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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# *Joy*

Rejoice in the Lord always; I shall it  
again: Rejoice!



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we enter more deeply into Advent, we hear the familiar call to wait for the Lord. But very few of us enjoy waiting. Long lines, slow traffic, delayed results, none of this is pleasant. When I was in Rome waiting to get into churches, I definitely experienced a lot of frustration around that! Yet the very word patience reminds us what this season is all about.

VICAR'S  
VOICE

The word patience comes from the Latin *patientia*, meaning “the quality of suffering or enduring.” It’s rooted in the verb *pati*—“to suffer, to bear, to endure.” In other words, patience isn’t simply about waiting quietly; it’s about bearing the weight of waiting in a faithful, hopeful, even loving way.

This sheds new light on Advent. We often think of Advent as a cozy countdown to Christmas, but the Church gives us this season to practice *patientia*—to endure the tension between what God has promised and what we have not yet fully received. We know Christ has come, and we know that He will come again, but we live our daily lives in that middle space where we must choose trust over frustration, hope over discouragement, and faith over anxiety.

When we feel restless or overwhelmed, Advent invites us to let our waiting become holy. Every moment of impatience can become a prayer:

“Lord, teach me to endure. Teach me to wait for You. Teach me to trust that You are coming.”

So as we light the candles week by week, let’s remember the heart of this season: to grow in *patientia*, the willingness to endure in hope until the Lord Jesus comes in glory and into the quiet places of our lives.

May our waiting make us ready, and may our patience make room for Christ.

Peace,

Fr. Joe

#### + Intentions for the Week +

##### **Monday, December 15, Advent Weekday**

9:00 Deceased Members of the Cleary and McNulty Families and For the Parish

##### **Tuesday, December 16, Advent Weekday**

8:00 Deceased Members of the Racco Family

##### **Wednesday, December 17, Late Advent Weekday**

9:00 Catherine A. Weir

##### **Thursday, December 18, Late Advent Weekday**

8:00 Theresa Zagmeister (Anniv)

##### **Friday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday**

9:00 Kathleen Boylan

##### **Saturday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday**

8:00 Janice Kelly Andes

4:00 Bill Bine

##### **Sunday, December 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:30 For the Parish

10:30 John and Martha Abohasen and Kaiser and Bernadette Ina

**Please pray for:** Cailyn Wagner; Linda Mencke; Dan Curran; Fr. Lanning; Gerri Popovich; Bruce Betz; Frank Stepic; Nancy Thorn; Bobbie Corrigan; John Dawson; Natalie (Partee) Hallis; Mackenzie Miles; James Tunney; Eileen Jamieson; Mandi Petonic; Mercedes Aemilia Scullion & her Da; Bernadette Andrews; Roberta Werner; James Faddoul; Herbert Hastings; Lynda Arth; The Bartko Family; Vicki Gannon; Lydia Caroline Milligan; Ellen Burch; Barbara Waitkus; Rob Geszler; Betty Logue; Evan; Janice Thomas; Mary Burich; Michael Coyne; McKayla Coyne; Tom Seltel; John Keys; Mary Mertus; Leslie Ann Kosenta; Greg Harrison; Carol Brown.

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4:00 PM  
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### Attention Altar Servers

Help is needed for the following Christmas Masses. If you can serve, please fill out this form and return it to the Parish Office or call Fr. Racco at 440-734-1300.

Help is needed at the following Mass times:

**Christmas Eve:** 4:00pm Church (2 servers needed);  
4:00pm PAC (1 server needed).

**Christmas Day:** 9:00am (1 server needed);  
11:30am (2 servers needed).

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**I'm available to serve at (check one):**

Christmas Eve: \_\_\_\_\_ 4:00PM-Church \_\_\_\_\_ 4:00PM-PAC

Christmas Day: \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00AM \_\_\_\_\_ 11:30AM

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### TIMES FOR CONFESSION

Tuesday, December 16th 4:00-5:00PM  
Wednesday, December 17th 9:30-10:30AM  
Thursday, December 18th 8:00-9:00PM  
Saturday, December 20th 3:00-3:45PM  
...or by appointment with a priest.

