridge breaking may be God's way of saying, "Yes, I've given you much, but you may need reminding that sometimes you have to work for it!"

NOTHING CAN STOP THE POWER OF CHRISTMAS— EVEN IF WE CAN'T BE TOGETHER

Article adapted from detroitcatholic.com. Written by Sr. Mary Martha Becnel, OP.

Recently, I saw an article headline to the effect that Christmas might not happen this year. I imagine the headline was alluding to the pandemic-induced absence of the usual Christmas gatherings and parties. But there is an important sense in which it is just not possible for Christmas not to happen this year or any other year.

Christmas has *already* happened a little over 2,000 years ago in Bethlehem. Jesus Christ our God became incarnate, took on our flesh, and became like us in all things but sin. And He took this human flesh on for all eternity.

Each year at Christmas we relive and reenter into this mystery—remembering it, in the Biblical sense of its being present to us here and now. No absence of parties, events, or even family gatherings can ever put an end to what He has done for us. In fact, the Incarnation makes such a difference in our lives as Christians—both in terms of what Christ has done for us and of how we should respond to and share this gift—that one of our Sisters is fond of saying that “every day is Christmas.”

Every day, Christ should become incarnate anew in our lives. Christmas is not just a thing of the past; we live this mystery of the Incarnation every day in our participation in the Church’s liturgy, in our private prayers, and in concrete love of our neighbor “whom we can see” (1 Jn 4:20).

But it is true that there is something special about celebrating this mystery of Christmas each year with loved ones and as a Church community. And this aspect of our Christmas celebrations might look very different this year indeed. Many, sadly, will not be able to attend Mass or gather with extended family members this Christmas. My mission community—the four of us Sisters who live together in Rome—will be the only members of our religious community unable to gather with other Sisters for Christmas; travel is too complicated right now because of the virus.

And whereas there is a sense of being hand-picked by the Lord to be in Rome for Christmas, there is also a true sacrifice involved. Even some of the Christmas-in-Rome things that helped make the sacrifice less bitter and rather sweet are impossible for us right now. We had hoped, for instance, to attend the Pope’s Christmas midnight Mass, but the Pope’s Christmas liturgies now must be private.

As wonderful as it would be to attend the Pope’s Mass, it is the same Jesus who will come to us in our small convent chapel as would have come in St. Peter’s—the same Jesus, in fact, who came 2,000 years ago as a Babe in Bethlehem’s manger.

What are we to make of the fact that we cannot be together or celebrate in the same ways for Thanksgiving next week and Christmas next month? If you are like most of us, you have probably spent a lot of time complaining about all the difficulties that 2020 has held. How can we be grateful in light of it all? How can we keep our eyes on what these days of gratitude, anticipation, and celebration are really about?

It is in our emptiness that we are open to receive Him as He comes to us. Truly nothing but our own closed hearts can keep Christmas from happening in our lives this year.

With Deepest Sympathy

The community of
St. Jane Frances de Chantal
extends support and prayers
to the family and friends of:

Diana Bonkowski
Loved and dearly missed.

*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon them.
May the souls of all
the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.*

OFFERTORY INFORMATION NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Registered Families:	1,386
Envelopes Returned:	143
Amount Offered:	\$6,371.00
Loose Offering:	\$571.00
Online Giving Contributors:	103
Contributions:	\$2,804.00
Total Offerings:	\$9,746.00
2020 Budgeted Offertory:	\$11,786.00
Actual Offertory:	\$9,746.00
Difference:	-\$2,040.00

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If you have any questions, contact Jody at JGazo@sjfparish.org or 586-977-8080, ext 112.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
On **January 3, 2020**, the Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive **by appointment only**. Temperature checks will be conducted at the door, and a limited number of people will be allowed inside at the same time. Register online at redcrossblood.org.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."
(Mt 25:40)

Today is the last day to contribute to the 2020 Advent Giving Tree!

