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Third Sunday of Advent
“Gaudete Sunday”
13 December 2009



MASS INTENTIONS AND DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT “GAUDETE SUNDAY”

8:00am: Low Mass
For Deceased Members of the Avellone Family
10:00am: High Mass
For Nathan Wissman
5:00pm: Adoration & Benediction*

MONDAY DECEMBER 14

FERIA OF ADVENT

8:00am: Low Mass
For Dorothy Heppermann
5:00pm: Adoration & Benediction*

TUESDAY DECEMBER 15

FERIA OF ADVENT

8:00am: Low Mass
For Eddie Ill
6:30pm: Low Mass
For the Restoration & Benefactors of the Oratory

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16

EMBER WEDNESDAY IN ADVENT

8:00am: Low Mass
For Anita Pollard
12:15pm: Low Mass
For Mildred Diaz
5:00pm: Adoration & Benediction*

THURSDAY DECEMBER 17

FERIA OF ADVENT

8:00am: Low Mass
For Joseph Gerard Wissmann
6:30pm: Adoration & Benediction

FRIDAY DECEMBER 18

EMBER FRIDAY IN ADVENT

8:00am: Low Mass
For Urban Heppermann
5:00pm: Adoration & Benediction*

SATURDAY DECEMBER 19

EMBER SATURDAY IN ADVENT

8:00am Low Mass
For Alice Rose & Bob Martinek
5:00pm: Adoration & Benediction*

SUNDAY DECEMBER 20

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00am: Low Mass
For Steven Hayworth
10:00am: High Mass
For Christopher Kubicek
5:00pm: Adoration & Benediction*

SERVER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:00am: Low Mass
Acolytes: Candidates
10:00am: High Mass
MC: Abbe' Alex Barga
Thurifer: Vinnie Scanga
Acolytes: Matthew Serafino, Philip Kukielski
Crucifer: Curt Wichmer
Choir MC: Abram Brandwein
Torchbearers: Stephen Kukielski, Justin Newton, Patrick Stamos, Christopher Stamos, Kellen Kenney, Stephen Kenney

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:00am: Low Mass
Acolytes: Candidate, Curt Wichmer

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00am: Low Mass
Acolytes: Abbe Alex Barga, Joseph Reidy
6:30pm: Low Mass
Acolytes: Matthew Serafino, Vinnie Scanga

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00am: Low Mass
Acolytes: Stephen Kukielski, Philip Kukielski
12:15pm: Low Mass
Acolyte: Abbé Alex Barga

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00am: Low Mass
Acolytes: Candidate, Joseph Grahek
6:30pm: Adoration & Benediction
MC: Daniel Obermeier
Thurifer: Michael McCann
Acolytes: Cole Underwood, Evan Underwood
Torchbearers: Daniel Simmons, Ben Norman

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00am: Low Mass
Acolytes: Candidate, James Schmidt

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00am: Low Mass
Acolytes: Candidates

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00am: Low Mass
Acolytes: Joseph Buckley, Dominic Buckley

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*Please use North Door only.



From the Rector's Desk...

My dear Friends at St. Francis de Sales Oratory,

This Sunday's liturgy expresses the Church's joy and eager expectation in preparation of the coming of Our Lord. "Gaudete Sunday" allows us to share in the sentiments of the Church in her motherly joys as the divine son, our savior, comes closer to us. The liturgical expressions of joy are the expressions of Christ Himself. Being allowed to join into these expressions assures us that our thoughts, expectations, and movements of our heart are not mere personal, subjective "feelings", but united to the objective reasons of our joy: the Incarnation of God, uniting Himself to the weakness and frailty of humanity. In fostering in us this joy which is based on the salvation through Christ, we are certain to be truly joyful.

Dom Gueranger comments on the Feast of the Expectation of the Blessed Virgin, historically celebrated on December 18th: "Most just indeed it is, O holy Mother of God, that we should unite in that ardent desire thou hadst to see Him, who had been concealed for nine months in thy chaste womb ; to know the features of this Son of the heavenly Father, who is also thine; to come to that blissful hour of His birth, which will give glory to God in the highest, and, on earth, peace to men of good-will. Yes, dear Mother, the time is fast approaching, though not fast enough to satisfy thy desires and ours. Make us redouble our attention to the great mystery; complete our preparation by thy powerful prayers for us, that when the solemn hour has come, our Jesus may find no obstacle to His entrance into our hearts."

