Third Sunday of Advent
“Gaudete Sunday”
December 16, 2018

“Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel”

Mass Schedule:
Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm
Sunday Mass at 7:30am, 9:00am,
11:00am and 5:00pm
Daily Mass Monday through Friday
at 8:30am
Saturday Morning Mass
at 9:00am
Holy Days of Obligation at 7:00am,
8:30am, and 7:00pm

Sacrament of Penance:
Fridays at 9:00am
Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:30pm
or by appointment with a Priest

Rev. William Brown — Pastor
Rev. Andrew Ginter — Parochial Vicar

“He did it that by His Incarnation He might take to Himself from the virgin the fleshly nature, and that through this commingling there might come into being a hallowed body of all humanity; so that through that body—which He was pleased to assume—all mankind might be hid in Him, and He in return, through His unseen existence, be reproduced in all.”

Saint Hilary of Poitiers († 360 A.D.)
Thank you to all who gave so generously to our Giving Tree! Have a Blessed Christmas!

Please remember to buy a $50.00 Safeway Gift card to provide a family a Christmas Dinner!

- Purchase the $50.00 Gift Card,
- Insert the Gift Card into a Christmas Card either hand made or bought.
- Drop the card into the collection basket, the Poor Box, the Rectory or the School.
- We are extremely short for the number of families we typically serve.
- Deadline to have the cards in is Tuesday, December 18.

Thank you all so much for your generosity! Your kindness makes it possible each year for a family in need to buy what they need to prepare their Christmas dinner.

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Baptism
Each child should be baptized as soon as possible after birth. Parents are required to attend an instruction session before the baptism of their baby.
Please contact Diana Rittenhouse at (415) 937-5524.
Why is one candle not like all the others? Advent and its counterpart, Lent, are seasons of penitence. On the Advent wreath, the three purple candles mark the preparation Christians undergo while awaiting the arrival of Christ on Earth. But, unlike dour Lent, Advent is usually a happy season, full of food, parties, shopping, music and lights. In the retail world, Christmas begins right after Halloween and then kicks into overdrive on the day after Thanksgiving. Many people mirror this, barely putting away the leftover turkey before putting up every Christmas decoration they own.

While this calendar is fine for secular society, it has nothing to do with the Child at the heart of the season. He won’t be here until Christmas Eve, and all the early bird sales in the world won’t speed that up. That’s why it’s traditional (though not required) to refrain from putting the Christ Child into a Catholic church’s Nativity scene manger until the appointed moment.

So, why do we need a reminder to rejoice on the Third Sunday of Advent, called Gaudete Sunday (Latin for “rejoice”) by lighting a rose-colored candle on our wreaths and having priests wear rose-colored vestments at Mass?

Because the happiness that comes from fun and friends and a full belly is not the same thing as Christian joy. During Mass Pope Francis talked about the difference between happiness and joy: “To be happy is good, yet joy is something more. It’s another thing, something which does not depend on external motivations, or on passing issues: it is more profound. It is a gift. To be ‘happy at all moments, at all cost,’ can at the end turn into superficiality and shallowness. This leaves us without Christian wisdom, which makes us dumb, naïve, right? All is joy... no. Joy is something else; it is a gift from the Lord.”

If joy is a gift from the Lord, then the Lord Himself is our first and greatest gift, and the only one that will never tarnish or break or fade. Gaudete – said “Gow-DAY-tay” – Sunday reminds us that the gift has not yet arrived, but it’s very near.

It takes its name from the first word of the Introit, “Gaudete in Domino Semper,” which is Latin for the introduction of Philippians 4:4, “Rejoice in the Lord always.”

And it’s not just a Catholic thing. Advent wreaths are common in the Western church, including among Episcopalians, Lutherans and other mainline Christian denominations.

To continue with Philippians, “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.”

So even though you may be having happy times during Advent, Gaudete Sunday is a moment to stop and reflect on the source of true joy. If the Advent season has brought causes for stress and sorrow into your life, then lighting the rose candle is an opportunity to take heart and refocus on what the Mass of Christ is all about. Perhaps you’ll have the same revelation that came upon the pinched and petulant title character of Doctor Seuss’ book How the Grinch Stole Christmas, as he stood atop Mount Crumpit with all the Whos’ Christmas goodies piled high on a sleigh, ready to be dumped.

But up from Whoville, divested of all its festive finery and fine food, came not howls of anguish nor shouts of anger but the sound of sweet singing:

“And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice-cold in the snow
stood puzzling and puzzling, ‘How could it be so?’
‘It came without ribbons! It came without tags!
‘It came without packages, boxes or bags!’
And he puzzled three hours, ‘till his puzzler was sore.
Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn’t before!
‘Maybe Christmas,’ he thought, ‘doesn’t come from a store.
‘Maybe Christmas ... perhaps ... means a little bit more!’”

