



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2017

Sunday, December 17

Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 **BW** Alvin Ober from Bernadene White
- 10:30 **DE** Walter Meier from his family
- 12:00 **DE** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

Monday, December 18

12:10 Evelyn Meier

Tuesday, December 19

12:10 Sharon Ober from Howard and Elaine

Wednesday, December 20

St. 12:10 Dennis Howland 80th Birthday Remb) from the Howland Family

Thursday, December 21

St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

12:10 Robert J. Carle from Mom and Steve

Friday, December 22

12:10 Purgatorial Society

Saturday, December 23

12:10 Evelyn Meier from Diana Allen

7:00 **BW** Sam and Lou Hamilton from the Three Daughters

Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **BW** Susan Castleberry from Ann Hinckley

12:00 **BW** The Special Intentions of Roger Albers from Connie and Jack Reed

3:00 **CW** Kurtinitus Family

5:00 **BW** Jim O'Toole from the Family

7:00 **DE** Susan Castleberry

12:00 **BW** Gus and Barbara Juengling

Lectors and Lay Distributors for December 23rd and December 24th

7:00 J. Christmann, R. Crawford, M. Luehrmann, F. McCune, W. Russ, L. Solimine

8:30 Steve Culbertson, Jon Hemmer, Tom Perrino, Michael Trotta

10:30 Rich Creighton, Jerry McCabe, Bob Sheil, Joe Sonnefeld

12:00 Pat Burke, John Flick, Patrick Homan, Barry Savage

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day per Fr. Barry

From the Pastor's Desk

Austin Michael Hoffman was welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of baptism December 10th here at St. Rose Church.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priest and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?"...He said:

"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord, as Isaiah the prophet said."...I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."

Next Sunday's Readings

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

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Victor Troha and Laura Fahrner were united in the holy sacrament of Matimony on December 9th here at St. Rose.

Spencer Stroube and Margaret Weaver were united in the holy sacrament of Matrimony on December 9th here at St. Rose Church.

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of **Harry E. Miles, Jr.** whose funeral was this past week here at St. Rose Church.

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of **Nancy Baehner** whose funeral was this past week here at St. Rose.

Mass Schedule for Sunday, Dec. 24th 8:30, 10:30, 12:00.

This obligation to attend mass is separate than our obligation for Christmas.

Christmas Eve Masses: 3:00PM, 5:00PM, 7:00 PM & 12:00 Midnight. Christmas Masses: 8:30, 10:30 & 12:00.

The collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious was \$7,200.22. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Rose Penance Service will be December 18th at 7:00 PM

In the back of church are your envelopes and gift for 2018. If you have any corrections on the name or address or cannot find your envelopes, please call Rose Ann @ 871-1162.

The Choir of St. Rose Church, led by Music Director Trevor Kroeger, will present its beloved annual Christmas Concert, a heartwarming celebration of joy, love, and peace, this Sunday, December 17th at 4:00 p.m. The Choir will be joined by chamber orchestra and soloists to bring you treasured Christmas carols and choral music, featuring Gerald Finzi's in Terra Pax, a moving reflection on the "first Christmas of all . Admission is FREE and tickets are not required. Invite your family and friends! All are welcome!



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Opening Prayer

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

On this "Gaudete" (Rejoice) Sunday, other readings and the gospel acclamation may speak more directly to joy or glad tidings than the gospel, which gives us this version of the story of John. Of course, he is often referred to as John the Baptist in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, but not in this gospel. Here he is clearly and simply called a "man" (John 1:6), and when he is named, it is merely "John" without modifier (e.g., 1:6, 15, 19, 26, 28, 32). In this way, and in many others in this gospel, he is distinguished from Jesus. The Fourth Gospel states clearly and unequivocally that John was not the light, but was sent from God to testify to the light (John 1:8). John admits that he is not the Messiah; he is not Elijah. He is not even the prophet. His role is to cry out in the desert, "make straight the way of the Lord."

John says, "I baptize with water; / but there is *one among you whom you do not recognize.*" There is nothing in this gospel about Jesus baptizing with the Holy Spirit. Instead, Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Even the use of the term sin in the singular rather than the plural is deliberate. Rather than merely taking away individual sins, Jesus takes away the cosmic force of sin. The Fourth Gospel reflects a different but congruent theological thought world from the Synoptics. The differences in details may seem minute but they point to profound theological emphases. Once John points the way to Jesus, once he testifies to the Lamb of God, John in effect disappears from the gospel (there are some minor passing references). His role is basically confined to chapter 1 of the Fourth Gospel, and it consists in testifying to Jesus.

Closing Prayer

Gracious God, may your Spirit come upon us to transform our lives and our world from barrenness to harvest, from sickness to wholeness, from division to completeness, from death to life. Amen.

For Reflection:

- How do I testify to the Lamb of God in our midst today?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the opening prayer (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect");
2. One person read aloud the gospel;
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer;
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection";
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" he admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ."

So they asked him,

"What are you then? Are you Elijah?"

And he said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

So they said to him,

"Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us?"

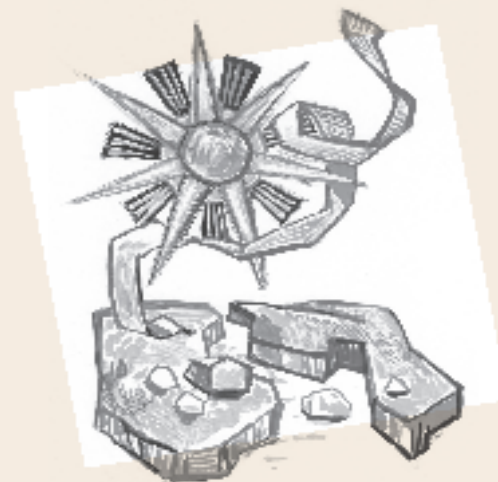
What do you have to say for yourself?"

He said:

"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,

'make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said."

Some Pharisees were also sent.



They asked him,

"Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?"

John answered them,

"I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."

This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Readings for the week:

3rd Sunday of Advent

Isa 61:1-2a, 10-11
Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
1 Thess 2:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday

Jer 23:5-8
Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
Matt 1:18-25

Tuesday

Judg 13:2-7, 24-25a
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17
Luke 1:5-25

Wednesday

Isa 7:10-14
Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Luke 1:26-38

Thursday

Song 2:8-14 or Zeph 3:14-18b
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
Luke 1:39-45

Friday

1 Sam 1:24-28
1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd
Luke 1:46-56

Saturday

Mal 2:1-4, 23-24
Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14
Luke 1:57-66

4th Sunday of Advent

2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
Rom 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38