The spiritual treasures of the sacred liturgy are made even more visible in this holy season of Advent. Our saint patron, Saint Francis de Sales, loved Christmas above all feasts: It brought joy to his heart, a joy which is rooted in the truth of God's coming to our poor world. Saint Francis was tempted by melancholy in his youth; only the faithful confidence in the intercession of the Blessed Virgin healed him from these temptations.

Life here at the Oratory flows from the Altar and takes its rhythm from the sacred liturgy. From the Diving Office prayed daily by the Institute's community, daily Holy Hour of the Sisters Adorers of the Royal Heart of Jesus Christ Sovereign Priest, to the preparations for Christmas celebrations, especially the Midnight Mass, the sacred liturgy is the solid foundation from which all of the Oratory's activities are built. It is with profound gratitude that we observe the growth in all areas of our community life: the arrival of the second sister in our community, the consolidation of homeschooling activities in the 1888 Building, and the continuing renovation of the Convent with the participation of many generous faithful. These are certainly all signs of God's continuous blessing, but they are reasons we rejoice because they are fruits which come from the sacred liturgy – a divine gift.

With my sincere best wishes and gratitude, I am faithfully yours in Christ the King,

Canon Michael K. Wiener, Rector

SERVER SCHEDULE (Cont'd)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

10:00am: High Mass

MC: Abbé Alex Barga

Thurifer: James Schmidt

Acolytes: Stephen Kukielski, Thomas Serafino

Crucifer: Scott McCann

Choir MC: Daniel Simmons

Torchbearers: Anthony Daub, Evan Underwood, Cole

Underwood, Michael Stamos, Joseph Grahek, Ronell

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SUNDAY COLLECTION

December 6:	Loose	\$ 812.00
	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>3,611.00</u>
	Total:	\$4,425.00
Flowers & Music:		\$ 563.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Our Holy Father Speaks...

This Sunday, the Third Sunday in the Season of Advent, is called "*Gaudete* Sunday": "rejoice", because the Entrance Antiphon of Holy Mass takes up St Paul's words in the Letter to the Philippians where it says: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice". And immediately after he explains the reason, because "The Lord is at hand" (Phil 4: 4-5).

This is the reason for joy. But what does "the Lord is at hand" mean? In what sense must we understand this "closeness" of God? The Apostle Paul, writing to the Christians of Philippi, is evidently thinking of Christ's return and invites them to rejoice because it is certain. Yet, St Paul in his Letter to the Thessalonians, warns that no one can know the moment of the Lord's coming (cf. 1 Thes 5: 1-2) and puts people on guard against any kind of alarmism, as if Christ's return were imminent (cf. 2 Thes 2: 1-2). Thus the Church, illumined by the Holy Spirit, already at that time understood increasingly better that God's "closeness" is not a question of space and time but rather of love: love brings people together! This coming Christmas will remind us of this fundamental truth of our faith and in front of the manger we shall be able to savour Christian joy contemplating in the newborn Jesus the Face of God who made himself close to us out of love.

—From Pope Benedict's *Angelus Address, Third Sunday of Advent, Dec. 7, 2008*

Sequel to the Little Chronicle of the Adorers at St. Francis de Sales Oratory

...The Royal Heart continued his thoughts: "Only one blue cape? That is not enough?"

And it was thus that Sister Roxanne Marie was sent. Little does it matter that she does not yet speak English well, for she bears the name of the Child Jesus King, and for the Oratory, that is well enough! In all things and everywhere, God must be glorified in His will; the English, be assured, will follow. It is the joy of the Heart that makes God speak in all lands.

"I like variety," says the Royal Heart in his divine thoughts, "and to show what I have given to the Adorers." And that is why it is a white veil that has come.

"By the hands of my Holy Church," He adds, "on the eighteenth of June 2004, on the feast of My Sacred Heart, to the Adorers I bestowed the Holy Habit by which I make visible that with which I have filled them.

