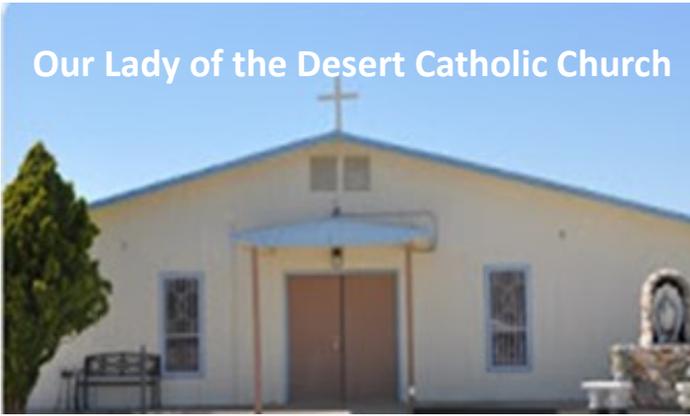


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Confesión el Sábado:

Por cita y será al aire libre (Español y Inglés)

Rosario el Sábado: Y letanías de la Santísima
Virgen María—3:45pm

Misa el Sábado: (Vigilia) / Inglés 4:00 p.m.

Rosario el Domingo: Y letanías de la Santísima
Virgen María— 9:45pm

Misa el Domingo: Español /10:00 a.m.

Liturgia en los Días de la Semana

Cada Día a las Doce: Angelus/Regina Caeli

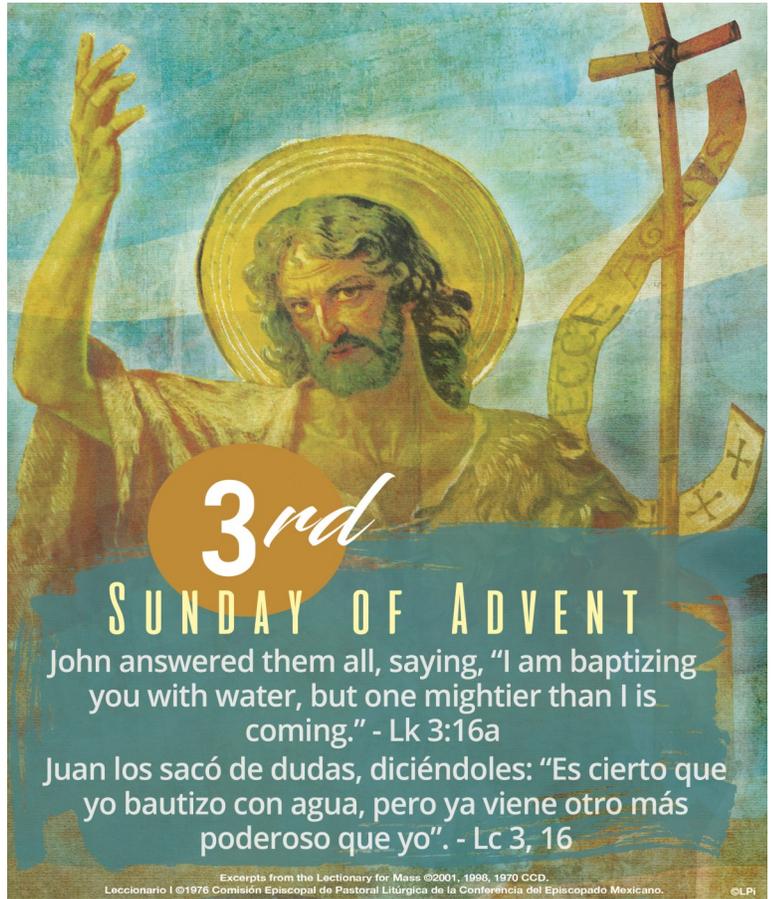
Lunes: Adoración: 7:00am y Misa 7:30am

Martes y Miércoles: Adoración 8:30am y Misa
9:00am

Jueves: Adoración: 8:30am y Misa: 9:00 m o la
Oración de la Evangelización a las 10:00am

Viernes Durante Quaresma: Camino de la Cruz a las
3:00pm y concluyendo con Misa

Sábado: Adoración: 7:00am y a las 7:30am
Misa en Honor de Virgen María



DECEMBER 12th 2021

Rev. Víctor C. Yakubu, Parochial Administrator

Rev. Julius Kayiwa, Parochial Vicar

Confession on Saturday:

By appointment and it will be outdoors/English/Spanish

Saturday Rosary: And Litanies of the Blessed Virgin
Mary 3:45pm

Saturday Mass (Vigil): English -4:00 p.m.

