

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians

## This Weekend's Hymns

All hymns can be found in the Seasonal Missalette.

Opening Hymn: #216 Closing Hymn: #215

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# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2018

Sunday, December 16 Third Sunday in Advent

BW 8:30 Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

BW10:30 Walter Meier from the Family

BW12:00 Ron Koetters from the Family

Monday, December 17

12:10 Purgatorial Society

Tuesday, December 18

12:10 George Bens from Marty Bens

Wednesday, December 19

12:10 Sharon Ober from Howard and Elaine

Thursday, December 20

12:10 Joyce Dacey from Gertrude A. Straub

Friday, December 21

Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

12:10 Bill Earls from Peggy and Bill Jackson

Saturday, December 22

12:10 Dave White from James and Jacquelyn Wetzel

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

Sunday, December 23 Fourth Sunday in Advent

BW 8:30 Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

BW10:30 Robert Joseph Carle from Mom and Steve

BW12:00 Fritzi Heidt from Barbara Juengling and Family

#### **ADVENT and CHRISTMAS 2018**

Monday, Dec. 24th Christmas Eve 3PM, 5PM, 7PM, <u>10:00 PM</u> Tuesday, Christmas Day 8:30AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM

Mary, Mother of God—Holy Day of Obligation Dec. 31 5PM & 7PM Jan. 1st 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 12PM

#### From the Pastor's Desk

Andrew Homan and Lauren Buettner were united in the holy sacrament of Matrimony December 8th here at St. Rose Church.

The collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious was \$7,934.83. Thank you for your generosity

We guide our steps by faith, not by what is seen. 2Cor 5:7

Reflection. Faith is like a bright ray of sunlight.

It enables us to see God in all things as well as all things in God

—St. Francis de Sales

Prayer. Heavenly Father, help me to shine the spotlight of Your faith on the world I live in.

Grant that I may see You everywhere and serve You in everything

In the back of church are your envelopes and gift for 2019. If you have any corrections on the name or address or cannot find your envelopes, please call RoseAnn @513- 871-1162.

**The** annual St. Rose Christmas Party is this <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>Dec.18th</u>. Doors will be open at 6:00 p.m. In addition to a potluck dinner, Paul Welch will lead us again this year in a carol sing-a-long. St. Rose will provide the meat, dessert, and drinks. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite covered dish.

Tickets will be on sale after the Masses in the back of church.

We are excited to present our fourth annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 23rd at 4:00 PM. The Choir of St. Rose will be joined by chamber orchestra and featured soloists for

- a Christmas spectacular celebrating the true meaning of the season. Over the past few years, this heartwarming concert has become a beloved Christmas tradition for many parishioners and friends of
- St. Rose. We warmly invite you and your family and friends to join us for this one-of-a-kind, free concert. Tickets are not required.

## Lectors/Lay Distributors for December 22nd and December 23rd

7:00 Joe Christmann, Rich Creighton, M. Luehrmann, Mike Gregorio, W. Russ 8:30 Jon Hemmer, Matt Howland, Tom Perrino, Michael Trotta, Lenny Diaspro 10:30 Michael Alfieri, Roland Becker, Timothy McMahon, Bob Sheil, Joe Sonnefeld 12:00 Pat Burke, John Flick, Patrick Homan, Shawn Gillette





#### 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

We hear the preaching of John the Baptist today, the Third Sunday of Advent. We are moving toward the imminent coming of the Son of Man. John would have been a fine preacher of the fire and brimstone variety, motivating his audience to action. Three times different groups ask him, "What should we do?" And three times John has an answer founded in justice and mercy. Follow the rules; share with those who have not. This is fairly simple and straightforward advice. And because of it he was thought to be the Messiah.

Furthermore, John tells them that this is only the beginning. Another is coming who bears a winnowing fan, a fork-like shovel. The winnower used the fan to throw wheat grains into the air. The heavy kernels would fall to the ground and the lighter chaff would be blown away, gathered up, and burned. John the Baptist used this vivid image to speak of what the "one who is to come" would do.

Being burned in an "unquenchable fire" seems a distant image from the "lilies of the field" Jesus that Luke will narrate later in his gospel. This might cause us to wonder, were John's expectations met? Perhaps in his fire-and-brimstone preaching John was hoping for a fiery judgment. And this could be the reason he sent messengers to Jesus later in the gospel asking him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" (Luke 7:19; NABRE). John's own expectation of a Messiah who would bring judgment, wrath, and an "unquenchable fire" might not have been met by Jesus. John would not be the first to have dashed expectations and hopes. Jesus has another way. Still, John's essential message of practicing justice and mercy are good ways to prepare for Christ's coming.

#### Closing Prayer

O God, you are the source of all joy. In your Christ your love for the world is enfleshed.

Animate us with your spirit so that we may be doers of the word, practicing justice and mercy to all those we encounter. We ask this in the name of your Son our Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.

#### For Reflection:

 In today's gospel the people ask, "What should we do?" As you enter into the final nine days of Advent what is one action you might take to serve Jesus' mission of mercy and justice?

#### Suggestions for group and individual use:

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

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 16, 2018

#### Gospel

Luke 3:10-18

The crowds asked John the Baptist,
"What should we do?"
He said to them in reply,
"Whoever has two cloaks
should share with the person who has
none.

And whoever has food should do likewise."

Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him,

"Teacher, what should we do?"

He answered them,

"Stop collecting more than what is prescribed."

Soldiers also asked him,

"And what is it that we should do?"
He told them.

"Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages."

Now the people were filled with expectation,

and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ.

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water,

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.



I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor

and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

#### Readings for the week:

3rd Sunday of Advent Zeph \$14-18a ba 122-3, 4,5-6 Phil 44-7 Luke \$10-18

Monday Gen 48:2, 8:10 Ps 72:1-2, 3:4ab, 7:8, 17 Matt 1:1-17 Tuesday Jor 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Matt 1:18-25

lay Wednesday 8 Judg 152-7, 2,12-13, 24-25a Ps 713-4a, 5-6ab, 18-25 16-17 Luke 15-25

Thursday Isa 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3:4ab, 5:6 Luke 1:26-38 Friday Song 28-14 or Zoph 2:14-18a Ps 33:23, 11-12, 20-21 Luke 1:39-45

Saturday or 1 Sam 124 28 18a 1 Sam 21, 45, 42, 67, 8abcd Luke 1:46 56 4th Sunday of Advent Mic 51-4a Ps 80:23, 15-16, 18-19 Hab 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45