

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES of

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA (Hungarian) 371 Burnell St.
OUR LADY OF LOURDES (Slovenian) 95 MacDonald Ave.

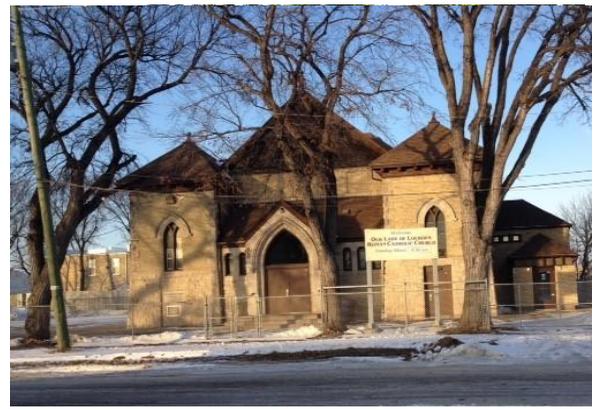
Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday

December 16, 2018

*Shout aloud and sing for joy: great
in your midst is the Holy One of
Israel.* [Isaiah 12: 6]

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Sacrament of Penance (Confessions): Before the Weekday or Saturday PM Mass or upon request. *Sacrament of Baptism:* pre-arrangement in time to allow for preparation. *Marriage arrangements:* Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance.



Rejoice in the Lord always. [Philippians 4:4]

The Secret of Christian Joy

In the Gospel today, John the Baptist explains the secret of Christian joy as wholehearted commitment to God's way lived out by doing His will. [Luke 3]. A sad Christian is a contradiction in terms. According to the Baptizer, happiness comes from doing our duties faithfully, doing good for others and sharing our blessings with others in need. John challenges people to generosity and sense of fairness, so that others may have reason to rejoice.

John's call to repentance is a call to joy and restoration. *Repentance* means a change in the purpose and direction of our lives. Filled with joyful expectation that the Messiah was near, the people ask John, "What should we do?" He tells them to act with justice, charity and honesty, letting their lives reflect their transformation.

For us, that transformation occurs when Christ enters our lives, and it is to be reflected in our living in the ways John suggested. In other words, John reminds us that membership in the Church, knowing the teaching of the Church and the Bible, being baptized and going to Mass on Sundays are not enough. We must care for others and share our blessings with others.

Fr. Tony Kadavil, <http://frtonyshomilies.com/2018/12/10/advent-iii-c-dec-16th-sunday-homily/>

Third Sunday of Advent or Gaudete Sunday, Year C, 16 December 2018

Reading 1: Zephaniah 3.14-18a; Cantic of Isaiah 12. 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [R.6]

Reading 2: Philippians 4.4-7; *Gospel:* Luke 3.10-18

Prayer: *God of salvation, you are among us and we do not need to be afraid. Prepare our hearts to live without fear. Help us to feel your gladness and know your love as we prepare to welcome you once again. Amen.* ccb.ca/life_and_family CCCB: National Pastoral Initiative for Life & the Family

Catechism of the Catholic Church

CCC Paragraph 2439: *Rich nations* have a grave moral responsibility toward those which are unable to ensure the means of their development by themselves or have been prevented from doing so by tragic historical events. It is a duty in solidarity and charity; it is also an obligation in justice if the prosperity of the rich nations has come from resources that have not been paid for fairly.

Events in and around the Archdiocese

Archdiocese's Financial Administrator

Catholic Centre, Winnipeg - Arnold Casaclang, CMA, is appointed as Financial Administrator *pro tem* of the Archdiocese. The memorandum from Archbishop Richard Gagnon to all parishes, all clergy, and all institutes of consecrated life, dated November 28, 2018, reads:

"Effective yesterday David Gudmundson will no longer serve as the Financial Administrator of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. We are grateful for his nearly two years of service and wish him well in his future endeavours.

