

A Place to Share God's Word, Faith, Family Life & Fellowship
St. Peter Claver St. Pius V Catholic Church – “One in the Spirit”



Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m.

DAILY MASSES

Mondays 8:00 a.m.
Tuesdays 8:00 a.m.
Thursdays 8:00 a.m.
Fridays 8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS

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Religious Education

Elementary & First Communion
Sundays: Immediately following Mass

High School & Confirmation
2nd, 4th, & 5th Sundays – 11:00 a.m.

Baptism & Marriage Preparation

By Appointment

“Like good stewards of the varied graces of God, use whatever gift each one of you has received to serve one another.”

1 Peter 4:10

Mass Intention

12/17 - Healing Mercies for Alonna Nolan; Requested by Pat Nolan

Thank You

We're glad you joined us today! It is our sincere hope that the fellowship and love you experience today will continue to be a part of your lives over the days and years to come.

PASTOR'S CORNER

“There are unquestionably important and legitimate questions to be asked about humanity; things as they are, and things as they ought to be!! The urge for objectivity and social justice would move one to engage in an earnest and profound debate about certain situations; but the fear of those who wanna retain the status quo keeps the world in bondage!! And now, untold-manufactured suffering continues!! There are no longer Aristotles, no Socrates, no Platos, etc.!! Almost everyone is playing safe to stay in a comfort zone!! We are no longer living; we are just managing to exist and survive!!”

Upcoming Events / Meetings

December 14 – Lifebridge Mobile Unit

December 17 – Pastoral Council Meeting/Health & Wellness Meeting

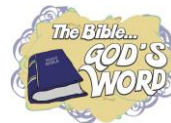
December 18 - PREP - Elementary

December 22 – Health & Wellness Exercise/Line Dancing

December 24 – Christmas Eve

December 25 – Christmas Day

Weekly Readings



Sunday: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10/ Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/ James 5:7-10/ Matthew 11:2-11

Monday: Zechariah 2:14-17/Judith 13:18bcde, 19/ Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13/ Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/ Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday: Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/ Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/ Luke 7:18b-23

Thursday: Isaiah 54:1-10/ Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Luke 7:24-30

Friday: Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8/ Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/ John 5:33-36

Saturday: Genesis 49:2, 8-10/Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/ Matthew 1:1-17



In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us. *Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.*

Third Sunday of Advent. . . .



Gaudete Sunday, which means "rejoicing Sunday," falls on the third Sunday of Advent. We are brought back to the joy and significance of Christmas. It is simple to lose sight of the actual joy of Christmas by getting caught up in how the world occasionally views the holiday. We are susceptible to falling victim to consumerism and materialism. We risk missing the chance to fully welcome Jesus into our lives and let him into our hearts.

The presence of Christ in our lives invites us to joy, not our circumstances in life. Our faith serves as a constant reminder that life's journeys are not without challenges, suffering, and loss. We are looking for joy in the wrong place if we believe that true joy only exists when difficulties, grief, and loss are absent. The world tries to persuade us that we would be happy if we "purchase this present" or "ignore life's hardships."

Gratitude is the first step on the way to happiness. If you don't show gratitude for what you already have, you'll never be content. One routine would be to express our gratitude to people or write in our journals at the end of each day. How can I express my thankfulness to God and other people? What do I currently feel most appreciative of? *Creating a genuine community* is the second approach to experience delight. We all desire a sense of belonging and community. According to research, the secret to genuine joy and satisfaction is having good, healthy connections. How can we create and maintain enduring relationships in our lives? Which connections do I wish to strengthen? *Serving others and giving of oneself* is the third way to feel joy. This is what Jesus demonstrated in all that he accomplished. He demonstrated for us that finding happiness in helping others by tenderly washing his Apostles' feet. What can I do to help others? What must I carry out in order to follow Jesus' example of selfless service?

This *Gaudete Sunday* of Advent, let us come and be joyful in the Lord. Rejoice as we anticipate His coming during this Advent season! Continue your holiday home decor, nativity scene assembly, and carol or hymn singing!

December 3 & 4

Total Attendance – 145

Total Collections -\$8,624.16

OUTREACH & EVANGELIZATION

A Christmas Musical Comedy - WRAPPED IN LOVE at St. Bernadine Church is a musical comedy for the entire family written and produced by Tony Small, director of Music Ministry, and starring members of St. Bernadine's own church family. It combines true stories from several African American churches whose parishioners respond to intergenerational and gentrification changes in their neighborhoods and lives – compounded by the inevitabilities of “change.” The story culminates with a holiday concert for the entire community. Join them on December 17, at 1:30 p.m., and December 18, at 1:30 p.m., in the church.

Cathedral Choir Lessons and Carols - A time-honored tradition, the Cathedral Choir will again present *A Festival of Lessons & Carols* on Sunday, December 18 at 5 pm. Selected Scripture passages and sacred music will announce the dawn of our salvation. This year, the concert will also feature the Charm City Ringers Handbell Choir and Nikita Borisevich on violin. Free admission. Bring your family and friends! Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 N. Charles St. Baltimore, MD 21210

Maryland AG Report – Please see the latest message from Archbishop Lori on **not opposing** the public release of the Maryland Attorney AG report. He sent this video message on December 2. *VIDEO*: <https://bit.ly/3FbTSyb>
Text: <https://bit.ly/3BjKaiL>. If you have questions about anything concerning this or need further clarification, please reach out to me Christian at Christian.kendzierski@archbalt.org

Questions about the AG Report – There are many questions surrounding the Maryland AG Report on clergy abuse. The Archdiocese developed this frequently asked questions and answers page for reference-<https://bit.ly/3UDOs4N>

Congratulations to the Christmas Raffle Winners: 1st prize Laverne Holland; 2nd prize Sonya Smith; 3rd prize Julian Foster; and 4th prize Pat Keller! The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality thanks everyone for their participation in the Christmas Raffle.

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