

Assumption Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022



May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, 12 noon
Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.
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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: Third Sunday of Advent

Why did Jesus praise John the Baptist as the greatest person born of a woman and then in the same breath say that those who enter God's kingdom will be greater than John (Matthew 11:11)? John is the last and greatest of the prophets of the old covenant. He fulfilled the essential task of all the prophets - to be fingers pointing to Jesus Christ, God's Anointed Son and Messiah. John prepared the way for the Messiah and he pointed others to Jesus the Messiah at the River Jordan when he exclaimed, Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29). When Jesus had answered the disciples of John, he in turn asked them a question. "Why did you go out in the wilderness to see John the Baptist?" "Did you go because you were hungry for the word of the Lord?" Jesus said that John was more than a spokesman for God. John was the faithful witness and friend of the bridegroom who pointed others to the coming of the Messiah in their midst.

John the Baptist paid the ultimate sacrifice of his life for speaking God's word and preparing the way for Jesus the Lord and Savior of the world. The Lord Jesus offers us the same assurance of faith and the strength to stand against every force that would try to rob us of our conviction and courage to live and proclaim the good news of God's kingdom. Do we know the joy, strength, and power which Jesus gives to everyone who puts their trust in him and the power of the Holy Spirit? Ask the Lord Jesus to increase our faith and hope in his promises for us. Let us pray: Lord Jesus, strengthen my trust in your word and my hope in the saving power of your kingdom. Free me from everything that would hold me back from pursuing your kingdom and your will for my life.

Readings for Next Sunday,

December 18, 2022

Isaiah 7:10-14

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-24

Saint of the Week

St. John of the Cross

St. John of the Cross was born in Spain in 1542. As a child John was sent to a boarding school for poor and orphaned children. He was given a religious education from a young age and chose to follow a religious path, even as a child.

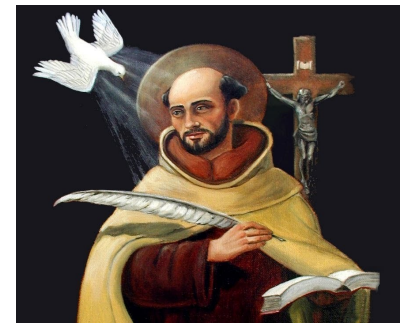
At age 21 he joined the Carmelite Order and studied theology and philosophy. He became an expert on the Bible, and became a priest in 1567. Soon after he encountered Theresa of Avila, a charismatic Carmelite nun who asked him to follow her. He was attracted by the strict routine she followed and her devotion to prayer and simplicity.

As Theresa and John worked to reform the Carmelite order to its original rule, they were met with violent disagreement from within. He was imprisoned and came to know "the cross" acutely as he sat month after month in his dark, damp, narrow cell with only his God. This is where he began to write poetry.

After nine months he escaped, rejoined Theresa's nuns where he recovered, and after the Carmelite order was formally split, he traveled and established new houses across Spain.

He died at the age of 49 from a skin infection. He was canonized by Pope Benedict XIII in 1726 and is the patron of mystics and Spanish poets.

Source: catholiconline.org and franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: December 14



Patricia Ansel, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Judy Davis*, Max Ellifritz, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Joetta Gould, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Barbara Grubbs*, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Pam Launi, Craig Leibig, Debbie Pappas, Eileen Passauer*, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline

Reeves, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Sue Ann Spotts*, Bill Stine, Maleigha Taylor and Courtney Whiteman.

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Advent Penance Service


Wednesday,
December 14, 2022
6:00 p.m.
Fr. Giles, Fr. Dan & Fr. Thomas

Food Drive Success!

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The community food drive held by the Assumption & Grace Youth Group last weekend collected over 2,100 pounds of food items! Thank you to all of our parishioners and neighbors who helped make it such a success! Shown here are the members who delivered and sorted the donations at the Faith in Action Food Pantry.



