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Third Sunday in Advent

December 14, 2014



Christmas preparing with hope
Christ rejoice advent friends promise Bethlehem Joy candles Joseph care helping
Advent
peace
Jesus joy
love
Mary forgiveness family happiness and pray respect
lord
calendar
birth

Today is often called Gaudete or "Rejoice" Sunday, because the entrance antiphon begins with the word "Rejoice" and we are halfway through Advent—so much closer to Christmas. Today's second reading also begins with "Rejoice." On this Third Sunday of Advent, what do you have to rejoice about? How are your Advent preparations for Christmas going? Let us pray today for that extra boost of joy in this season of watchful waiting for the coming of the Lord!

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2014

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
— 1 Thessalonians 5:16



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My dear friends in Christ,

I hope that the rain from the heavens during the last few days has blessed you with the spirit of joy and thanksgiving!

This Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of Advent! The readings this Sunday invite us to rejoice, to hope and to anticipate with joy the coming feast of the coming of the Son of Man!

My friends, we don't want our Christmas celebration to be smashed by our lack of preparations. We must continue to focus and to fill our life and heart with joy and thanksgiving. The first reading today from Isaiah reminds us "God is the joy of our soul!"

The rose color on this 3rd Sunday of Advent symbolizes hope and joy! It is up to us to make these things happen! The coming of the Son of Man is indeed a reason for us to hope and to be filled joy! The vision of hope is truly inspiring, and it offers true spiritual joy! Hope is the understanding and belief that a better world is possible!

There is hope because of God's love for us! When he sent his Son to us, he revealed a new life of hope and love. Do not take this invitation lightly and live your life with grace and thanksgiving. We need to rejoice and not to be caught up in a life that is destructive and miserable. We should bring smile to the people and be the bearer of good news and joy.

The psalmist today reminds us of what God has done for us: "He has mercy on those who fear him, he has filled the hungry with good things, and has come to the help of his servant Israel." Therefore we should join our voices in singing Alleuia, the song of joy and exultation!

He has come to save us!

The second reading today asks not to complain but to be patient and make our hearts firm. St. Paul in his letter to the Thessalonians said, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus!"

And so my friends, celebrate what is beautiful and hand over your anxiety to God! Do something joyful, something extravagant----- by doing something transforming done in great love! Dorothy Day once said, "No one has the right to sit down and feel hopeless. There is too much to be done." Experience hope by giving hope to others! Because hope gives a reason to rejoice in life for a better tomorrow!

*In Christ's peace,
Fr. Geoffrey*

MASS INTENTIONS

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December 13, 2014 - December 20, 2014

Saturday, December 13

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, December 14

8:00 am + Vincent & Mary Nguyen

10 :00 am Spe.Int. - Inyang Family

12:00 pm + Efren Cunanan

6:00 pm + Francisco Sousa

Monday, December 15

8:00 am + Leopoldo Aldover

Tuesday, December 16

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Secky Chiu

Wednesday, December 17

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Vener & Teresita Siasoco

Thursday, December 18

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Jun & Lily Tecson

Friday, December 19

8:00 am + Lilia Navarro

Saturday, December 20

8:00 am + Edith Pelaez

5:00pm + Richar Thommes

Please pray for the sick...

Esperanza Abdon, Ester Acda, Soledad Agoot, Johnny Ang, Susana Aquino, Charmaine & Ricky Arciga, Alma Arreglado, Rachel Austria, Ederlinda Avecilla, Gay Badillo, Agapito Bagon, Eva Bancroft, Cecilia Barrera, Francisco Barrera, Victoria Bantugan, Nina Baquirano, Lolita A. Bascones, Alice Beans, Yoly Buhay, Bernabe Cabug, Evangeline Carrodus, Teofista Coloma, Roderick Cruz, Gouri Dasgupta, Magelinde Del Castillo, Dingna Garay, Alfonso & Flora De Guia, Ofelia de Guzman, Caleigh Foster de Leon, Alice De Loyola, Purificacion Del Rosario, Bert Dimaano, Nenita Dingcong, Theresa Diola, Angelina Dizon, Jose Domingo, Geraldine Dotson, Fely de Jesus, Albert Doble, Ceazar Domingo, Juanita Estrellas, Milagros Farren, David Fournell, Emerita Fulinar, Llana Ganal, Leticia Garces, Francisco Garcia, Floride H. Guing, Linda Hernandez, Janice & John Hutalla, Rosario Ilustre, Reynaldo Joachico, Erlinda Kasilag, Abby Kho, Eric Igos, Tessie Lacandazon, Mori Lacson, Idalina La Rosa, Roxanne Lee, Isabel Loyola, Arthur Macapagal, Lisa Mananquil, Bert Mariano, Sr., Theresa Martinez, Saturnina Mayo, Janet McCulley, Zeny Mesa, Rowena Millado, Juliana Minoza, Victor Montoya, Florentina Morales, Eric Morton, Felix Nanat,, Teofisto Pacete, Roquita Padua, Juliana Minoza, Esperanza Paz, Marlen Peralta, Orlando Peralta, Roces Pineda, Roy Porlaris, Benita Quintong, Cora Ragasa, Fernando Ramirez, Lita Raposas, Oliver Rasul, Elaine Resurreccion, Leo Reyes, Luisa Reyes, Felix Rivas, Charmaine Rivera, Eufenia Rivera, Anita Sacdalan, Epifania Santos, Ted Santos, Fe Segundo, Jose Segundo, Ross Siat, Ruperto Sitchon, Ruby Soriano, Virginia Sosongco, Michael Tang, Joseph Thompson, Leonard Torres, Petronila Torres, Manuel Trinidad, Joel Tubig, Tomas Trujillo, Pio Verdán, Lydia Villacorta, Delfin Villaflor, Joe Yumang, Dianne Zamora.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

