

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### December 17, 2017

#### **Rejoice**

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice and give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!



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#### **In Need of Prayer...**

Tommye Brennan, Alice Blankenship, John Pollock, Althea Soto, John Chisler, Ryan Kelez, Gloria Villavazo, Karen Gallagher, Mike Walsh, Toni Martinez, Melissa Rodriguez., Makayla Martinez.

#### **Saints and Special Observances**

Thursday: St. Peter Canisius;  
Winter Begins

Friday: St. John of Kanty

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### Christmas Schedule

#### **4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Sat., Dec. 23rd, **5 pm**- Vigil Mass  
Sun., Dec. 24th, **9 am**- Last Advent Mass

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE- DEC. 24th**

**4 pm**- Family Mass

**6 pm**- Spanish Mass

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY- DEC. 25th**

**9 am**- Christmas Mass

#### **HOLY FAMILY**

Sat., Dec. 30th- **5 pm** Mass

Sun., Dec. 31st- **9 am** Mass

Sun., Dec. 31st- **6 pm** Spanish Mass

#### **MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

Mon., Jan. 1st- **10 am** Mass

#### **O Come, O Come...**

We celebrate the Octave of Advent and Christmas season with special "O" banners that proclaim the ways Jesus comes to be with us. *Oriens*: Radiant Dawn; *Sapientia*: Wisdom; *Adonai*: Sacred Lord; *Rex Gentium*: King of All the Nations; *Radix Jesse*: Flower of Jesse; *Clavis Davidica*: Key of David; *Emmanuel*: God with Us. These form the verses for the traditional carol "O Come, O Come Emmanuel".

#### **Mass Intentions** (Dec. 16-22)

Sat., 5:00 pm- +Adrian Gonzalez  
Int. John McGarry  
Int. Carmelle Dowdle

Sun., 9:00 am- +Mollie Rankin  
+Jose Limon

Sun., 6:00 pm- People of the Parish

Mon., 9:00 am- Communion Service

Tues., 9:00 am- Communion Service

Wed., 9:00 am- Int. Fred Apitz

Thur., 9:00 am- Sick of the Parish

Fri., 9:00 am- +Betty Ankowski

#### **Deck the Halls**

Plenty of help will be needed on Fri., Dec. 22nd, at 9:30 am when we set up the creche. Then on Saturday at 9:00 am we will decorate the big trees in the church, put up the poinsettia memorial, and add the final touches. Thank you for helping to make the church beautiful as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.

#### **Thank You!**

Dear Santa Rosa Parishioners: Thank you so much for giving Christmas presents to 99 children enrolled in our Religious Education program. You are so generous, and your promptness is much appreciated. Merry Christmas!



#### **Parish Offerings**

Plate Collection (Dec. 9/10): \$2,872.00  
Retired Religious: \$1,668.00

**Thank You for Your Support!**



#### **Please Join in the Celebrations**

Enhance your Advent journey by coming to "Las Posadas", the traditional Mexican celebration recalling Mary and Joseph's search for a room in Bethlehem. You may come to one or all of the posadas: **Tonight (Sun) at 7:00 pm; Wed., Dec. 20th, 6:00 pm and Fri., Dec. 22nd, 6:00 pm.** The festivities include songs, Mexican food, games and piñatas.

#### **Communion to the Sick**

If you or someone you know is unable to come to Mass due to age or infirmity, please contact the parish office. We can arrange for a visit from one of our trained and caring Eucharistic Ministers.

#### **A Note from Collen Juarez...**

"Thank You to each of you who have been praying for my son, Damien. During this busy fire season he was exposed to conditions associated with Valley Fever and he ended up spending time in the hospital with pneumonia. After a month of recuperating, he is now back to work as a Fire Captain in Paso Robles. Blessings!"

#### **Food Pantry Needs**

- ◇ *Small Jars Peanut Butter*
- ◇ *Canned Soups and Meats with Pop-Top Lids*



Please bring these by the parish office.