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Third Sunday of Advent (Year C) 16th December 2018

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Sunday Reflection – This Sunday of Advent is referred to as “Gaudete” Sunday. The somber penitential mood lightens. We can wear ‘Rose’ coloured vestments at Mass and the Advent candle on the wreath is ‘Rose’ or ‘Pink’. The instruction for today’s liturgy states, “The Advent moderation in the use of the organ, other musical instruments and flowers, does not apply to “Gaudete Sunday”. With the increase of light on our Advent wreath (now 3 candles) we are beginning to sense the nearness of the Lord and feel the warmth and light of his presence. We are anticipating the approach of the great feast of Christmas. Appropriately, John the Baptist is yet again a central figure in our Liturgy. One of the great things about John the Baptist is that he knows who he is, and he knows his place. In the midst of much religious confusion, John is always direct and to the point. To those who ask, “What must we do, then”, he challenges all of them to personal reform, to share and to be just in their dealings. John always moves the spotlight from himself to Jesus, “who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and Fire”. John’s role is to point people in the direction of Jesus, and once introduced to Jesus they will see “the true light”. Advent calls us all to push back the darkness in our lives and in our world. We are invited to engage in dispelling the selfishness, the hard-heartedness, the unforgiveness, and the injustice and hatred that disfigures the world, and make way for the light of Christ to shine on human hearts and human affairs. Together in love and faith we can more powerfully reflect the light of the Word-made-flesh. Holiness is the constant and committed struggle of letting Christ be the light that shines through everything we do. We pray “Come, Lord Jesus, come”

Novena Mass for Christmas/Simbang Gabi – 15th to 22nd of December. Masses on Saturday 15th at 6.30pm & 8pm, Sunday 16th at 7pm & 8pm. From 17th to 21st Masses will be at 8pm and not 6.30pm. Saturday 22nd Masses will be at 6.30pm and 8pm.

Advent Penance Service – We shall celebrate that Sacrament of Reconciliation in our Advent Penance Service on this Monday 17th December at 7.30pm. A number of Priests, including visiting clergy, will be available. Do come along and make your pre-Christmas confession in this beautiful Service. “Come Lord Jesus, enlighten our darkness”.

Christmas Cards – With all Service times over the Christmas season are at the back of the Church. Please do take one per household.

St. Peregrine – We will celebrate the Mass of St. Stephen on Wed 26th Dec at 10am Mass. Also at this Mass we will have Prayers of St. Peregrine and Blessing of the Relic at the end of this Mass.

Confirmation Classes 2019 – Young people aged 14/15yrs upwards who wish to be confirmed next year need to enroll for the Confirmation Programme. Please collect a Confirmation Enrolment Form from the Colonnade and return to the Parish office by 6th Jan 2019. A Baptismal Certificate Must accompany the Enrolment form unless Baptized in this Church. Classes will begin on Thursday 24th January 2019.

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon - Fri 9am to 5pm
(Lunch Hour 1.30pm - 2.30pm)

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm
Sunday 8.30am
10am
(Spanish) 11.15am
12.15pm
7pm
Mon - Sat 10am
6.30pm

Sacrament of Confession

Mon - Fri 6.15 - 6.30pm
Saturday 10.45 - 11.15am
6.00 - 6.30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon - Fri 10.30 am - 11.15am

Rosary – Wednesdays 10.30am, followed by Tea/Coffee in the Founders Room.

Legion of Mary – Every Tuesday at 7pm in the Library. New members are welcome!

Charismatic Prayer Group: Is on Thursdays at 11am in the Founders’ Room.

Saints Days

Fri 21st – St Peter Canisius



Advent – No flowers in the Church for Advent!