

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 13, 2020**

OPENING HYMN: 1) O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. 2) O come, O Wisdom from on high, Who orders all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *My soul rejoices, rejoices in my God.*

SECOND READING: *1Thessalonians 5:16-24*

GOSPEL: *John 1:6-8, 19-28*

PREPARATION OF GIFTS: 1) Creator of the stars of night, Your people's everlasting light, O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray You hear us when we call. 2) In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe, You came, O Savior, to set free Your own in glorious liberty. 3) When this old world drew on toward night, You came; but not in splendor bright, not as a monarch, but the Child of Mary, blameless mother mild. 4) At Your great Name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow: All things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call You Lord.

COMMUNION HYMN: 1) Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free. From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart. 2) Born Thy people to deliver, born a Child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone; by Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

CONCLUDING HYMN: 1) On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for He brings glad tidings of the King of kings. 2) Then cleansed be every heart from sin; make straight the way of God within, and let each heart prepare a home where such a mighty guest may come. 3) For You are our salvation, Lord, our refuge, and our great reward; without Your grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: Christmas Eve Mass is at full capacity, and we regret we will not be able to accept any further reservations. There is still available seating on Christmas Day. If you would like to attend this service, please call the church rectory to reserve your seat(s) as they are filling up quickly as well. Let us remind you, you may also attend the Saturday evening or Sunday morning mass as the Holy Day obligations are forgiven due to the pandemic.

SUPPORT THE AGING RELIGIOUS: The collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up today. Many senior Catholic sister, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

MASS INTENTIONS & CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 14 – DECEMBER 20

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| Monday, December 14 | PRIVATE MASS – For the People; St. John of the Cross |
| Tuesday, December 15 | PRIVATE MASS – For the People |
| Wednesday, December 16 | 9AM MASS (Grades 5-8); Delbert & Marcella Stirnaman By: Evelyn Wittenborn |
| Thursday, December 17 | NO MASS – Fr. Gene's Day Off |
| Friday, December 18 | PRIVATE MASS - For the People |
| Saturday, December 19 | 5PM MASS – Mike Jungewaelter |
| Sunday, December 20 | 9AM MASS – For the Parish; Fourth Sunday in Advent |

TITHE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2020

Fiscal Week: 23

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| Mary Help of Christians: \$4478.00; Cemetery \$212.00; Improvement \$91.00 | |
| WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7000.00 | YTD Budget Need: \$161,000.00 |
| YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$5769.23 | YTD Budget Difference: (\$28,307.80) |
| YTD Actual Giving: \$132,692.20 | YTD Weekly: (\$1230.77) |

GIBAULT VIRTUAL BAND CONCERT: You are invited to enjoy the sounds of the season at our virtual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 13, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Featuring live-stream performances by our concert band, jazz band, chorus, and Hawkapellas. Our event is sure to fill your home with holiday spirit. Live-stream available at <https://youtu.be/KeN8p2jynf4>.

DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS COLLECTION DECEMBER 24-25: The 43rd Annual Diocesan Christmas Collection will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Parishes and agencies throughout the diocese will request monies from this collection during 2021 to assist those in need with food, clothing, shelter, utility payments, healthcare and medications, funeral and burial expenses, transportation and emergency assistance of all types. Please consider giving as you are able; thank you so much.

THE GIVING TREE: Please remember to bring your gifts by December 20th in order for delivery.

ANGEL TREE: To purchase a crocheted angel for \$10 or to renew your angel from past years for \$5, place your money, the memorial name, and your name in an envelope marked "ANGEL" and drop it in the collection. You may also give your money to Donna Ritter. All proceeds are donated to the church. Last year we raised \$565.00

IT'S TIME to place your offering for a Poinsettia in Memory of Family Members:

POINSETTIA OFFERING: \$25.00

NAME: _____

BY: _____