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Mass Schedule Saturday

St. Mary – 4:30pm **Sunday**

St. Mary – 9:00am (Rosary 8:30am) St. Joan of Arc - 5:00pm (Rosary 4:30pm)

Weekdays (at St. Mary only)

Tuesday – 6:00pm Wednesday – Friday – 7:00am 1st Saturday – 9:00am

Tuesday – 5:00pm – Adoration

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St. Mary - Sunday at 10:00am

RCIA

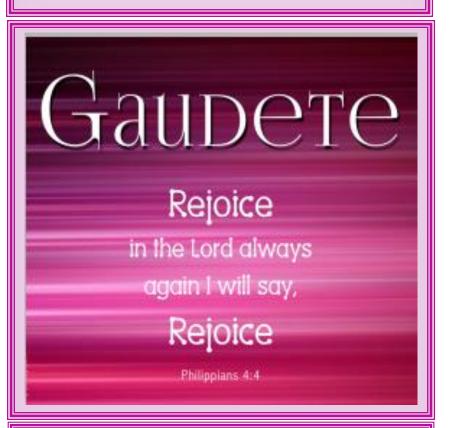
St. Mary – Tuesday at 7:00pm Call 812-512-0997 to register

Confessions

Saturday – 4:00pm – St. Mary Sunday – 8:30am – St. Mary Sunday – 4:30pm – St. Joan Tuesday – 5:15pm 1st Saturday – 8:30am Or by appointment St. Joan of Arc 327 W. McKinley St. Jasonville, IN St. Mary Church 105 E. Jackson Street Sullivan, IN

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3rd Sunday Dec. 12, of Advent 2021



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

- Isaíah 61:1

Church Support – December 05

St. Joan of Arc: Regular \$536 / Bldg Fund \$75 / Haiti \$55 Jasonville Food Pantry \$160 / Mass Intentions \$50 Quilt Raffle \$160 / Immac. Conception \$100

St. Mary: Regular \$1,710 / Bldg Fund \$269 / Haiti \$20 Comm. Kitchen \$40 / Mass Intentions \$100 Feast of Immac. Conception \$248

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK (December 12-19)

Saturday, Dec. 12 – 3rd Sunday of Advent STM – Edward & Verlene Cole Family

Sunday, Dec. 12 – 3rd Sunday of Advent STM – Ron Tepool → STJ – Margaurite Lauder →

3rd Week of Advent

Monday, Dec. 13 – St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr NO MASS

Tuesday, Dec. 14 – St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church
STM – Marty Pierson →

Wednesday, Dec. 15 – Weekday of Advent STM – Gertrude Scherrer →

Thursday, Dec. 16 – Weekday of Advent STM – Norma Kelley →

Friday, Dec. 17 – Weekday of Advent STM – Frances Sims

Saturday, Dec. 19 – 4th Sunday of Advent STM – Members of St. Mary & St. Joan of Arc

Sunday, Dec. 19 – 4th Sunday of Advent STM – Members of St. Mary & St. Joan of Arc STJ – Members of St. Joan of Arc & St. Mary

Dec. 11-12 – Retirement Fund for Religious Collection this weekend.

PRAYER LIST

St. Joan of Arc: Sue Case, Karen Conley, Liam Fuzesi, Linda Harstine, Joe Hudson, Shannan Hudson, Cindi Johns, Kenny Lee, Abbey Martin, Bob Martindale, Troy Martindale, Terry Neidigh, Brent Sexton, Elizabeth Solomon, Carol Talbott, Jack Trump

St. Mary: Brenda Bedwell, William Bouchie, Bob Cooper, Beth Fusco, Verne Davis, Payton Main, Dave Meadows, Cathy Nedemeyer, Raymond Pirtle, Janet Somenzi, Christopher Styga,

Send requests to shudson@evdio.org or call the Parish Office at 812-268-4088.