Fr. Ivan Lebar, TOR
 Born into Life
 September 7, 1931
 Born into Eternal Life
 December 7, 2022
 Faithful and Loving Pastor of
 Assumption Parish
 1991-2013


Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May Fr. Ivan's soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Visitation on Sunday, December 11, 4-7 p.m.; Wake Service 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial on Monday at 11 a.m. All services will be held at the St. Francis Friary, Loretto, Pa.

Festival of Lessons and Carols

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. Six Scripture lessons are read which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a song that reflects on the lesson's message.

The Festival of Lessons and Carols will begin at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve (30 minutes before the 6:30 Vigil Mass).



Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, December 10	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Bobby Dorsey	Marion Dorsey
		Marsh, Roach & Cessna families.....	Linda Marsh
<i>Youth Mass</i>			
Sunday, December 11	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Tim & Ginny Newlin.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Soul of Fr. Ivan Lebar.....	Mary Shannon
Monday, December 12	No Mass		
Tuesday, December 13	No Mass		
Wednesday, December 14	6:00 p.m.	Advent Penance Service	
Thursday, December 15	12 noon	Soul of Karen Patterson	Sue & Jean Harber
		The Alt, Cobb & Kuh families.....	Dean Alt
		Intentions of Norma Clark.....	"Buddy"
		<i>Sunday Scripture Study follows Mass!</i>	
Friday, December 16	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Gladys Calemine	Carole Rhodes
		Soul of Angela Dorsey	Marion Dorsey
		Intentions of Joanne Stickley	Mary Shannon
Saturday, December 17	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Ron Chiccehitto	Jan Chiccehitto
		Soul of Fr. Ivan	Assumption Parish
Sunday, December 18	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Sam Alexander	Mary Alexander
		Soul of Don Seibel.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Intentions of Art DeMasi.....	Mary Shannon

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 11

- **CCD Christmas program** at 6 p.m.

Monday, December 12

- **Parish Christmas Party** at Flying W Farms. Social hour at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14

- **Advent Penance Service** at 6 p.m.

Sunday, December 18

- **Donut Sunday** following the 8:30 Mass

Saturday, December 24

- **Christmas Vigil Mass** at 4 p.m.
- **Lessons & Carols** at 6 p.m.
- **Christmas Vigil Mass** at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 25

- **Christmas Mass** at 8:30 a.m.

Week of December 26

- No weekday Masses.
- Parish Office closed.

Collections & Attendance

December 3-4, 2022

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,024
Loose Donations	\$1,205
Holiday Flowers	\$595
Votive Candles	\$140
Poor Box	\$102
Repairs & Maintenance	\$50
Total	\$5,116

Attendance

Saturday, 12/3	75
Sunday, 12/4	78
Total	153

Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is being taken this weekend for the Retirement Fund for Religious. These donations help hundreds of U.S. religious communities to provide for their aging members.

Gaudete Sunday

The word "Gaudete" (pronounced gaw-DEH-tay) is Latin for "rejoice." For the past two weeks, we have been preparing for the arrival of the Lord Jesus. On this third Sunday, we are now most of the way through the journey, making it appropriate to "rejoice" as the goal of the season approaches!



Next Week is Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass next Sunday (December 18) at St. Mary's Hall for some parish fellowship! Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting this month's event.

Note of Thanks from Patrick George

To the kind parishioner who left a gift for me anonymously, please accept my heartfelt thanks. My family and I are so very appreciative. May God bless you!

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, December 17

Lector: Celia Cole
 Servers: James & Tess Maybury
 EM: Jean Harber
 Cantor: Julie Alt
 Greeters: Larry & Tammy Dale

Sunday, December 18

Lector: Mike Landis
 Servers: Rudy & Pippa Dolechek
 EM: Pam Williams
 Cantor: Linda Marsh
 Greeters: Kenny & Karen Brant

JOY

Dear Jesus,

May the light of your love always shine in our hearts.

And may that love transform every aspect of our

lives, bringing joy to everyone we meet. Amen.

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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS
Rear of the church by the Holy Water and at the Sacristy door on the left

AED UNIT
Wall outside the restroom

FIRST AID KIT
Wall outside the restroom

