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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 13, 2020



“Rejoice: the Lord is near!” (Phil. 4:5)

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THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

December 13, 2020

SATURDAY – December 12

- 4:00 Daniel Jesus Rodriguez, Segundo Aranda,
Rachel Weinand Mizenko, Patrick Woods
- 5:30 Norma Fischer, Patrick Moloney & Peg Moloney,
Florentina Huerta

SUNDAY

- 7:30 Grace O'Hara Bonelli, Norma Fischer, Michael Spear
- 9:00 Leonardo Albuquerque, Silvana & Lisa Spisany;
Spisany, Balzarini and Grieco Families,
- 10:30 Father John Keaveney, Melissa Martucci,
Michele Phillips, Ann McBurney
- 12:00 John Crescenzo, Ryan O'Donnell, Florentina Huerta,
Theresa Lifrieri

MONDAY

- 8:30 Ann McBurney, Cassidy Flood

TUESDAY

- 8:30 Costello, Huges and Bachman families

WEDNESDAY

- 8:30 Victor & Anastasia Lasser

THURSDAY

- 8:30 Gerard Strommer, Danny Strommer and
Brian Strommer II

FRIDAY

- 8:30 Michael G. Partridge, Ralph Paukovits

SATURDAY

- 8:30 People of the Parish
- 4:00 Raymond Kelly, George Rodecker, William Roth
- 5:30 Walter and Edward Luedke, Kehoe Family,
Barry "Jerry" Chase

SUNDAY – December 20

- 7:30 Francis and Michael Polchinski
- 9:00 Susan Nagle Falsetta (10), Silvana Spisany,
Constantino Cirera
- 10:30 Dec. members of Makofske and DeRosa Families,
Ann McBurney
- 12:00 Dec. members of the Mesaros Family,
Angelina & Arthur Saladino, Genevieve Marotta,
Daniel Mahoney

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

DECEMBER 14

The Spanish Carmelite St. John of the Cross (1542-1591) is the most important mystical writer in the Catholic tradition. He also played a leading role in the 16th-century reform of the Carmelites.

Juan de Yepes was born at Fontiveros. His father died when Juan was 2 years old and left the family of three children penniless. After they all moved to Medina del Campo, the boy tried several trades without success. Excellent at school, he continued his studies at the Jesuit college in Medina. In 1563 he became a novice at the monastery of St. Ana in Medina. His superiors sent him to the University of Salamanca, where he was ordained a priest in 1567.

In 1568 the reformer and mystic Theresa visited John's monastery of Medina to discuss the possibility of including male monasteries in her reform of the Carmelite order. After some short stays in Pastrana and Alcalá, John joined Theresa as confessor in the unreformed Carmelite convent of Ávila, of which she had become prioress. During this period they stayed in constant spiritual contact, in which John was Theresa's director as well as her spiritual son.

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MONDAY DEC. 21ST

**DRIVE-THRU
CONFESSIONS ARE BACK.**



RECONCILIATION MONDAY

2-4PM FOR SENIORS

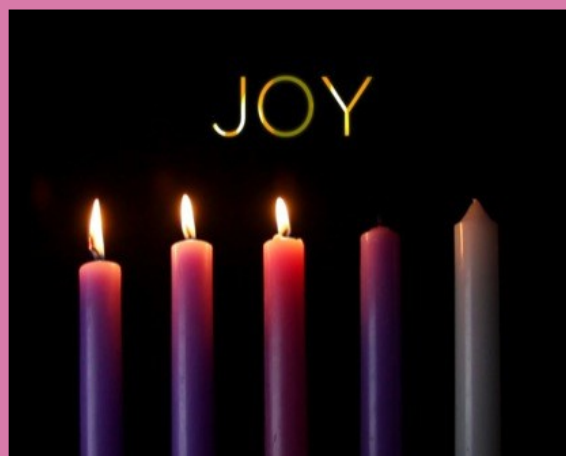
4-8PM EVERYONE

**CONFESSIONS WILL BE A
DRIVE-THRU IN THE PARKING
LOT LIKE WE DID DURING THE
QUARANTINE.**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT WILL BE HELD
INSIDE THE CHURCH FROM
6-9PM THAT NIGHT.**

Hey, what's with the pink?!

- ♦ **The third Sunday in the Advent season is called Gaudete Sunday.**
- ♦ ***Gaudete* is the Latin word for REJOICE!**
- ♦ **Today, we light the PINK candle in our Advent wreath.**
- ♦ **The priest wears special rose colored vestments today to signify the nearness of the Lord's coming and the JOY that fills our hearts!**
- ♦ **On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent makes a shift away from repentance and toward celebration.**



**Social distancing &
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Masses on Christmas.**

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Who Will Lead You to God?



Today's Gospel reading tells us about Saint John the Baptist, who prepared the people for the coming of Jesus. At first people thought that he might be the saviour they were all waiting for, but he was very clear when he told them that he wasn't- there was one coming after him Who would be the truly great One.

Sometimes we hear about great or important people. We know about movie stars and singers and government leaders. Who are some important people you know of?



Do those people that you've thought about help to bring you closer to God? Do they teach you well and give good example? Or do they lead people away from God by doing wrong things or making fun of God's truth?



We can know which people are really great by thinking about whether they lead us closer to God, like Saint John the Baptist did, or further away from Him. Which sort of people do you want to follow?

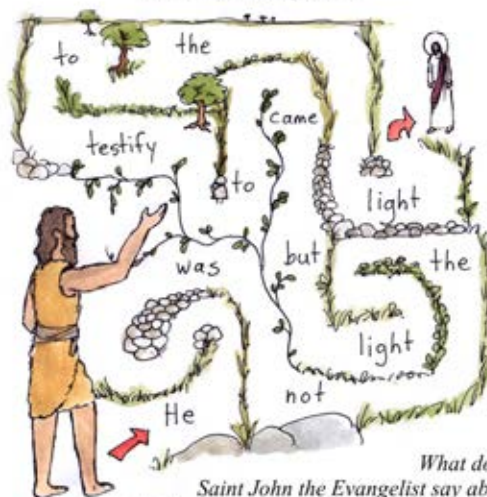


Answer to Word-find: brokenhearted

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The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2020



What does Saint John the Evangelist say about Saint John the Baptist at the beginning of the Gospel?
Read the words you pass as you go through the maze.

Was the priest who offered Mass today wearing pink vestments? The colour pink, or rose, is a sign of joy. We use it for the third Sunday of Advent because we are happy that we're half-way to Christmas! If you have an Advent wreath, it's time to light the pink candle!



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St. John of the Cross

Meanwhile, the opposition between Discalced (reformed) and Calced Carmelites, which had existed from the beginning, took on alarming proportions. In 1575 John was abducted and imprisoned by the Calced friars. He was set free at the request of the papal nuncio. But the same occurred again in 1577, and this time he had to escape. For safety he stayed in remote places in Andalusia. During those years of obscurity he wrote most of his mystical works.

After the two branches of the order were finally split, John remained in the south but regained status as vicar provincial. It was only toward the end of his life, in 1588, that he returned to Castile as prior of the house of Segovia and as councilor of the provincial. Because of his disagreement with the radical, innovative provincial, he was soon removed from office and sent back to Andalusia, where he died after an excruciating agony in 1591. He was canonized in 1726 and pronounced a Doctor of the Church in 1926.



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