I am appointing Arnold Casaclang, CMA as Financial Administrator pro tem of the Archdiocese. Arnold is well known to our parishes as he has been serving as the Senior Accountant of the Archdiocese." <https://www.archwinnipeg.ca/news.php#66>

CONFESSIONS for Winnipeg Central Deanery:

Tuesday, Dec. 18th, 7:00pm, St. Charles Church

Wednesday, Dec. 19th,

7:00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Church

7:00pm, Blessed Sacrament Church, Elie

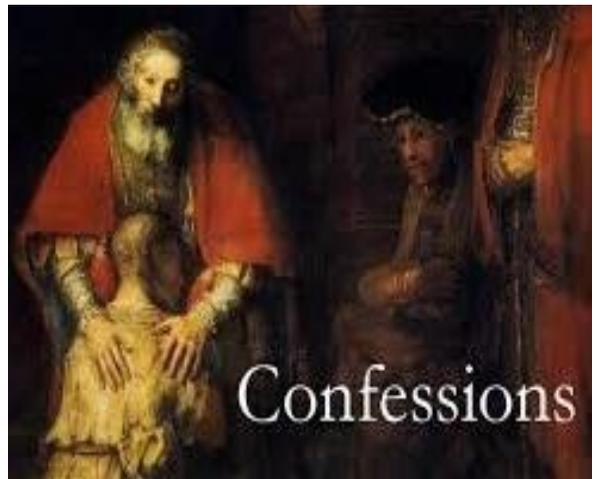
Thursday, Dec. 20th, 7:00pm,

St. François Xavier Church, St. François Xavier, MB

<http://www.stmichaelradio.com/2014/12/03/confession-explained-why-do-catholics-confess-to-a-priest/> →



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We appreciate your kindness
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Christmas Season Schedule: Our Lady of Lourdes [OL] & St. Anthony of Padua [SA]

Monday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve: SA - 5:00 pm; OL - 8:00 pm; SA - 10:00 pm.

Tuesday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day: OL - 9:30 am; SA - 11:00 am.

Monday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve: SA - 5:00 pm.

Tuesday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day: OL - 9:30 am; SA - 11:00 am.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES:

95 MacDonald Avenue
P.O. Box 2015 Station Main
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3R3

Sun 9:30 am (E) English; (S) Slovenian; (Euc) Eucharist
Dec 16 [TBD: to be determined]

Thank you also to parishioners who donated through Pre-Authorized Payment [PAP] Program.

Confessions on Wednesday, December 19, at 7:00 PM. Fr. Sean Cahill will help us with confessions. Please join us and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you.

CWL is collecting non-perishable food items for Christmas Hampers. Your kindness and generosity will be much appreciated. Thank you.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

Sat 5:30 pm Dec 15 Baron Villafuerte (1), Dorothy Peck (2)
Christianne Blanco & Isabela Santos (PF)

Sun 11:00 am (H) Hungarian, (E) English
Dec 16 Palko Bernatsky (H), Nida Villanueva (E)

Thank you also to parishioners who donated through Pre-Authorized Payment [PAP] Program.

Thank you to Fr. Louis Legare, OMI, for helping us with Confessions last Tuesday, Dec. 11th.



COMMUNICATING JOY!

In the church's Latin days, this was called "**Gaudete Sunday**" and its message is comfort and joy (*gaudete* means *rejoice*.) We are urged not to worry, for the Lord is near. Holy Scripture promises the peace of God in our hearts, if we just ask for it. St Paul says, "*There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving*". [Philippians 4]. We need not wait until after God has granted our requests before saying thanks. Even as we ask, we should already be grateful. One of the things to thank God for at the end of this year is all the good done by so many good people in our time.

Wherever there is evil, God will see that brave, resolute souls rise up to combat it. Such was the work done by St John the Baptist, as described by St Luke. People were prepared to walk all the way from Jerusalem down to near Jericho in the deep Jordan valley, on the edge of the desert — all of fifteen miles each way — in order to see John, this charismatic figure living as an ascetic in the desert around the Dead Sea. Having heard him, many stayed to be baptised by him. But they were full of the uncertainty that can surface in all of us if we take time to cast a critical eye on the kind of life we are leading.

"*What must we do?*" they asked him; and John spelled out his answer in no uncertain terms. [Luke 3]. While their request showed their willingness to change, it also showed that they were lacking in clear insight about what is right human behaviour. "*Love and do what you will,*" was to be the motto of St Augustine, meaning that if people have total inner commitment to God, then they will be incapable of doing wrong, they will know instinctively what is right from the promptings of the Spirit within them.

