



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

December 12, 2021 | Third Sunday of Advent

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Eucharistic Services:

7:00 pm Wednesday -
Word & Communion Service
5:00 pm Saturday - Jackson, Vigil Mass
11:30 am Sunday - Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

Office Hours: Wed - Friday 10 am to 5 pm

Ministers for next Sunday, December 5

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Livinus Uba

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Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewen

Holy Mary, our heavenly mother, keep us in your care.

Give us your good counsel as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.

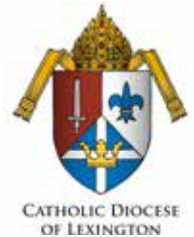
Bless our parish which is named in your honor. Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help us be attentive to the needs of our families and our community. Amen

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Parish Mission Statement

Inspired and sustained in our Catholic faith through life-giving worship, we Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community, have as our mission to bring Christ and the teachings of the Catholic faith to one another and the larger community in a ways that draw us together as a supportive family, yet reaches out with a genuine concern for all people, so that we can be authentic witnesses in an area where Catholics are few in number.

Third Sunday of Advent (C)

Zep 3:14-18a

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Many Christians have that face...from a funeral wake, a face of sadness. But Christ is risen! Christ loves you! And you have no joy? Let us think a bit about this and let us ask: "Do I have joy because the Lord is close to me, because the Lord loves me, because the Lord has redeemed me?"

GAUDETE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020



Becoming Catholic

The OCIA formation program for those becoming Catholic has begun. This week class will meet from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm in a hybrid fashion (in person and virtually). OCIA this week will look at the topic of - Mary & Eschatology. This will be the last class until January 4, 2022

Stockings

Thank you to those who donated items for the stockings. Our teen disciples group will be putting them together this evening and the stockings will be delivered this week.

Season of Advent & Christmas

During this season of Advent we prepare our hearts and lives for Jesus to come at Christmas. Listed below are some events during Advent & Christmas that we are celebrating together as a community.

Dec 15	Reconciliation Service 7 pm
Dec 17	Simbang Gabi Mass 7 pm
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Mass, 5:30 pm
Dec 25	Midnight Mass
Dec 26	Feast of the Holy Family 11:30 am
Dec 31	Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God 7 pm
Jan 2	Feast of Epiphany Mass 11:30am Church potluck - following Mass

Angel Tree

Please plan to drop off your gifts for the angel tree by this Wednesday December 15.

Advent Reconciliation Service

This Wednesday Mother of Good Counsel will host a communal reconciliation service with the option for individual confession. You are invited to come and join us for this service. The Rosary will take place at 6:40 pm followed by the reconciliation service at 7 pm.

Advent Playlist

Looking for some music to listen to during Advent? Enjoy some a couple Advent Playlists. Shadow & Light : <https://spoti.fi/3Gfujez>
Advent Waiting : <https://spoti.fi/3dmc1fj>

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Our parish has met its goal for the annual appeal and has currently raised \$7525 of our \$6250 goal. Thank you to all who have helped us reach this goal.

Envelopes

The new offertory envelopes will begin arriving shortly. They will be mailed to your home on a regular basis. Please talk with Lori if you have any questions.

Simbag Gabi Mass

This Friday Mother of Good Counsel will be hosting a Simbag Gabi Mass at 7 pm. Traditionally it is a series of nine dawn masses on the days leading up to Christmas. It begins on December 16 and ends at midnight on the 24th of December, when a midnight mass is held. Come and celebrate one Mass with us.

Meal for Those in Need

Would you be willing to make a some food for our meal for those in need? This Friday is Mother of Good Counsel's scheduled meal. Sign up with Lori if you are able to bring something or help prepare the boxes.

Special Collection - Emergency Assistance in Western Kentucky.

"Our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Owensboro could use our help as the western part of the state of Kentucky recovers from Friday's violent storms. The state of Kentucky experienced extreme weather events including a devastating tornado that resulted in a high number of fatalities and destruction in areas served by the Diocese of Owensboro including Mayfield and Bowling Green. A second collection will be taken today and next weekend for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro to offer help and services for those displaced or who have immediate needs as a result of the storms. Please be generous to support the emergency needs in our state and pray for those affected especially for the many lives lost. Thank you for your kind support."

Second Collection - Retirement Fund for

Religious Aging religious need your help. In the United States today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story. A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady. Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared. Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma. On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses has been appeared the image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

Joy to the World

This is the Sunday of joy, Gaudete Sunday. In the first reading, the people are told to “Shout for joy” because “the LORD is in your midst” (Zephaniah 3:14-15). The psalm response tells us to “cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and holy one of Israel” (see Isaiah 12). The second reading directs us to “rejoice in the Lord always” because “the Lord is near” (Philippians 4:4-5). In the Gospel, we see that “the people were filled with [messianic] expectation,” even wondering “whether John might be the Messiah” (Luke 3:15). All John could say was that “one mightier than I is coming” (3:16).

So today, what are we waiting for this Sunday and how is God present? We know that God is already present with us in many ways: in the Church and sacraments; in the lives of good people we know; in the depths of our hearts. And so, we rejoice. We also know that the story of salvation is unfinished. There are still so many evils from which we must be saved. When you think of them, what’s at the top of your list?

We are eager for God to come into our lives anew to comfort us and strengthen us. We know we cannot do it alone. Even as we wait for the day of salvation to dawn, we rejoice for we know that it came before and will come again. That’s why we sing “Joy to the World.”

