

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Advent



WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

This Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete* Sunday and our readings invite us to "Rejoice always!" As we light the rose candle on our Advent wreath, let us remind ourselves of the happy eagerness of little children who wait for Christmas.

THE READINGS:

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

- Glad tidings to the poor and brokenhearted.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

John 1:6-8; 19-24

If we wish to rediscover in all its richness the profound relationship between the Church and the Eucharist, we cannot neglect Mary, Mother and model of the Church. In my Apostolic Letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, I pointed to the Blessed Virgin Mary as our teacher in contemplating Christ's face, and among the mysteries of light I included *the institution of the Eucharist*. Mary can guide us toward this most holy sacrament, because she herself has a profound relationship with it.

Pope John Paul II *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 53

Offertory Collection	December 4, 2005	\$1018.00
	Christmas Flowers	\$ 360.00

This weekend a second collection will be taken up for Religious Retirement.

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – Susan Walker, 9 a.m. – Harry Killian.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	December 10,	5:00 PM Gondek & Kleamski Families (living & deceased)
Sunday,	December 11,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Monday,	December 12,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Tuesday,	December 13,	8:00 AM (rip) Donald Lilley by Helen Brannon
Wednesday,	December 14,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Thursday,	December 15,	8:00 AM Gondek & Kleamski Families (living & deceased)
Friday,	December 16,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Saturday,	December 17,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	December 18,	9:00 AM (rip) Louise Saxton by Paul & Janice Matarese

The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are March 21, 23, and 25, 2006. **Mass stipends** are **\$10**.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from December 10th – 24th in memory of Michael Burke by M/M James Burke.

Catholic Forum – Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 on 1150 AM WDEL or on the Internet at www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, December 18th, Fr. John Hynes, pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish will discuss Catholic identity in our homes. Catholic Forum is a production of the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Wilmington.

Vocations – Through the ministry of priests, deacons and religious women and men, the Lord brings glad tidings to the poor, proclaims liberty to captives and announces His favor to all who would follow in His ways. Is God calling you to serve His people through a religious vocation? If you think so, please call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or ccocucci@cdow.org).

A Man of Integrity



God: Would you have liked to have been one of John's followers?

Me: On the one hand I think he would have been difficult to be around. He seems so humorless. On the other hand, he seems able to work hard at preparing the way without getting sidetracked in trying to be the Messiah. I admire him for that!

God: John had a very difficult task and he did it with great integrity. I admire him too!

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December 11, 2005