

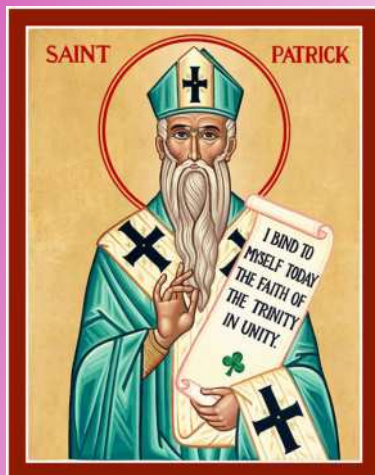


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December 14, 2025 3rd Sunday of Advent

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GAUDETE SUNDAY THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY - Dec 15

7:00 am - Victor de Loera (int)
8:00 am - Kenneth Peacock (d)

TUESDAY - Dec 16

7:00 am - Lucie & Lawrence Martin (d)
8:00 am - Adelie Cardenas (int)

WEDNESDAY - Dec 17

7:00 am - E. Grace & Family (int)
8:00 am - Mary Curley (d)

THURSDAY - Dec 18

7:00 am - Gerard & Enid Bissot (d)
8:00 am - In Honor of the Virgin of Soledad

FRIDAY - Dec 19

7:00 am - Daniel Zamora Sr. (d)
8:00 am - Rev. Msgr. J. Raymond Moore (d)

SATURDAY - Dec 20

8:00 am - Gerard & Enid Bissot (d)
4:30 pm - Jennie Garrity (d)
7:00 pm - Bonifacio Duran Rodriguez (d)
Raquel Duran (d)

SUNDAY - Dec 21

7:30 am - Kim Leibe (d)
9:00 am - Christine Houston (int)
11:00 am - Marion & Al Piepmeyer (d)
1:00 pm - Maria Elena Martinez Perez (d)
Jovenal Cruz (d)
5:00 pm - James Donahue (int)



PASTOR'S NOTES -

Fr. George G. Perez, CJM - Pastor -
3rd Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday

Today the Church invites us to **rejoice**, for we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, known as **Gaudete Sunday**. The name "Gaudete" comes from the Latin word for *rejoice*, echoing St. Paul's words in the Second Reading: "*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice*" (Philippians 4:4). Advent is a season of preparation, of waiting, reflection, and even penitence, but today we are reminded that joy is at the heart of our faith. This joy comes not from the world, but from the promise of God's presence among us.

The readings for today call us to hope, conversion, and trust in God's promises. In the First Reading, Isaiah proclaims: "*The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom*" (Isaiah 35:1). God promises renewal and restoration. Even the driest and most challenging places in our lives—places of loss, fear, or sin—can be transformed by God's love. Advent invites us to recognize where these deserts exist in our hearts and to allow God to bring new life and healing. In the Gospel, John the Baptist calls us to prepare for the Lord: "*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths*" (Mark 1:3). John's message is clear: we are called to conversion, to clear away whatever blocks our relationship with God. This preparation is not only about outward signs, but about the interior work of opening our hearts to God's mercy and love. John points to Jesus, who comes gently and humbly, not to condemn, but to save.

The pink candle of Gaudete Sunday reminds us that joy is possible even in a season of waiting. Hope and rejoicing go hand in hand. Our preparation for Christmas is not only about decorating or gift-giving, but about readying our hearts for Christ, who comes to dwell with us.

This Sunday invites us to reflect: Are we preparing our hearts with joy, or are we weighed down by worry, busyness, or distraction? Even small acts of love, kindness, and prayer can help us open the way for Christ in our daily lives. Let us rejoice, for God's promises are sure, and Christ is near. Lord Jesus, teach us to rejoice in Your presence. Help us to prepare our hearts to welcome You, and fill our lives with hope, peace, and joy as we await Your coming. Amen.



On December 24, Christmas Eve, we will celebrate our Christmas Family Mass at 4:00pm in the Parish Hall (not in the church where a different Mass is being celebrated). If they want to participate in our brief Christmas enactment of the gospel, children are invited to come dressed as an angel or a shepherd.

