

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Advent

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

On the Third Sunday of Advent may our hearts be filled with joy for the One who is to come. Let us ask the Lord for mercy for the times we have failed to recognize the presence of Christ in our midst.

THE READINGS:

Isaiah 35:1-6

Those the Lord has ransomed will return to Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy.

James 5:7-10

Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged.



Matthew 11:2-11

Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?

Offertory Collection

December 5, 2004

\$1182.00

Immaculate Conception

\$ 621.00

Today a second collection will be taken up for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – Jean Beldyk-Byers, 9 a.m. – Harry Killian.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from December 11th – December 25th in memory of Frances & Michael Beldyk by Jean & Jim Byers.

Please pick up your **offertory envelope set**. They are in the last windowsill on the Blessed Mother Side.

Eternal rest grant to Jenny Wisowaty, Fr. George Rhodes and all the souls of the faithful departed.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	December 11,	5:00 PM (rip) John Gann by Ruth Press
Sunday,	December 12,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Monday,	December 13,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Tuesday,	December 14,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Wednesday,	December 15,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Thursday,	December 16,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Friday,	December 17,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Saturday,	December 18,	5:00 PM (rip) Willard Smith by David Smith
Sunday,	December 19,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)

The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are January 27, 28, and 31, 2005. **Mass stipends** are \$10.

Catholic Forum – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on AM 1150 WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, December 19th, learn about the upcoming Ministries Weekend when Ed Gordon, Director of the Office of Religious Education and Andy Zampini, Director of Parish Social Ministry, are interviewed. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Vocations – In today's gospel reading, Jesus describes John the Baptist as the one who was sent ahead of Him to prepare His way. In our day and age, God calls women and men to prepare His way in the hearts of all people by serving as religious sisters and brothers, as deacons and as priests. If you think God might be calling you to religious life or priesthood, please call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; jcocucci@cdow.org).

A Sign of God's Presence

Isaiah knew people needed strength in order to see and respond to the coming of the Lord into their lives. He said:



**Strengthen the hands that are feeble,
make firm the knees that are weak.
Say to those whose hearts are frightened:
Be strong, fear not!
Here is your God!**

Make this your mantra for the coming week.

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2004