John the Baptist tried to change his listeners' hearts by telling them not to be grasping, not to extort from others more than a just return for services rendered, but rather to help those in need. "*If anyone has two cloaks, he must share with the man who has none.*" "*Give your blood,*" the ancient monks in the desert used to say, "*and you will possess the Spirit.*" The society to which John was addressing himself — as indeed Jesus did later — was to collapse because of its lack of spiritual depth, its over concern with externals, as evidenced by the Pharisees, its pursuit of a narrow-minded nationalism, as seen in the Zealots who resorted to violence and assassination in their hatred of the Romans.

OL Collections Dec 9, 2018
32 Env - \$825 ; SGG - \$261
Thank you for your financial support of our Parish!

SA Collections Dec 9, 2018
Sat/Sun Env-\$945; SGG-\$355
Loose-\$225; Sun. Missals-\$60
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The greatest danger to peace in society is if unbridled selfishness becomes our way of life. The way preached by John the Baptist was to form a sharing, caring community. *"Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise."* Instead of sharing clothing or food, many see their neighbours as *competitors* and try to outdo them in status, lifestyle, travel, conspicuous spending and housing quality. Such self-seeking can give surface satisfaction but not deep and lasting joy. Materialism can easily make us forget our spiritual identity. St Francis of Assisi, the most joyful of saints, rightly said, *"Lord, make us channels of your peace. For it is in giving that we receive."* Our best joy comes when we're not thinking about ourselves at all, but trying to give a helping hand in the name of God.

<https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2018/12/16-december-3rd-sunday-of-advent/>

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MASS SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Dec 15 - **5:30 pm SA** - *Sunday Vigil Mass* - RIP Pablo Sr & Leonor Garcia, req. by Mel Garcia

Sun. Dec 16 – **Third Sunday of Advent, Year C**

9:30 am OL - RIP Martin Utrosa, req. by Anna Sukic & family

11:00 am SA – RIP Steve Szirom, req. by Elizabeth Szirom

Mon. Dec 17 - NO MASS

Tue. Dec 18 - **10:00am OL** - RIP Bernie Pajar, req. by the family

Wed. Dec 19 - 9:00 am **SA** – RIP Ramona Carganilla & Susan Ponce, req. by the family

Thu. Dec 20 – 9:00 am **SA** – RIP Donnie Andreychuk, req. by Sophia, Veronica, & Florence

Fri Dec 21 – **10:00 am OL** - RIP Milan Horvat, req. by Family Stegne

Sat. Dec 22 - **5:30 pm SA** - *Sunday Vigil Mass* - RIP Hilarion & Robert Amoyo, req. by Norma Salas

Sun. Dec 23 – **Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C**

9:30 am OL - RIP Amalia & Frank Sustarsic, req. by Marko & Beneta Simonic

11:00 am SA – RIP Ines Omega & Victoria Ilagan, req. by Armando & Armenia Omega

OL – *Our Lady of Lourdes Church* **SA** – *Saint Anthony of Padua Church* **RIP - Rest In Peace**

Fear and worry choke out the life God gives us as gift.

Advent and Christmas can be full of fear and worry, even though they are supposed to be celebrations of peace and love.

What if things don't go right? What if our relationships are strained? What if addiction, death, illness or unemployment have robbed us of joy? What if our debt catches up to us? What if everything is changing and we do not know what to do?

During this season and every season, fear and worry can be useful emotions that invite us to change or protect ourselves from harm. But fear and worry are not states in which we are always meant to live.

This week, prepare for Jesus with the words of the prophet Zephaniah: *"The Lord will rejoice over you with gladness; he will renew you with his love."* [Zephaniah 3]. If your fear and worry are bigger than prayer, do not wait until after

Christmas to reach out and ask for help or make changes. Call a counsellor or visit a support group, stop spending, simplify your plans, or set a boundary. We do not have to live afraid.

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CCCB: Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops



<https://waterfordcumc.org/event/third-sunday-of-advent/>



Our parish bulletin is also available online in the OLL website:
ourladyoflourdeswinnipeg.com and click on "Our Community" then "Weekly Bulletin".