Christmas Mass Schedule Horario de misas de Navidad



December 24, 4:00 pm, Family Mass in Parish Center
December 24, 4:00 pm, Mass in the Church (English)
December 24, 6:00 pm, Mass in the Church (English)
24 de diciembre, 8:00 pm, Misa en español en la iglesia
December 24, 10:00 pm, Mass in the Church (English)

December 25, 7:30 am, Mass in Church (English)
December 25, 9:00 am, Mass in the Church (English)
December 25, 11:00 am, Mass in the Church (English)
25 de diciembre, 1:00 pm, Misa en español en la iglesia
25 de diciembre, 1:00 pm, Misa en español en el salón

No evening Mass on Christmas Day.





NOTAS DEL PÁRRACO – P. George G. Pérez, CJM - Párraco - 3º Domingo de Adviento

Hoy la Iglesia nos invita a **regocijarnos**, porque celebramos el Tercer Domingo de Adviento, conocido como **Domingo de Gaudete**. “Gaudete” significa ¡Regocijaos!, y proviene de las palabras de San Pablo en la Segunda Lectura: “*Regocijaos siempre en el Señor; os lo repito, regocijaos*” (Filipenses 4,4). El Adviento es un tiempo de preparación, de espera, de reflexión y también de conversión, pero hoy se nos recuerda que la alegría es el corazón de nuestra fe. Esta alegría no viene del mundo, sino de la promesa de la presencia de Dios entre nosotros.

Las lecturas de hoy nos llaman a la **esperanza, la conversión y la confianza en las promesas de Dios**. En la Primera Lectura, Isaías proclama: “*El desierto y la tierra reseca se alegrarán; el yermo se regocijará y florecerá*” (Isaías 35,1). Dios promete renovación y restauración. Incluso los lugares más áridos y desafiantes de nuestra vida —espacios de pérdida, miedo o pecado— pueden transformarse con el amor de Dios. El Adviento nos invita a reconocer dónde existen estos desiertos en nuestro corazón y a permitir que Dios traiga nueva vida y sanación.

En el Evangelio, Juan Bautista nos llama a preparar el camino del Señor: “*Preparad el camino del Señor, allanad sus senderos*” (Marcos 1,3). El mensaje de Juan es claro: estamos llamados a la conversión, a despejar aquello que obstaculiza nuestra relación con Dios. Esta preparación no solo se ve en gestos externos, sino en el trabajo interior de abrir nuestro corazón a la misericordia y al amor de Dios. Juan señala a Jesús, que viene con humildad y ternura, no para condenar, sino para salvar.

La vela rosa del Domingo de Gaudete nos recuerda que **la alegría es posible incluso en un tiempo de espera**. La esperanza y el regocijo van de la mano. Nuestra preparación para la Navidad no se trata únicamente de adornos o regalos, sino de preparar nuestros corazones para recibir a Cristo, que viene a habitar con nosotros.

Hoy somos invitados a reflexionar: ¿Estamos preparando nuestros corazones con alegría o estamos cargados de preocupaciones y distracciones? Incluso los pequeños actos de amor, bondad y oración nos ayudan a abrir el camino para Cristo en nuestra vida diaria. Regocijémonos, porque las promesas de Dios son fieles y Cristo está cerca. Señor Jesús, enséñanos a regocijarnos en tu presencia. Ayúdanos a preparar nuestros corazones para recibirte y llena nuestras vidas de esperanza, paz y alegría mientras aguardamos tu venida. Amén.



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III Domingo de Adviento

“Vayan a contar a Juan lo que están viendo y oyendo”

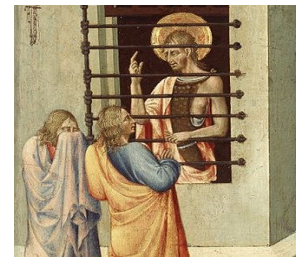
Ya alcanzamos la segunda mitad de nuestro camino de Adviento; el Señor ya está cerca; por eso, este tercer domingo es el Domingo “Gaudete”, un día en que tenemos muy presente la alegría del Evangelio.

Y puede parecer extraño que, precisamente, las lecturas de hoy nos hablen de ciegos, cojos, leprosos, oprimidos, hambrientos, cautivos, huérfanos, viudas pero no es así, pues la nuestra es una alegría que mana de la esperanza en el cumplimiento de las promesas de Dios y que no solo no está reñida con la realidad de los sufrimientos que nos rodean, sino que parte precisamente de esa constatación, pues aguardamos la venida del que llega para sanar todas esas situaciones que nos deshumanizan.