"Here are my dear daughters," says He, "as I want you in order to manifest to the eyes of men the adoration of My Heart which from all Eternity I have desired:

A simple tunic without artifice, cloak of innocence on your bodies which are consecrated to Me; a sash like that

of My priests, symbol of chastity, in which you support them by your purity; behold the scapular which covers you in the image of their chasuble at the altar, symbol of the Charity of My Heart, Heart of the One and Eternal Priest; I cover your head with a wimple and with a blessed veil to protect you from the world and its vanities, so that body and soul, you will burn for My Heart alone; your veil will by five pins be fixed, recalling my five wounds of Love for mankind, visible proof of my Charity; to the belt, I attach the chaplet of my Most Holy Mother Immaculate so that you always will pray to her.

The white veil of the novitiate will denote the purity to which you must strive in order to learn to love Me. Vows you will pronounce, -chastity, obedience and poverty-, which by my grace will remain for Eternity. On that day you will become my wives and your head I shall cover with a black veil so that the world will know how much you are Mine and how much you are loved. Finally, with the cross of St. Francis de Sales, I will adorn your breast.

In all things and everywhere, I crave of you a single thing:

In my Church, be Love, for that is the vocation which I have given you in the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest, Institute of my Charity, for my priests and all the souls which through you, I desire today and unto the end, to serve by my Heart and to love."



Christmas Novena of Masses & Special 2010 Calendar

A Novena of Masses in honor of the Infant Jesus will be offered at the Shrine of Christ the King in Chicago from December 24-January 1. If you would like to include your family and friends as well as your own intentions in this Christmas Novena, please visit www.institute-christ-king.org. Online you may request that we mail to you decorative Mass cards of the Holy Infant Jesus, which you can put inside of the standard size Christmas greeting cards you give to the family and friends who are remembered in this Novena. The suggested donation for these Mass cards is \$15 per five cards, in order to cover the printing and the shipping costs.

In addition to the 2010 wall calendar which will soon be available in the Institute apostolates, it is now possible to pre-order online (www.institute-christ-king.org) a special 2010 desk calendar commemorating the twenty year anniversary of the Institute. This desk calendar includes 365 pages of full color photos of events and apostolates worldwide, as well as a daily quote from the patron saints of the Institute. A donation of \$52 for this unique desk calendar—that's one dollar per week--will support the work of the Institute during this year in which our 20th anniversary will be celebrated in September.

Coffee Hour Schedule

Today, December 13:

8:00 am seating: Dennis Roach
10:00 am seating: Karl Breidecker

Next Sunday, December 20:

8:00 am seating: Stephen Chicosky
10:00 am seating: Eric Cartwright

If you cannot meet your commitment call Tom Leith at 314-435-8494, or email him at trleith@alum.wustl.edu. Thank you, everyone, for your help!

Oratory Cleaning



The Oratory Cleaning Crews put the church in order after the final Mass each Sunday. New volunteers will be most welcome and can reach the coordinator, Mrs. Madeline Jordan, at 314-353-5233. Here are the next assignments:

Today, December 13: St. Martin de Porres
Next Sunday, December 20: St. Joseph

GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES OF THE St. Francis de Sales Benevolent Society

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH
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The Benevolent Society is a Catholic Men's organization that was founded in the early years of St. Francis de Sales Oratory for the financial help of its members in times of need. For more information on the this charitable and friendly group, contact Mr. Dick Carr at 314.772. 9489 or Mr. Wally Feld at the Oratory, 314.771.3100.

Thank You!

Our family doctor wanted to pass on his sincere gratitude for St. Francis de Sales Oratory's support of his annual medical mission to El Salvador. The Oratory faithful contributed more than 300 rosaries which are given out to the patients. The team saw 2600 patients in total, so our collective generosity was significant to their mission. He also asked us to pray for those whom they saw as they have had great suffering recently with natural disasters.

Please start collecting rosaries now as he'll ask us again later next year.

Thank you again!

—*Marc Pekny*

Help Wanted

The Oratory is in need of professional plumbing assistance. We are renovating the convent and some of the plumbing in this old building requires repair and/or replacement. If plumbing help can be donated, the Oratory will pay for the materials.

If a professional plumber reading this could contribute some time to our renovation efforts, we ask you to call Canon Wiener at the rectory: 314-771-3100.

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