ITEMS OF NOTE:

- Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 6:00pm St. Mary Parish Council and Finance Committee meet. Council/Committee members please let Father John know if you cannot attend. The entire Parish is welcome.
- Sunday, Dec. 19 at 10:00am St. Mary church decorating for Christmas.
- ➤ Monday, Dec. 20 at 10:00am St. Joan church decorating for Christmas.
- Christmas Memorials Please submit your Christmas Memorial by <u>Sunday</u>, <u>Dec. 19</u>. Envelopes are in your envelope set or on the entry tables.

DAILY MASS READINGS

Dec. 14 (Tuesday)

Reading I – Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 & 23 Gospel – Matthew 21:28-32

Dec. 17 (Friday)

Reading I – Genesis 49:2, 8-10 Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Gospel – Matthew 1:1-17

Dec. 12 (Sunday)

Reading I – Zephaniah 3:14-18a Response – Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 Reading II – Philippians 4:4-7 Gospel – Luke 3:10-18

Dec. 15 (Wednesday)

Reading I – Isaiah 45:6c-8, 21c-25 Psalm 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14 Gospel – Luke 7:18b-23

Dec. 18 (Saturday)

Reading I – Jeremiah 23:5-8 Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Gospel – Matthew 1:18-25

Dec. 13 (Monday)

Reading I – Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9 Gospel – Matthew 21:23-27

Dec. 16 (Thursday)

Reading I – Isaiah 54:1-10 Psalm 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b Gospel – Luke 7:24-30

Dec. 19 (Sunday)

Reading I – Micah 5:1-4a Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Reading II – Hebrews 10:5-10 Gospel – Luke 1:39-45

A REFLECTION

FROM FR. JOHN

In Advent we prepare for the coming of the Lord, and the readings this weekend exhort us to rejoice at His coming. This emphasis on taking joy at His coming is the meaning behind the rose candle, the third candle being lit on our Advent wreath. Rose, or pink, is the traditional third candle of Advent and its lighting represents a fundamental shift from the repentance of the Advent season to the joy of His coming.

This joy is in our hearts at each Holy Mass when we feel His grace in His true presence of the Eucharist. This is the gift of the Church of Christ and each time we gather to remember His life, death and resurrection, we surrender to the peace and love He brings us. Knowing this should make it easy to open your heart to His joy. This is the object of our hearts always, but especially in this third week of Advent.

As Christmas approaches, joy is easy to see on the faces of children. But as adults, where do we find joy? Sometimes the weight of our earthly trials weighs heavily on our hearts, and joy is elusive, just outside our grasp. But having joy is not some pithy catch phrase and cannot be translated to merely having happiness. Instead, joy

is like the flame of an eternal candle, a candle that cannot be snuffed out by the harsh world. Joy is knowing that we are saved through our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. And at the end of the day, the end of our time, and the end of time, we the faithful will dwell in the house of the Lord, forever! This is joy!

As we light the rose candle, we pause to reflect on how we share our joy with the world. Can we set aside our anxiety and worries and bring the light of Christ to those in our path? Is mercy, love, kindness, and humility coming through us and into the world around us? This is the way we can move into His joy and prepare our hearts for the celebration of the season.

Gaudete Sunday is upon us! The word "gaudete" is derived from the Latin words "gaudium," joy, and "gaudeo," to rejoice or be glad. Pause now to accept the joy of His coming! Be glad in your salvation! Keep His flame burning bright in your heart and happiness is sure to follow.



OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE

- ➤ Religious Ed. Schedule Dec. 5 & Dec. 12 Classes meet; Dec. 19, Dec. 26 & Jan. 2– No classes for Christmas break; Jan. 9 – Classes resume.
- ➤ Qualified Charitable Distributions to the Parish If you are over 70 ½, consider making charitable donations from your IRA using a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). This would be a great way to grow the parish endowments, help with a special project, or pay your weekly giving in one lump sum. While a QCD does not generate a charitable deduction, you do not have to report the income. This is a great option for people to still get a tax benefit even though they are not able to itemize deductions. Charitable deduction rules can be very complicated, and you should work with your tax advisor to ensure you are maximizing the tax benefit of any donation.
- ➤ St. Joan of Arc Quilt Raffle Thanks to all who participated in the St. Joan of Arc quilt raffle. A special thank you to Alberta Samm for donating the quilt. We gathered \$160. Congratulations to Rose Lee for winning!



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