La alegre esperanza que reside en un Dios que está con nosotros, que nos sorprende, que no deja de actuar, aunque no siempre sea como deseamos, que nos renueva, nos mueve al amor y a la unidad, y transforma todo el mundo en el que vivimos.

La liturgia hoy nos invita a dejar que esa convicción haga de nosotros un signo, un anuncio de una alegría que nace de la esperanza.

Fr. Felix Hernandez, OP



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GAUDETE SUNDAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The word "Gaudete" is Latin for "Rejoice." In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.

Aid to Gaza

Catholics have been generous in donating money to provide relief to those suffering in Gaza. The Diocese of San Diego has provided this description of the disbursements made through our donations.

GAZA relief disbursements

	10/3/2025	10/14/2025	11/13/2025
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 22,548.86	\$21,001.43
Catholic Near East Welfare Assoc.	\$ -	\$22,548.86	\$21,001.43
	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 45,097.72	\$42,002.86
Total disbursed to date		\$88,475.58	



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ACA is an important part the Church's outreach in the Diocese of San Diego. Every parish has to support the mission of the Diocese.

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So far, we have only collected about **\$83,227.40.**

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The brochures that describe the good ministries done by ACA and how to contribute are located at the doors of the church. If you have any questions, call the parish office or stop by.

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Religious Education & Family Ministry (Prek - 8th grade)

Weekly Classes

Sunday classes: Dec 14; *No classes on Dec 21 & 28*

Monday classes: Dec 15; *No classes on Dec 22 & 29*

Tuesday classes: Dec 16; *No classes on Dec 23 & 30*

Third Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist and his disciples had expectations of the Messiah. When John sent his followers to ask Jesus if he was the Savior, Jesus pointed to the miracles that he had performed and to all who have been healed and restored.

What good thing can you do this week to act like Jesus?

Prayer: Jesus, help us to get our hearts and homes prepared for your coming.

Light **two purple candles** and **the rose candle** on the advent wreath.

Loving God, you have kept your promise by sending your Son, Jesus. He is the greatest gift we can ever receive, the Light of the world. Bless us as we light this wreath. May its candles inspire us to give gifts to you by caring for others who need cheering up. Amen.

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**There will be No Adoration on
December 23 and December 30.**

**No habrá Adoración del Santísimo el
23 de diciembre y el 30 de diciembre.**

Last Scheduled Confessions Are December 17

Due to the holiday schedule, there will not be confessions at St. Patrick's on December 24 or 31. The last Wednesday with confessions will be December 17. See the schedule of remaining Penance Services at neighboring parishes.



Remaining Advent 2025 Penance Services:

December 17, - 12:30pm and 6:30pm at St. Francis Assisi
(vista)

Friday December 19, - 6:30pm at St. Marks (San Marcos)
Monday December 22, - 6:30pm at St. Marks
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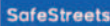


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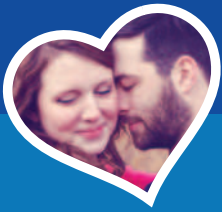
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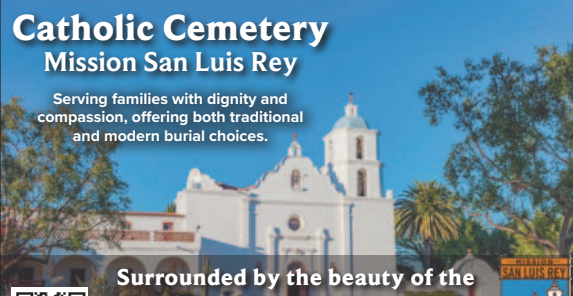
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Third Sunday of Advent - Year A

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-6,10

In the day of the Lord, all sorrow and mourning will cease.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146:6-7,8-9,9-10

The Lord will save his people.

Second Reading

James 5:7-10

Be patient, and be ready; the coming of the Lord is near.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:2-11

Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through him and praises John as more than a prophet.



Background on the Gospel Reading

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning “rejoice.” This Sunday is so named because “Rejoice” is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.” Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter [14:3-12](#). In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

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SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

Third Sunday of Advent
Luke 3:10-18

Today, maybe John the Baptist calls us to do the same as he did; to let go of our own false Gods and say that the one born in that stable is “more powerful than I am, the straps of his sandals I am not worthy to untie.”

- Fr Brian Maher OMI

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