Sunday Rosary: And Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:45pm

Sunday Mass: Spanish 10:00am

Liturgy of the Weekdays

Every day at Noon: Angelus/Regina Caeli

Monday: 7:00am **Adoration & Mass** 7:30am

Tuesday & Wednesday: Adoration 8:30am &
Mass 9:00am

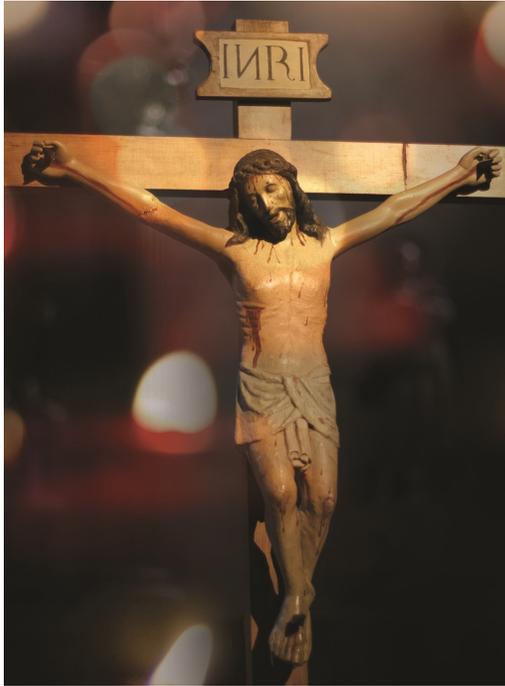
Thursday: Adoration: 8:30am & **Mass:** 9:00am
or Prayer of the Evangelization at 10:00am

Friday During Lent: Way of the Cross 3:00pm
concluding with Mass

Saturday: Adoration: 7:00 a.m. & 7:30 a.m.

Mass in Honor of the Virgin Mary

The question many people always ask at moments of great panic is, 'What am I to do?' But that is only for those who can summon courage and ask. At moments of great panic, many people are speechless because the situation has gone out of hand. In desperation we cling to any opinion from anyone around us to save the day. When there is no one to offer



The lesson from John's sermon should inspire us about the coming of Jesus. John knew in his heart that the crowd needed reminders about their individual lives and so he offered them direct responses. The crowd began to mistake John the Baptist for the Messiah anticipated by the Jews. He replied to them, "I am baptizing you with water, but the one mightier than I is coming." It was humility that made John to accept that he was not the Messiah. He knew his role and he acted accordingly in assisting people prepare for the great day of the Lord's coming.

any opinion, we use our instinct, and so we act impulsively without damning the consequences. At that point, it is a matter of survival not morality that rules our subconscious.

No one should be taken unawares in anything. Preparation is key to a successful life. For these reasons we have created many avenues for communication so as not to be taken by surprise. When we travel and are far from them, we call to hear some good news. We communicate and remain in touch because it is important to decide together even when distance is a barrier.

John the Baptist had many people coming to him to enquire about their salvation. He gave them different answers based on what they were involved in. He urged his listeners to share their cloaks with those who had none. Even tax collectors were not left out. He urged them to stop collecting more than what was prescribed. Soldiers should stop extortion as a way of life. The list went on for different categories of people involved in unwholesome activities.

Instead of panic on that great day, Prophet Zephaniah encouraged the people of Israel to remain calm. He told them the Lord was in their midst as a mighty savior. The Lord himself will renew them in his love and there would be no more panic. What a joy to hear this encouragement from the prophet of God.

Do you see hope in hope of eternal life in your life now? God is speaking directly to your life. He makes you aware of your life situation, the hidden dark side. He knows it completely and he does not want you to panic and make the wrong decisions. Decide now about repentance just as John the Baptist preached to the Jews. Your decisions now will save the day when it matters most. St. Paul says the peace of Christ will surpass all understanding and make you guard your heart for all eternity.