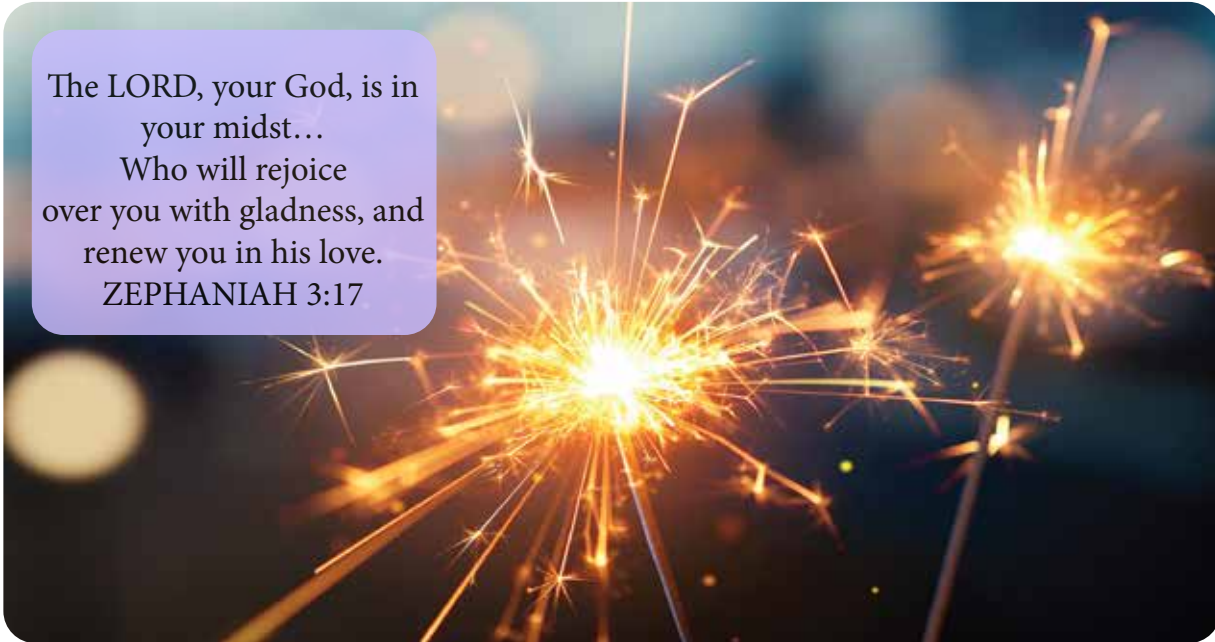
Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

Incarnation means that Jesus is made of the stuff of this world, just as we are.

Think about this.

Nothing is too common that it can’t be holy. What does that mean?



The LORD, your God, is in
your midst...
Who will rejoice
over you with gladness, and
renew you in his love.
ZEPHANIAH 3:17



Readings for the Week

Monday

DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy,
Virgin and Martyr

Nm 24:2-7,
15-17a

Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday

DECEMBER 14

St. John of the
Cross, Priest and

Doctor
of the Church

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13

Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday

DECEMBER 15

Advent Weekday

Is 45:6b-8, 18,
21c-25

Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday

DECEMBER 16

Advent Weekday

Is 54:1-10

Lk 7:24-30

Friday

DECEMBER 17

Advent Weekday

Gn 49:2, 8-10

Mt 1:1-17

Saturday

DECEMBER 18

Advent Weekday

Jer 23:5-8

Mt 1:18-25

Sunday

DECEMBER 19

Fourth Sunday
of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a

Heb 10:5-10

Lk 1:39-45



Dear Padre

December 12, 2021

I recently moved to a parish that includes a large Mexican community that's known for their annual posadas event. What is that?

Las posadas, a nine-day novena preparation for the celebration of Christmas, begins December 16 and ends Christmas Eve.

Posada is Spanish for "inn." The ceremony remembers Mary and Joseph's trip to Bethlehem and their difficulty finding a place to stay. Posadas are celebrated in many ways, but the traditional celebration involves a group of people, the "pilgrims," going to several houses, knocking on the door, and asking for posada. The pilgrims sing the part of Joseph as he explains their situation and asks for a place to stay. The people inside sing back that they have no room and that the pilgrims should just move on.

On the last night, the people in the last house recognize that Mary is the Queen of Heaven and that the child she carries is the Savior of the World. They invite the pilgrims inside and hold a prayer service that may include a Scripture reading or the rosary. The celebration ends with food and singing.

This tradition is more than a folksy reenactment of Joseph and Mary's search for lodging—it's a solemn dramatization by women and men who believe God searches with them, a touching ceremony that can help Christians today see the real needs of those who live without the security of a home, health insurance, or a steady job.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR

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Happenings this Week

Sunday

Teen Disciples 4:30 pm - 6 pm

Tuesday

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm RCIA

Wednesday

6:40 pm Rosary

7:00 pm Communal

Reconciliation Service

Friday

3:30 pm Meal for those in Need

7:00 pm Simbang Gabi Mass



Prayer List

Joey Napier, Ray Lindon, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Marjorie Hommertzhelm, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Bob Rogers, Deedee Wells, Sherrian Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Willie Wagers, Christina Askew, Charles Brotherton, Willow Brockman, Tina Dawhare Fields, Valarie Maggard Dye, Marleen Combs, Robert Caldwell, Mike Caldwell, Monica Spare, The Rice Family, Renee Messer, Maria Hall, Elizabeth Pennington, Neal Boggs, Jackson Varela, Cecilia & Lucia Cory, Mandi Dishner, and Ron Brunty.

If you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit contact the parish and let Lori know about the request.

Prayer Family:
Marie Maggard

Birthdays

12/12: Stephanie Turk

12/13: Patti Jarosz

12/14 : Marie Maggard

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Our Weekly Offering

for 12/5/21

Loose: \$31

Envelopes : \$235

Monthly: \$320

Christmas Flowers: \$50

Online: \$765

Total Weekly Offering: \$1401