DAWN MASS/SIMBANG GABI

Everyone is invited to attend the Dawn Masses starting **Tuesday, December 16th until, Wednesday, December 24th at 5:30 am.** Light refreshments will be served after each Dawn Mass.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Take an **ANGEL** today from the Giving Tree at the entrances of the church. Bring back a gift card by Tuesday, December 16th. Make sure to attach the angel tag on the gift card and bring to the Parish Office on December 16th. Thank you!



FLOWER DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

Environment and Art is accepting **white** potted poinsettias and monetary donations towards flower arrangements. Please bring your monetary donations to the Parish Office Mon-Fri., 9:00am-8:00pm. Deliver poinsettias December 19-23rd. Thank you!



Confirmation Retreat Info

Please pray for the Confirmation candidates and the Confirmation staff who are on retreat this weekend in the Santa Cruz hills...we will either be infused with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit or reenact Noah's Ark (depending on the weather)...we prefer the former!

Youth Ministry

Saint Anne Youth Ministry will meet this Monday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be the last Youth Ministry meeting of December and we will celebrate with an Advent potluck dinner. Youth Ministry, Confirmation, Emmaus and those in college are invited...just bring FOOD!!! Here's what to bring:
A-E Appetizer, F-L Main Dish, M-Q Side Dish, R-U Dessert, V-Z Drinks

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8627 "CELEBRATING 30TH ANNIVERSARY IN SERVICE OF THE LORD, CHURCH AND COMMUNITY"

December 16th-24th – Simbang Gabi mass. Ushering, Red Coat

For inquiry about the Knights of Columbus and activities, please contact: Pol Marzan, Grand Knight
pmarzan@tieg.com; (510) 566-8259

DIVINE MERCY

The Divine Mercy Apostolate is inviting you for their Cenacle prayer **every Friday at 7:00 pm, CR # 104 except for First Friday in the Church. Please come and join us in prayers. If you have any questions please call: Lou Castro - 510-396-1162, Carmencita Draculan-510-449-4447, or Diane Domingo- 510-676-9006.

MEASURING SUCCESS

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles that one has overcome while trying to succeed.

—Booker T. Washington

UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE

Most people are bothered by those passages in Scripture which they can't understand; but . . . I have noticed that the passages in Scripture which trouble me most are those I do understand.

—Mark Twain

ST. ANNE SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1- 8)

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Loving Choices – Our children preparing for First Reconciliation will learn about moral choices and how they can begin to know the difference between right and wrong choices. Let us think about our own moral choices and how we make them. What advice can we give to our First Reconciliation children? Please continue to pray for these children on their journey to the Sacrament.

CCD MASS (every Third Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM): Our monthly celebration of CCD mass is on **Sunday, December 21**. We would like to invite all CCD students, catechists and their families to attend. A gentle Reminder to Catechists & Students who have volunteered to participate in the CCD Mass, please arrive at 11:30 AM for final instructions.

