

**DECEMBER 6 - SATURDAY**

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8

*Vigil Reading: See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Ann Armijo*

5:00 – 5:45 PM: Confessions

6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy (Novena and Mass)**DECEMBER 7 – SUNDAY**

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

9:00 AM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Louis – *Catherine Lienhart*12:30 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Louis7:00 PM – *Spanish* – Novena (moved to the gym)**DECEMBER 8 –IMMACULATE CONCEPTION****OF MARY**

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

9:30 AM - *English*7:00 PM – *Bilingual* – (Novena and Mass)**DECEMBER 9 – TUESDAY**

Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Novena**DECEMBER 10 – WEDNESDAY**

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Novena**DECEMBER 11 - THURSDAY**

Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

7:00 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy - Novena**DECEMBER 12 – OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38

5:00 AM –Las Mañanitas

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Rudy

10:30 AM – Noon – blessing of cars

6:30 PM – *Bilingual* - Mass**DECEMBER 13 - SATURDAY**

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

*Vigil Reading: See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Paul Zook*

5:00 – 5:45 PM: Confessions

6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**DECEMBER 14 – SUNDAY**

Is 3:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

*Sunday Readings:*9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Louis – *Bob Wuerth*12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Louis**English Mass Ministry Schedule: December 13-14****Lectors:** 4:00 PM – P. Wessler

11:00 AM – B. Schinaman

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

4:00 PM – L. Ashbrook/M. Sonenschein

11:00 AM – R. Kenney/J. Ruter

**Servers:** 4:00 PM – Z. & M. Nintrup

11:00 AM – H. Loyd

**Offertory Family:** 4:00 PM: Fox

11:00 AM: N/A

**FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION**

Last Week's Collection: \$8,439

Offerings received to-date: \$172,709

Amount needed to catch up: \$11,291

Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000

Thank you for your generosity.

Make it easy on yourself. ***Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering.*** To take advantage of this convenience, please call 513-541-1563.

**FOUR GRAND CLUB:** Congratulations to our week 15 winners: David & Barbara Bracken, Stephanie McDivitt, and Mary Fox. Each won \$25.

**CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:**

Robert Meinerding (06), Sandra Blessing (06), Jack Finamore (06), Yvette Johnson (07), Lorri Finke (08), David Renick (08), Michael Oberdoerster (09), Laura Parker (09).

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**FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION:**

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday. The word Gaudete is Latin for *Rejoice*, and this theme fills our liturgy with anticipation and gladness. We light a rose-colored candle on the Advent wreath and our presiders wear vestments of the same joyful shade. These signs remind us that even in a season of waiting and preparation, there is great joy in knowing that the coming of Christ is near. This joy is not a shallow or fleeting form of happiness. It is rooted deeply in the love and promise of God.

Our Gospel today from Matthew 11 draws us into a moment of honest questioning. John the Baptist, now imprisoned by Herod, sends his disciples to Jesus with a direct inquiry: "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" It may seem surprising that the very prophet who pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God would raise such a question. Yet Scripture gives us this powerful scene, not to undermine John's faith, but to illuminate what it looks like to seek reassurance while enduring suffering.

Jesus responds not with frustration, but with evidence of God's saving work. He invites John and his disciples to recognize the fulfillment of ancient prophecies unfolding before their eyes. He encourages trust in the midst of uncertainty.

We too may find ourselves in prisons of fear, disappointment, or grief. In those moments, Jesus offers us the same reassurance. He urges us to look for signs of grace that are all around us. He calls us to trust that God is working even when we do not see the full picture.

Gaudete Sunday reminds us that joy does not ignore life's difficulties. Instead, it proclaims that Christ has stepped into our world, and nothing can take away the hope He brings. St. John Bosco once said, "God will provide." In every age, those words hold true. Let us hold fast to that promise with joyful hearts.

Christ's coming is not only a future event to anticipate. It is a present reality to welcome. He comes to us in the Eucharist, in His Word, and in the faces of those we love and serve. The Lord who once came in humility, and will come again in glory, also comes now in grace.

May we, in these Advent days, stay awake and walk in His light, trusting the promise that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." In this promise lies our unshakable hope, the light that no darkness can overcome.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY FUND RAISER:**

There is still time to have your Christmas gifts wrapped for you. Volunteers from the food pantry will be available next Sunday, December 14, from 10:00 - 12:30. You can drop your gifts off in the back of church before Mass and pick your beautifully wrapped gifts afterward. All wrapping paper and bows are supplied. A monetary donation to the food pantry is appreciated.

**SACRED MUSIC CONCERT:** The Fine Arts Department of Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy invites you to our Sacred Music Concert this **Sunday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m.** at **St. Boniface Church**. This special evening will feature a beautiful selection of Christmas and classical music that highlights the stunning acoustics of the sanctuary. Join us as we celebrate the season through inspiring performances that reflect the talent and dedication of our CHCA student musicians.

**RETIREMENT FUND RELIGIOUS:** Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous December 13-14.