

# 3rd Sunday of Advent

## —December 13, 2009 A.D.

### Advent Joy

On this Third Sunday of Advent, the liturgy invites us to the joy of the spirit... The joy that the liturgy reawakens in the hearts of Christians is not reserved for us alone: it is a prophetic proclamation destined for all humanity and for the poorest of the poor in particular, in this case, those poorest in joy!



Let us think of our brothers and sisters who ... are experiencing the drama of war: what joy can they live? What will their Christmas be like?

Let us think of all the sick and lonely people who, in addition to being tried in their body, are also sorely tried in their soul because they often feel abandoned: how can we share joy with them without disrespecting their suffering?

But let us also think of those people, especially the young, who have lost their sense of true joy and seek it in vain where it is impossible to find it: in the exasperated race to self-affirmation and success, in false amusements, in consumerism, in moments of drunkenness, in the artificial paradise of drugs and every form of alienation. We must obviously face the liturgy today and its "Rejoice" with these tragic realities...

The invitation to rejoice is not an alienating message or a sterile palliative, but on the contrary, it is a salvific prophecy, an appeal for rescue that starts with inner renewal.

To transform the world, God chose a humble young girl from a village in Galilee, Mary of Nazareth, and challenged her with this greeting: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you." In these words lies the secret of an authentic Christmas. God repeats them to the Church, to each one of us: Rejoice, the Lord is close! With Mary's help, let us offer ourselves with humility and courage so that the world may accept Christ, who is the source of true joy.

Pope Benedict XVI  
December 17, 2006

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

All children of the parish are invited to participate in Children's Advent Liturgies on the Sundays of Advent at the 9 a.m. Mass. Come and participate.

### WOMEN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY

All ladies of the parish are invited to the Women's Society Christmas Party Potluck on Mon., Dec. 14, at 11:30 a.m. at Joie Krossa's home at aaa a St. Please RSVP to 995-aaaa and bring a gift worth \$10 or less for the gift exchange.

### DECK THE HALLS

Everyone is welcome to come after 9 a.m. Mass on Wed., Dec. 23 to help decorate the church for Christmas.

### PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

Those who had their picture taken for the directory can pick up a free copy otherwise they may be purchased for \$10 at the parish gift shop.

### GIFT OF LOVE

Please pick up a bag with a list of suggested food items for the needy. We are still accepting donations.

### LOAVES & FISHES

Grooming & hygiene items are needed for Loaves & Fishes: toothpaste/brush, hand lotion, soap, shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream, etc.

### MARIAN EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE

Please join Bishop Garcia for a weekend of speakers at the Paso Robles Event Center on Jan. 8-10. For registration, visit [cmec.netfirms.com](http://cmec.netfirms.com).

Next Sunday's readings:  
Micah 5:1-4a, Psalm 80:2-19;  
Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45.

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE (Dec. 19-20)

#### 3rd Saturday & Sunday

Sat. 5 pm: Lector: Cindy Mazzacane

EMs: B. Mazzacane, E. Signund, J. Edwards

Ushers: Ron Rindge, Frank Hlavaty

Server: Red Harris

Cantor: \_\_\_\_\_

Sun. 9 am: Lector: Evie Pellaton

EMs: Ski Planansky, Anita Ayoob, Stan Piwowarski

Ushers: Sallee Detomaso, Arlene Dellfous

Servers: Sam Ayoob, Quinnten Thomas

Cantor: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitality: Tim & Teresa Woodman

Sun. 11 am: Lector: Glen Bennett

EMs: I. Starckenburg, E. Sigmund, S. DeCicco

Ushers: Dustin Blashaw, Joyan Svancara

Server: Walter Terrio

Music: Terry & Judy Ann Cross

Hospitality: Irene Sigmund

### Advent

Morning Prayer with Mass  
on the Fridays of Advent at 9 a.m.

Penance Service at Mission SLO  
Mon., Dec. 14, at 7 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Thurs., Dec. 17, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Christmas Eve

Mass at 5 p.m.

(with the singing of carols at 4:30 p.m.)

Children's Mass at St. Timothy's at 5:30 p.m.

Midnight Mass at St. Timothy's at 12 a.m.

### Christmas Day

Mass at 10 a.m.

(with the singing of carols at 9:30 a.m.)

Mass at St. Timothy's at 9 a.m.

**Let us Pray For the Sick:** May our prayers be a comfort to those who are sick or chronically ill: Don Monson, Tricia Scot, Mindy Greenville, Joe Svancara, Shawn Steffen, Tom Mee, Jennifer Pasa, Katy Wilson, Benjamin Kafman, Jim James, Shalom Tinsley White, Mary Musso, Kelly Pittner, Alice Fortini, Elizabeth English Porter, Maria Howe, Jacqueline Durazo, Bobbie Planansky, Jack McGilvray, Karen Thomas, Fr. Richard Bonjean, Richard Lyons, Larry Stayton, John Dias, Jim Sohler, Jim Greene Sr. & Jr., Jack Sable, Dennis Domaille, Barbara Gray, Bill, Danny & Kelly Wade, Mayre Marcollo, Gloria Aulbach, Evelyn Menn, Joseph Henderson, Margaret Jung, Mark Sigmund, & Jenna Franklin.

### MASS INTENTIONS (Dec. 12-20)

Sat. 5 †Tony Engineer by Joe & Joyan Svancara

Sun. 9 †Tony Engineer by Don & Norma Federighi

Sun. 11 St. Joseph's Parishioners

Mon. †Martha Evans by John & Rose Mueller

Tues. Patrick Sigmund (birthday) by Elizabeth Sigmund

Wed. †Mike & Miriam Hull by Sandy & Helen Hull

Thurs. †Art & Belle Miller by Mary Miller

Fri. †Tony Engineer by Agnes & Bill Wade

Sat. 5 †Natalia Fiolli by Vie Romanazzi

Sun. 9 †Charles & Bernice Casas by Eleanor Garcia

Sun. 11 The living & deceased members of St. Joseph's  
Women's Society

While every effort will be made to offer Mass for your special intention on the requested date, please understand that circumstances occasionally make this impossible.

Mass Intention Envelopes are available in the church.

For further information call Mary at 995-aaaa.