CCD STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Joshua Santos:	I fed the fish, gr.4
Jerrick:	I put away my clothes,gr.2
Tatiana Ribay:	Washed dishes & treasure giving \$1.00, gr. 5
Miley:	I helped with the groceries & treasure giving \$2.00, rm.104
Dominik Lualhati:	Treasure giving \$1.00 & I listened to my Mom, gr. 1
Renato Limjoco:	I helped clean the yard & treasure giving \$1.00, gr.4
Quincy:	Put my clothes & shoes away & treasure giving \$2.00, gr.2
Shelby Ray:	Cared for my cousin & donated \$1.00, gr.1

ANGELS OF PEACE

Let us not be justices of the peace, but angels of peace.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Eucharistic Adoration in Care Homes

Adorers Needed!

We need volunteers to visit convalescent hospitals and care homes.

Please mark your calendar and let us know if you can join us.

Hayward Convalescent Hospital -Every Monday at 2:30pm

Hilltop Care Home - Every Second Wednesday of the Month at 10:30am

Hayward Wellness Center - Every Last Saturday of the Month at 2pm

If you have a care home and you want us to visit you, give us a call.

Please call for details: Lee Ramos: 510-207-1409

Sunday, December 14, 2014

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, December 7, 2014	\$10,590.39
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 4,409.61)
Stewardship - Religious Retired	\$1,177.00

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The St. Vincent de Paul and the Knights of Columbus are collecting non-perishable food (please no clothing) to make Christmas Baskets for the homeless and low income families in the community to be distributed Saturday, December 20. Please bring your donations and place them in the barrels at the entrances in the Church. If you know a family who would need a Christmas Basket, please call the parish office @510-471-7766, and leave the families' name and phone number.

USDA FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Offered to low income families on the 3rd Saturday of every month in classroom #106, 9-11 am. The next distribution is December 20.



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R.C.I.A.

Are you an adult who is interested in being baptized Catholic?

- was baptized in another Christian tradition and would like to explore what being Catholic is all about?
- was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

If you answered yes to any of the above, please consider joining our ongoing Inquiry sessions for chance to ask questions, learn more about us and about the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**, the process by which adults join the Church. No commitment required. For more information, call the parish office at 510-471-7766 or email: stanneadultfaithformation@gmail.com

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

Monday, December 15

8:00 am - MASS, CH

9:00 am - Legion of Mary, CR #103

10:00 am - Funeral, CH

4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106

6:00 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

7:30 pm - Lectors, CH

Tuesday, December 16 - **Start of Simbang Gabi/Dawn Mass**

5:30 & 8:00 am - MASS, CH

4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106

7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH

7:30 pm - Midnight Mass Choir, CR #105

7:30 pm - RCIA, CH, CR # 106

Wednesday, December 17

5:30 & 8:00 am - MASS, CH

4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106

6:00 pm - SPRED, SH

7:00 pm - Perpetual Help, CH

7:30 pm - Young Adult Choir, CR #105

Thursday, December 18

5:30 & 8:00 am - MASS, CH

5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #103-106, SH

6:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102

7:30 pm - Servites, CR #102

7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

8:00 pm - Fit Club, SH

Friday, December 19

5:30 & 8:00 am - Mass, CH

10:00 am - Lectio Divina, CR # 102

10:30 am - Funeral Mass, CH

1:00 pm - St. Vincent de Paul, CR #103 & 106

6:00 pm - Legion of Mary, CR # 103

7:00 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #104

7:30 pm - Midnight Mass, CR #105

Saturday, December 20

5:30 & 8:00 am & 5:00 pm - MASS, CH,

8:45 am - SPRED, CR #105

9:00 am - St. Vincent de Paul, CR #103 & 106

10:00 am - Lectio Divina, CR #102

11:00 am - Memorial Mass, CH

12:00 pm - Individual User, SH

1:00 pm - Baptisms, CH

4:00 pm - Individual User, SH

6:15 pm - Charismatic, CR # 104

6:30 pm - El Shaddai, CH

Sunday, December 21

5:30, 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 & 6:00 pm- MASS, CH

1:30 pm - Polish Community, CH

1:30 pm - Children's Choir, CR #106

2:00 pm - Prayer Group, CR #104

3:00 pm - Indonesian Community, CH & SH

7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CH

7:30 pm - Fit Club

Holiday Mass Schedule

◆ Simbang Gabi

Tuesday, December 16 - Wednesday, December 24 @ 5:30AM

◆ Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord (Vigil)

Wednesday, December 24 @ 5PM and 8PM

◆ Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord (Midnight)

Thursday, December 25 @ 12AM (MIDNIGHT)

◆ Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord (Day)

Thursday, December 25 @ 8AM, 10AM, 12PM (NO 6PM)

◆ Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (Vigil)

Wednesday, December 31 @ 5PM

◆ Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (Day)

Thursday, January 1 @ 10AM and 12PM (NO 8AM)