Christ is coming. Prepare ye the way of the Lord.
Confessions before Christmas:
Communal Penance Services with Individual Confession and Absolution (several priests hearing confessions):
Mon., Dec. 17, 7:00 PM in Mill Valley at Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Tue., Dec. 18, 7:00 PM in Sausalito at Saint Mary Star of the Sea
Wed., Dec. 19, 7:00 PM in Tiburon at Saint Hilary of Poitiers

Confessions at Saint Hilary:
Friday, Dec. 21, at 9:00 AM
Saturday, Dec. 22, at 4:00 PM
Monday, Dec. 24, at 9:00 AM

Christmas Eve Masses:
3:00 PM Children’s Pageant Mass: Fr. Brown
5:00 PM Family Mass with Children’s Choir: Fr. Ginter
7:00 PM Sing-Along Christmas Carols with our Schola Cantorum
7:30 PM Candelight Mass with Adult Choir: Fr. Brown

Christmas Day Masses:
7:30 AM Quiet Mass at Dawn (with no music): Fr. Ginter
9:00 AM Family Mass: Fr. Brown
11:00 AM Mass with Adult Choir: Fr. Ginter

No Evening Mass on Christmas Day

Thank you for your generosity at Christmas, which helps your parish stay in the black.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
Open all day, each day: down the little hallway between our Church and Tarantino Hall.

Spend some silent quality time with the Blessed Sacrament this last week of Advent, the great liturgical season of vigilance, of waiting and watching.

What practically can we do during this season of vigil keeping? What are some practices that might incarnate for us the Advent spirituality?

I strongly recommend the classically Catholic discipline of Eucharistic adoration. To spend a half hour or an hour in the presence of the Lord is not to accomplish or achieve very much—it is not really “getting” anywhere—but it is a particularly rich form of spiritual waiting.

As you keep vigil before the Blessed Sacrament, bring to Christ some problem or dilemma that you have been fretting over, and then say: “Lord, I’m waiting for you to solve this, to show me the way out, the way forward. I’ve been running, planning, worrying, but now I’m going to let you work.” Then, in the days ahead, watch attentively for signs.

Also, when you pray before the Eucharist, allow your desire for the things of God to intensify; allow your heart and soul to expand. Pray, “Lord, make me ready to receive the gifts you want to give,” or even, “Lord Jesus — surprise me.”

Bishop Robert Barron
Come to Our Monthly Saturday Pasta Night
6:00 p.m. — December 15
6:00 p.m. — January 19
All are welcome!

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Application Deadline: 1/31/19

Book Your Tour: admissions@sainthilaryschool.org or 415-937-5502

Santa helping Saint Hilary Parish this year?

Doing some year-end tax planning? If you have to take a minimum distribution from your IRA and you don't need to the money, please consider a Charitable IRA rollover to Saint Hilary Church. You save on taxes while supporting our mission to continue the work of Jesus right here in your neighborhood!

http://www.sthilary.org/our-call-to-stewardship.html

Prayers for the Sick
Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish family who are seriously ill:

Mr. R. Michael Dicks
Mrs. Pamela McConnell-Douglass
Mrs. Rose Marie Grayson
Mr. Darryl Hoffman
Mrs. Laurie Ann Kenney
Mr. Victor Madrigal
Mrs. Danielle O’Doherty
Mr. Charles Ortman
Mrs. Gail Scott
Mr. Vincent Stadlin
Mr. David Wright
The St. Hilary Tiger says:

"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."

Think about it…

This Week at St. Hilary Parish

Communal Penance Services with Individual Confession and Absolution:

Monday, Dec. 17 — 7:00 p.m.: Mill Valley Penance Service at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

Tuesday, Dec. 18 — 7:00 p.m.: Sausalito Penance Service at Star of the Sea Church

Wednesday, Dec. 19 — 7:00 p.m.: Tiburon Penance Service at Saint Hilary Church

Thursday, Dec. 20 — 11:00am Senior Mass and Lunch at Saint Hilary’s

Masses at St. Hilary’s — December 17 to 23

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:  Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Rest In Peace

Mr. Brewster Carroll
Mr. Brendan Clemens
Mr. Michael Etemad
Mr. Joseph Lavigne
Mrs. Paula Marie LeRoy
Mr. Donald Schumacher

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City___________________________________________________________ Phone_________________________________________

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Have you changed your address, phone number or e-mail address? Please return this form to help us keep in touch with you.