### Communal Penance Service with St. Ladislav Parish at St. Ladislav Church

Monday, December 15th at 7:00PM

### Holiday Parish Office Hours

Wednesday, December 24th: 9:00AM-Noon  
Thursday, December 25th: Closed  
Friday, December 26th: Closed  
Saturday, December 27th: 9:00AM-Noon  
Wednesday, December 31st: 9:00AM-Noon  
Thursday, January 1st: Closed  
Friday, January 2nd: Closed  
Saturday, January 3rd: 9:00AM-Noon

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

### Wednesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

9:00AM Morning Mass  
4:00PM Mass in Church &  
Parish Activity Center  
6:00PM Mass in the Church  
11:00PM Mass During the Night  
(Music program begins at 10:30PM)

### Thursday, December 25th, Christmas Day 9:00AM & 11:30AM

Wednesday, December 31st, New Years Eve  
No Morning Mass  
4:00PM Vigil

Thursday, January 1st, New Year's Day-  
Solemnity of Mary, A Holy Day of Obligation  
9:00AM and 11:30AM



*Christmas Flower* envelopes are in the Church and the Parish Office for those wishing to donate to the St. Bernadette Christmas Flower Fund. *In Memory Of* and *In Honor Of* names will be printed in a Christmas time bulletin.

**Christmas Oplatky (wafers)** are available for sale in the Parish Office until Christmas Eve.



**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND** They gave their lives in service— now they need your help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation—it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

**THANK YOU FROM SVDP** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to say THANK YOU! Our Blanket Sunday Campaign was very successful this year and we appreciate your support. Every gift, large or small, has made an impact and will help us purchase blankets and beds, and help with utility bills. Winter is in full swing already, and the need is greater than ever. With the success of Blanket Sunday, we can offer more hope to families in need. God Bless You!

**St. Bernadette Care Ministry** If a family member is homebound because of the challenges of winter weather and/or mobility issues and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please let us know by calling the Parish Office at 440.734.1300. Arrangements can be made to receive the Eucharist.



The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 1:00PM in the Community Room in the church. Call the Parish Office to register.

**Christ Present in Action Committee Sandwich Making**  
We start our activity at 1:30PM in Dempsey Hall. Feel free to bring sandwiches from home noting their contents. ***Our next sandwich making days are January 14th & 28th.***

**Miraculous Medal Novena** The Miraculous Medal Novena is prayed every Monday at 8:15AM followed by the rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet right before the 9:00AM Mass. During the week the rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed one half hour before the 9:00AM Mass and right after the 8:00AM Mass.



### Our coat closet has reopened!



Sweatpants or regular pants, hoodies, socks, gloves and warm “watch” hats and of course warm winter coats. Please, **NO** other clothing other than these items! The coats and the above clothing will protect against the Cleveland weather and the vicious winds off Lake Erie. Thank you for your support!

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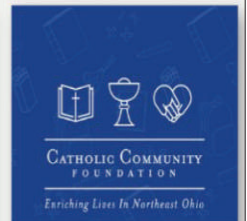
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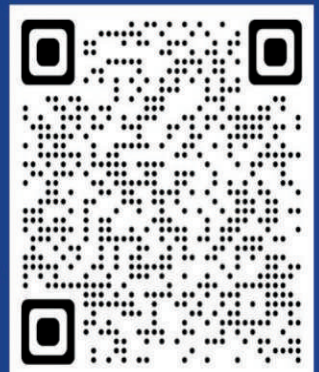


Last year, St. Bernadette parishioners generously contributed over \$116,000 to the Angel Scholarship Fund, providing vital tuition assistance to 174 of our students. Your support directly strengthens our mission by making a Catholic education accessible to more families in our parish community. As we look ahead to #weGiveCatholic on December 2nd, we invite you to continue this spirit of generosity—this time focusing on important campus safety and security upgrades at our school. Together, these two efforts help ensure that St. Bernadette remains a place where faith, learning, and safety grow side by side.



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**Dates and Time:**

**Friday, January 30**     6:15 PM to 9:00 PM  
**Saturday, January 31**     7:15 AM to 7:30 PM  
**Sunday, February 1**     8:15 AM to 7:30 PM  
**Monday, February 2**     6:15 PM to 9:00 PM



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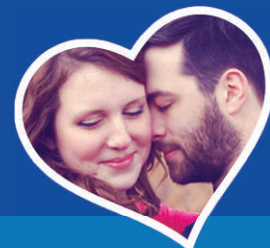
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