The punchline is this: God's love is without end and Jesus is coming to save you. Remove any fear and do not panic and decide wrongly. Eternal life is yours, and Jesus is coming to walk along with you to your eternal destiny.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2021

- Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
- Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday:** Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30
- Friday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
- Saturday:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
- Next Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

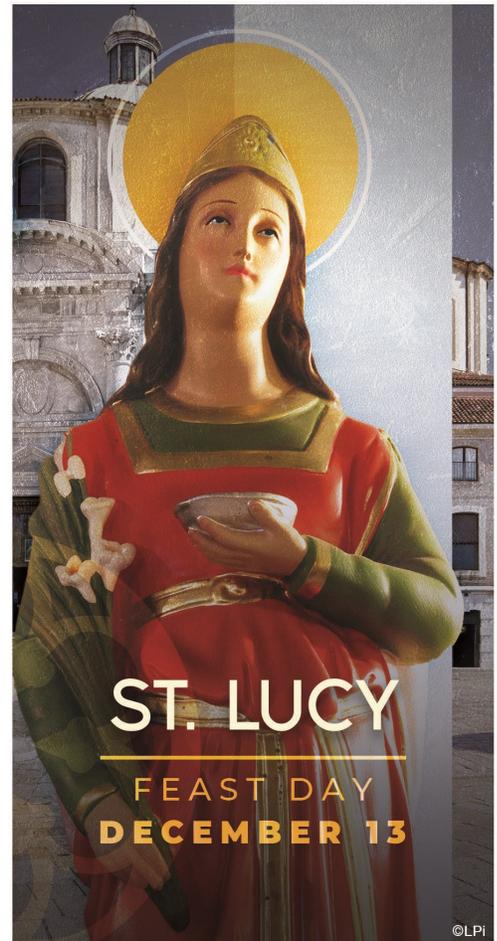
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2021

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
- Tuesday:** St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Shout for joy! When was the last time you ever felt like doing that? Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of joy. We can never predict what life will bring. As unsettling as that can often seem, life's unpredictability is also the very thing that allows it to be exciting and adventuresome! We know that life can be difficult, and it is unrealistic to expect it to be otherwise. God never promised an easy road. But, when a person truly falls in love with God and discovers the peacefulness and assurance of God's presence, then a depth of understanding will be brought to everything they do and experience. Nothing will be able to rob them of joy! When we realize that God, the King of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We celebrate the beauty and wonder of God's gift of joy today as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. There is a power and presence within us, our God, who has made us, who loves us and who will keep us. What more do we need? Rejoice!



SAINT OF THE WEEK

A name that means "light," St. Lucy (283 – 304) is the patron saint of those blind or suffering with eye trouble. Not much is known about her life, except that she was determined to remain a virgin and thus refused marriage. History tells the story of a frustrated suitor who eventually accused St. Lucy of being a Christian (at crime at the time), and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304.

Today, we celebrate a number of traditions that incorporate symbolic meaning of St. Lucy as the "bearer" of light in the darkness of winter. This is particularly seen in Scandinavian countries, with their long dark winters. There, a young girl dressed in a white dress and a red sash (as the symbol of martyrdom) carries palms and wears a crown or wreath of candles on her head. In Denmark, Norway and Sweden, girls dressed as Lucy carry rolls and cookies in procession as songs are sung.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a mighty savior;
he will rejoice over you with gladness.
(Zep 3:17)



PSALM

Cry out with joy and gladness: for
among you is the great and Holy One
of Israel. (Is 12:6)



SECOND READING

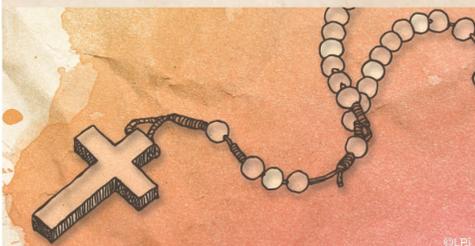
The Lord is near.
Have no anxiety at all, but in
everything,
by prayer and petition, with
thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.
(Phil 4:6)



GOSPEL

The crowds asked John the Baptist,
"What should we do?" (Lk 3:10)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" St. Teresa of Avila

We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina)