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**Third Sunday of Advent**

This weekend's readings begin on pg. 865-- Year B

**Dec.13, 2020**

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

*I rejoice heartily in the Lord.*

Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

*My soul rejoices in my God.*

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

*May you entirely, spirit, soul and body,  
 be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Gospel Acclamation

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

John 1:6-8, 19-28

There is one among you whom you do not recognize.

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**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Sat., December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00PM- (St. J.)**

- For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions

**Sun., December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**8AM - (St. P.)**

- For Terry, Timmy, Betsy & Mike Lindsey by Wife & Mother Barbara

**9:30AM - (St. J.)**

- For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions

**Mon., December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30AM - (St. J.)**

- For Nick Granger (Health)

**Tues., December 15<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30AM- (St. J.)**

- For Richard Croniser (B-Day), Bradley & Kaylee Croniser by The Adaline Croniser Family

**Wed., December 16<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30AM - (St. P.)**

- For Gale Scouten by Tim & Sherri Stephenson

**Thurs., December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30AM - (St. J.)**

- For Fr. John Roock by Fr. Matthew Lyons

**Fri., December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30AM - (St. J.)**

-For Ted Egnaczyk by Jerry & Mary Bourgeois

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Sat., December 19<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00PM- (St. J.)**

- For The Deceased Members of The Bourgeois & Owens Family by Jerry & Mary Bourgeois

**Sun., December 20<sup>th</sup>**

**8AM - (St. P.)**

- For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions

**9:30AM - (St. J.)**

- For John Sugar by Lois Fey

**FAMILY FORMATION PACKETS ARE ON THE OFFICE PORCH. PLEASE PICK THEM UP AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.**

**CONFESSION TIMES THIS WEEK**

**AT ST. JOSEPH'S**

5:00-6:30PM on Wednesday

3:15-3:45PM on Saturday

We remember in our prayers

Charles Mooney, Frances Miller,

Jamie Uhl-Goosman, Jeffrey Batt, Lorraine King,

Walt Belewich, Sr., Ann Lash, Paul Hartness,

Jim White, Roberta Wilson, John Bailey,

Cretia Carpenter, Candace Schaffer, David Hoffman,

Steven Stooks, Michael Stinebrickner, Paul Boliver,

Joan Farmer & Scott MacFarland,

**PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE OFFICE. IF YOU NEED ENVELOPES FOR THE FIRST TIME, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE. YOU MAY ALSO DONATE ONLINE AT CHRISTOURHOPERC.ORG**

**Christmas Masses This Year!**

**Please Sign up for the Christmas Mass you will be attending. Sign-up sheets are at the Church Entrance or call the Parish Office at 315-942-4618. Please state the date and time you are calling, leave the names and phone numbers of each individual & the Mass time you wish to attend. Signing up is important in the event we have an exposure, so individuals can take further precautions. It is our prayer that everyone can safely attending a Christmas Mass.**

**Hope Appeal 2020**

**We are making progress!**

**Thank you to everyone who has donated or pledged to the 2020 Hope Appeal. We have met \$11,840.00 in donations and \$2,535.00 in pledges towards our Hope Appeal Goal goal of \$19,295.13. We Have \$4,920.13 to go! The Hope Appeal will close on Jan. 31, 2021.**

**What we don't realize in donations will come out of our savings. Hope Appeal pledge envelopes are at the Church Entrances.**

+JMJ

Dear Friends in Christ,

On December 8<sup>th</sup> we celebrated our Blessed Mother under the title of her Immaculate Conception. On that day this year Pope Francis declared a year of St. Joseph, which began on December 8<sup>th</sup> and will continue until that same day next year.

Here is the opening line of the Pope's declaration: "Today marks the 150th anniversary of the *Quemadmodum Deus* Decree, with which Blessed Pius IX, moved by the grave and mournful circumstances in which a Church was beset by human hostility, declared St. Joseph Patron of the Catholic Church." (translation from Italian by "Google translate")

At the time of Bl. Pope Pius IX, the territory of land belonging to the Vatican had just been confiscated by the government, Communism, Fascism, modern day atheism and other similar philosophies were beginning to tear at the Catholic faith and cause people to fall away from the faith.

"Let us beseech the mercy of God for the more effective repulsion of evil in these mournful times through the merits and intercession of Saint Joseph." ~ Blessed Pope Pius IX

The following is from Pope Francis' decree (translated by Google translate – no English translation existed at the time of writing this):

"-a. ...Plenary Indulgence is granted to those who will meditate for at least 30 minutes the prayer of the Our Father, or they will take part in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph;

-b. ... Therefore, those who, following the example of St. Joseph, will perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy, will also be able to achieve the gift of the plenary indulgence;

-c. ... plenary indulgence is granted for the recitation of the Holy Rosary in families and between engaged couples.

-d. ... Therefore, anyone can gain a plenary indulgence, who daily entrusts their activity to the

protection of Saint Joseph and any faithful who invoke the intercession of the Artisan of Nazareth with prayers, so that those looking for work can find a job and work might be more dignified.

-e. The plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who will recite the Litanies to St. Joseph (for the Latin tradition), or the Akathistos to St. Joseph, in whole or at least some of it (for the Byzantine tradition), or some other prayer to St. Joseph, proper to other liturgical traditions, for the Church persecuted internally and externally [lit. *ad intra* and *ad extra*] and for the relief of all Christians who suffer every form of persecution."

In order to reaffirm the universality of the patronage of the Church by Saint Joseph, in addition to the aforementioned occasions, the Apostolic Penitentiary grants a plenary indulgence to the faithful who pray any lawfully approved prayer or act of piety in honor of Saint Joseph, for example "To you", Oh blessed Joseph", especially on March 19 and May 1, feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the Sunday of Saint Joseph (according to the Byzantine tradition), the 19 of every month and every Wednesday, a day dedicated to the memory of the Saint according to the Latin tradition.

In the current context of health emergency, the gift of plenary indulgence extends particularly to the elderly, the sick, the dying and all those who for legitimate reasons cannot leave their home, who, with the spirit detached from any sin and with the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions, in your own home or wherever the impediment holds you, pray an act of piety in honor of Saint Joseph, consolation of the sick and patron of good death, confidently offering God the pains and difficulties of his life."

At the seminary I went to, there was a statue that was probably around 100 years old of St. Joseph. At the base were the words: "*Custos Jesu, esto custos noster.*" "Guardian of Jesus, be our guardian." – A simple prayer we can pray often throughout the day.

*Fr. Matthew Lyons*