



BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Date	Time	Intention
Saturday, December 14	8:00 a.m.	Susie Engel +
Saturday, December 14	5:30 p.m.	Tom Wieck +
Sunday, December 15	8:00 a.m.	Parish Family
Sunday, December 15	10:00 a.m.	Maureen Smollen +
Monday, December 16	8:00 a.m.	Randy Mendyk +
Tuesday, December 17	12:05 p.m.	Patrick O'Neill +
Wednesday, December 18	12:05 p.m.	Anne Rupp +
Thursday, December 19	12:05 p.m.	Dick Rischling
Friday, December 20	12:05 p.m.	Geralda 'Gerrie' Johnson +
Saturday, December 21	8:00 a.m.	Parish Family
Saturday, December 21	5:30 p.m.	Dan Wenzl +
Sunday, December 22	8:00 a.m.	Mickey Roscoe +
Sunday, December 22	10:00 a.m.	Jerry Lammers +



Reconciliation Times: Wednesday - 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Saturday - 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

What a joy to light the Candle of Joy on the third Sunday of Advent. This is also called "Gaudete Sunday," which invites us to Rejoice in the Lord. The Gospel fits so perfectly on this Gaudete Sunday, even though it comes off as a bit jarring. We rejoice because love has been revealed to us in the person of Jesus Christ. His love prepares us through the preaching of John the Baptist; that's why thousands came out to hear John the Baptist. His message was truth based and daring, an unusual message. When John the Baptist appeared on the public scene and began to prophesy the whole nation of Israel took notice. It had been many hundreds of years since a prophet had spoken out and performed signs in the land of Israel. John broke the long silence with the sudden announcement that the Messiah (God's Anointed One) was about to appear.

The people recognized that John was an extraordinary man of God and a true prophet who spoke in God's name. They came out to hear the "good news" (Luke 3:18), which he preached to them. And they willingly submitted to his baptism of repentance at the River Jordan where he preached. John's task was to awake the people up from spiritual asleep and indifference, and to turn them back to hear God's voice and obey His commandments. John wanted the people to be in a good place to receive the Messiah with joy and to follow him. We must be thankful to God in all circumstances because an ungrateful heart is not a happy heart. This is not all that could be said about joy, but it's probably enough to work on if we want greater joy in our lives.

Rejoice! The Lord your God is coming to you in the human form. Fr. Robin Bashir

Contact & Livestreaming Information

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Office Hours: Monday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Tuesday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Website: blsachurch.net E-Mail: bscc_1@msn.com

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A link to Livestream Mass will be on YouTube: www.youtube.com/@blessedsacramentGI/streams at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

- Sunday, 12/15** 8:00 a.m. - Mass
 10:00 a.m. - Mass
 10:00 a.m. - Children's Church
 Coffee & Rolls
 7:00 p.m. - Advent Penance Service
- Monday, 12/16** 8:00 a.m. - Mass
 12:00 p.m. - Chair Relaxation
 5:30 p.m. - Mindful Movement
 6:30 p.m. - Centering Prayer
 7:00 p.m. - Women's AA Group
- Tuesday, 12/17** 12:05 p.m. - Mass
 1:00 p.m. - Quilting Ladies
 7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - AA Open Meeting
- Wednesday, 12/18** 12:05 p.m. - Mass
 5:00 p.m. - Rel. Ed. P-5
 6:15 p.m. - Rel. Ed. P-5
 7:00 p.m. - R.C.I.A.
 7:00 p.m. - Middle School Christmas Party
 7:30 p.m. - Freshmen, Sophomore & Junior Godparent Groups
- Thursday, 12/19** 12:05 p.m. - Mass
 1:00 p.m. - Quilting Ladies
 5:30 p.m. - Serenity Flow
 6:00 p.m. - Catholic Daughters
- Friday, 12/20** 12:05 p.m. - Mass
- Saturday, 12/21** 8:00 a.m. - Mass
 10:00 a.m. - Al-Anon Meeting
 10:30 a.m. - Adoration/Confessions
 5:30 p.m. - Mass
- Sunday, 12/22** 8:00 a.m. - Mass
 10:00 a.m. - Mass
 Coffee & Rolls



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers

Roseann Anderson	Marlene Beacom
Anna Blake	Mary Buhrman
Dawn Ferris	Stephanie Godziemski
Anita Graf	Gene Greene
Sharon Jarecke	Bonnie Kosmicki
LeRoy Kramer	Jacque Palacz
Cindy Petersen	Marcella Petersen
Kathy Stava	Emily Webster
Nancy Zahm	Julie Ziller

Pray for military personnel and pray for peace.

