



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ✕ DECEMBER 15, 2024

Weekly Calendar

12/14	Saturday – 5:00pm Mass Intentions: People of the Parish
12/15	Sunday – 1100am Mass Intentions: Sarah DeLuca
12/20	Friday – MASS at 8:00am Intentions:
12/21	Saturday – 5:00pm Mass Intentions: People of the Parish
12/22	Sunday – 11:00am Intentions: Sandra G. Monroe

Ministry Schedule

DATE	TIME	PEOPLE
SAT 12/14	5PM	Lec: M. Poole
		EuM: K. Bambrick
		S. Hallowell
		H. Bond
SUN 12/15	11AM	Lec: P. Starsonneck
		EuM: M. Faulkner
		M. Loscomb
		R. Price



Offertory Collection for December 7/8

General Offertory	3118.00
2nd Collection	325.00
Mass Stipends	.00
St. Vincent De Paul	.00
Holy Day	851.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	.00
All Saints Day	.00
Total	4294.00



Sunday

Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Monday

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Thursday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Friday

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45



“Strive to preserve your heart in peace; let no events of this world disturb it; reflect that all must come to an end”

St. John of the Cross

PARISH NEWS

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Our Lady of Good Counsel Christmas Eve @ 4:00pm (Children’s Mass)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Christmas Eve @ 9:00pm (Mass with Choir)

Refuge of Sinners Christmas Eve @ 4:00pm

Refuge of Sinners Christmas Eve @ 6:00pm (Spanish Mass)

Refuge of Sinners Christmas Day @ 9:00am (This is the ONLY Christmas Day Mass for both Churches)

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Well That Never Dries Up

Depending on how your mood is today, the words of Paul will hit you differently. “Rejoice always,” he tells us. Well, if your football team is poised to win this weekend or next, maybe you’re really feeling this vibe. But if you’ve got a long slog at work ahead of you this week and a to-do list that only seems to grow and never shrink, it may make you grumble. “Rejoice always? Always? When I’m tired? Cranky? When I’m sick of doing and giving? Thanks, Paul. I’ll be sure to scribble that phrase on a Post-It and stick it to my dashboard for when some entitled punk inevitably cuts me off on tomorrow’s morning commute.”

When we feel this way, we know it’s time to head back to the well. Think of all the places in Scripture where God compares His love, His mercy, His salvation to water. And not just any water — living water, water that moves. God’s strength is not a stagnant puddle sure to evaporate and disappear. It’s water you can keep coming back to. It’s water that never dries up.

Which is good news for us, because we never stop failing to do what we should, never stop failing to feel the joy and the compassion and the selflessness we are called to. We need a source of living water if we are going to ‘rejoice always.’ To be everyday stewards, we need a well that never empties.

The fountain of salvation never dries up. There is always more there for us to draw from. It’s a sign of His commitment — so let us, in turn, be committed to Him.