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Wednesday 9:00-4:30  
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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  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday – 9:00am

Tuesday – 5:00pm – Adoration

**CCD**

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  
1<sup>st</sup> 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

P.O. Box 506; Sullivan, IN 47882

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Dec. 12,  
of Advent 2021*

**GAUDETE**

Rejoice  
in the Lord always  
again I will say,

Rejoice

Philippians 4:4

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

*- Isaiah 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 STM – Edward & Verlene Cole Family

**Sunday, Dec. 12 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 STM – Ron Tepool ✨  
 STJ – Margaurite Lauder ✨

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 STM – Members of St. Mary & St. Joan of Arc

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 STM – Members of St. Mary & St. Joan of Arc  
 STJ – Members of St. Joan of Arc & St. Mary

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**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](mailto: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 Sunday, Dec. 19. Envelopes are in your envelope set or on the entry tables.

**DAILY MASS READINGS**

<p><b>Dec. 14 (Tuesday)</b>                  Reading I – Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13                  Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 &amp; 23                  Gospel – Matthew 21:28-32</p> <p><b>Dec. 17 (Friday)</b>                  Reading I – Genesis 49:2, 8-10                  Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17                  Gospel – Matthew 1:1-17</p>	<p><b>Dec. 12 (Sunday)</b>                  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</p> <p><b>Dec. 15 (Wednesday)</b>                  Reading I – Isaiah 45:6c-8, 21c-25                  Psalm 85:9ab &amp; 10, 11-12, 13-14                  Gospel – Luke 7:18b-23</p> <p><b>Dec. 18 (Saturday)</b>                  Reading I – Jeremiah 23:5-8                  Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19                  Gospel – Matthew 1:18-25</p>	<p><b>Dec. 13 (Monday)</b>                  Reading I – Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a                  Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 &amp; 7bc, 8-9                  Gospel – Matthew 21:23-27</p> <p><b>Dec. 16 (Thursday)</b>                  Reading I – Isaiah 54:1-10                  Psalm 30:2 &amp; 4, 5-6, 11-12a &amp; 13b                  Gospel – Luke 7:24-30</p> <p><b>Dec. 19 (Sunday)</b>                  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</p>
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# 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.