OUR GIFTS OF TREASURE

December 7 & 8, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$22,449.56
Plate	\$633.94
Online	\$2,213.00
Thrft Store	\$2,365.47

Diocesan Appeal

Our Goal	\$75,410.00
Received to Date	\$38,095.00
Donor Goal 220	118



4th Grade Communal Reconciliation

December 15, 7:00 p.m., church. All parents and 4th grade students should meet promptly at 6:30 p.m. in the Jubilee Center for a short meeting prior to this Reconciliation Service.

Middle School Christmas Party

Grades 6-8, December 18, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Jubilee Center. An indoor snowball fight and fun galore!

No Classes During Christmas Vacation

On December 25 & January 1. Classes will resume January 8, 2025.

Edgar Barge Memorial Scholarships

Blessed Sacrament will award scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 and \$750 to two seniors, who are going on to college. **Regular attendance at Sunday Masses will be prioritized.** All applications must be completed online at www.gicf.org and click on the communities tab (scholarships are located under that tab). Completed application must be electronically submitted on or before February 10 at midnight. No faxes, emails, or paper applications will be permitted.



Catholic Daughters Court Queen of Peace #2227 will be meeting on Thursday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament. The serving committee will be serving soup.

Individual confessions at Blessed Sacrament by appointment only after December 18.



The Knights of Columbus

We will be serving our annual Christmas Eve meal again on December 24, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral Square. If you would like to donate a pie or salad to serve at the meal, please bring them to the Square on December 23, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. or on the morning of the 24th after 7:00 a.m. Anyone interested in helping serve or deliver meals, please call Chuck at 308-384-4247.

Thrift Shop

Located at 718 West North Front St.
 Store Hours: Friday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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 Donations can be dropped off on Mondays, Fridays & Saturdays.

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact the Thrift Store at 308-398-3443. We need more donations!!!!



Parish Offices will be closed Tuesday & Wednesday, December 24 & 25, 2024 for Christmas. New Years Day, we will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2025.

Catholic Daughters Court Queen of Peace #2227 will be hosting a Diaper Drive for Mary's Cradle located at the Cathedral Square during the month of December. A decorated playpen can be found outside of the new Sacristy. We thank you in advance for your generosity during this Advent Season, as we strive to help moms in need as they care for their babies.

Christmas Eve Mass - Tuesday, December 24
 5:00 p.m.
 10:00 p.m.
Christmas music begins 30 minutes before all Masses

Christmas Day Mass - Wednesday, December 25
 8:00 a.m.
 10:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mary Mother of God Mass - Tuesday, December 31
 5:30 p.m.

Holy Day Mary Mother of God Mass - Wednesday, January 1
 8:00 a.m.
 10:00 a.m.



Catholic Daughters Court Queen of Peace #2227

2024 – 2025 Annual Contest Information
Details:

National Education Contest

Deadline: January 27, 2025
 Variety of Age groups and Entries available (see flyer) in the Gathering Area.

8th Grade Entering 9th Grade Catholic School National Scholarship Essay

Deadline: April 1, 2025
 2 - \$1,000 scholarships available

For questions, please contact Chris McCarraher 308-390-2059 (Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church) or Gina Woods 308-380-7472 (Resurrection Catholic Church).



Jubilee Year 2025 From Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt

In just over two weeks, I will join Bishops around the world in celebrating the Rite of Opening of the Jubilee Year at our Cathedral. Sunday, December 29, I will celebrate the Rite of the Opening of the Jubilee Year in the various Churches at a bi-lingual Mass beginning at 3:00 pm. In the preamble to the rite, #3 says, "The eucharist celebration takes the form of a stational Mass (cf. *Caeremoniale Episcoporum*, 120). All priests, therefore, concelebrate with the bishop; the deacons, acolytes, lectors and the other ministers carry out their proper service (cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 26-28; *Caeremoniale Episcoporum*, 119). It is important to ensure that summons reach all the faithful."

YEAR END GIVING
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ATTENTION: ALL CONTRIBUTORS!

If you wish to make an additional contribution to be reflected in your 2024 giving, it must be labeled 2024 and be received no later than Friday, January 10, 2025. Check with your accountant for a contribution from your IRA. Thank you!

MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 21 & 22, 2024

Mass Times	5:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Lector	Volunteer	Kelley Sok	Steve Stein
Minister of Holy Communion	Volunteer	Tony Koziol Marge Koziol	Volunteer
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