We invite you to join our annual Advent Giving Tree project and share your blessings with those less fortunate, especially during these challenging times.

The Advent Giving Tree will work differently this year in order to ensure the health and safety of all involved. **We will not be able to collect toys, clothing, or other items.**

Instead, we ask that donations be made in the form of **gift cards or cash**. We will distribute donations to the organizations we support. The organizations will then obtain the items they need to provide a Christmas celebration for those they serve.

Gift cards are needed in **\$10, \$20, and \$30** amounts.

You are welcome to donate as many gift cards as you wish. Gift cards are requested for **Kroger, Meijer, Walmart, and Target**. **Cash** donations may be made in any amount (checks payable to St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish).

Please enclose your donation in an envelope and write "Giving Tree" on it.

Donations can be placed in the Advent Giving Tree donation box in the Gathering Space or brought to the Parish Office during office hours.

The deadline for donations is today, Sunday, December 13, 2020.

We hope you will consider participating. Your spirit of generosity will make Christmas special for so many in need.

This year, we are hoping to support the following organizations. They support diverse needs both within our parish and beyond:

Children of families served by **St. Vincent de Paul**

Mary's Children Family Center for brain injury recovery

St. Aloysius "neighborhood ministry" to the homeless, working poor, and seniors in Detroit

St. Vincent de Paul Archdiocesan ministry to prisoners and newly-released inmates

Turning Point shelter for domestic violence victims and survivors in Macomb county

McWARM warming center, a gathering place for the homeless in Macomb county

For more information, call the Parish Office at 586-977-8080, or visit sjfparish.org/givingtree.



“SOMETHING IN ME WANTS TO BE BORN IN WINTER”

Adapted from *catholiccurrent.org*.

Lord of all light,
when my days are filled with doubt,
something within me
will not cease believing.
Something in me still hopes.
Even when I see hatred,
something within me
is still moved to love.
I am not Mary:
sinless, blameless, ever-virtuous.
Yet something in me wants
to be born in winter.

Teach me to nourish it, protect it, give it life.
Teach me to say yes:
to faith, and to hope, and to love;
to your coming to live among us in this strange place.
For even when I am broken, fragmented, shattered even,
something in me wants to be born in winter.
And in that yes,
beyond any mercy I can imagine
I am made whole.

Amen.

PRAYER IN TIMES OF SEEKING GOD’S WILL

Adapted from *catholiccurrent.org*.

Psalm 27:7-9, 13-14

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call;
have pity on me, and answer me.
Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks;
your presence, O Lord, I seek.
Hide not your face from me;
do not in anger repel your servant.
You are my helper: cast me not off;
forsake me not, O God my savior.
I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the lord.

—From *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Tuesday Dec. 15, 2020	Wednesday Dec. 16, 2020	Thursday Dec. 17, 2020	Saturday Dec. 19, 2020	Sunday Dec. 20, 2020
7:00pm Craig Smith	8:00am Annette Mobley	8:00am John Martin	4:00pm Linda Smith	9:00am Kathleen Pawlik 11:30am Matthew Pawl

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 14, 2020 *No Mass*

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

7:00pm Dec. Mike Scavo (Judy Taylor)
 Dec. Enrico Varani (Judy Taylor)

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

8:00am Dec. Poppy Raymond (Family)

Thursday, December 17, 2020

8:00am For the Parishioners

Friday, December 18, 2020 *No Mass*

Saturday, December 19, 2020

4:00pm Dec. Grace Beaufait (Robert & Frances Kraft)
 Dec. Josephine Roby (Appleton Family)
 Dec. Tom & Kris Boehlow (Promo Family)
 Liv. Elona Lulja (Maria Vacaj)

Sunday, December 20, 2020

9:00am For the Parishioners
 Dec. Helen Jarboe (Family)
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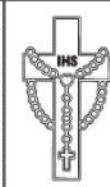
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