

# Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024



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## Mass times:

Sunday 10:30am  
12pm Spanish

Thursday 6:00pm

**Reconciliation/Confession:**  
Thursday 5:30-6pm

**Religious Ed:**  
Sundays 9-10:15am

## Anointing of the Sick & Visits:

Please call the office if you know of someone in need of a pastoral visit.

**Marriage Prep:** Notify priest 6+mo. in adv.

**Baptism:** by appointment

## MASS INTENTIONS

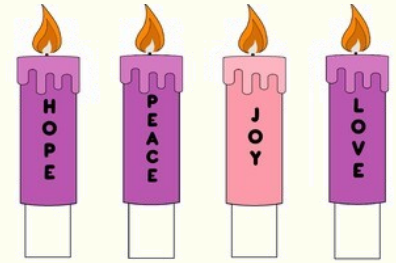
Dec. 15....Doug & Carol Lane

Dec. 22....Patrick Ridenour

Dec. 29....Jim Shaw

## DO YOU HAVE MASS INTENTIONS?

We have envelopes at back of the church. Ask an usher.



## A Word from Fr. Jim: Sunday, December 15, 2024

When I was young enough to believe in Santa Claus, like most children 3 or 4 years of age, my joy couldn't wait for Christmas morning. Since the scriptural theme of the Second Sunday of Advent was joy- a good week before Gaudete (rejoice!) Sunday- it seems that in the latter Sunday's scriptures, the followers of John the Baptist were also a bit ahead of themselves in their joy at his call to repentance. So they asked, seemingly with bated breath, "What should we do?" Nothing he suggests is very dramatic or extraordinary. It simply comes from the wisdom within.

The joy from the forgiveness and salvation that sets us, as well as them, free from the burden of sin should propel us into singing as we are once again renewed in God's love. When Zephaniah declares, "God is in your midst," we have reassurance that divine guidance resides in each person and within each believing community. And as Isaiah says in our psalm, like drawing water at the fountain of salvation you can return to this fountain again and again. The joy, courage and strength we receive from its water, always fresh and pure, overflows into our actions toward others.

In the gospel John the Baptist speaks of a more advanced stage of turning toward God. Beyond the baptism of repentance and its freeing joy is a further "baptism" with "the Holy Spirit and fire" that the Christ brings. Followers of Jesus will be empowered by the Spirit, who emboldens them for all manner of ministries. They will also undergo a purification process, a winnowing away of any imperfections that impede God's love and joy. It's not a process that separates people, good versus not so good, but a refining of all who turn to Christ.

## New to Our Parish?

### Returning and need to update information?

Ask an usher for the parish registration form. Complete and return to the church office or put in the collection plate.

We are happy you are here!

## DO YOU GET THE FLOCKNOTES?

Keep in touch with our parish through text and emails!

Text SJSPSA to  
84576

OR go to this  
QR code:



# RECYCLE THOSE LIGHTS!

Until January, we have a box to receive and recycle broken stringed lights in the back of the church.

Volunteers are needed to stay at Sterling House Warming Center during cold weather (<30F). 7pm to 7am. Please contact Vicki Wenz.



We need help putting up the trees and manger. Work will be done 12/21 or 12/23. Contact Steve Lane 859-404-4799.



“The more humble a man is, the better he knows himself and, therefore, the better he knows God. The more he knows God, the better he loves Him...thus by humility, he obtains more charity and by having more charity, he obtains more humility.”



- Blessed Anthony Grassi (1592-1671), Priest, Feast Day Dec. 18

## December Birthdays (Dec. 15th—21st)

- 12/15...Jim Bonfield
- 12/15...Eric Pate
- 12/19...Daniel Reyna
- 12/20...James de la Cruz
- 12/21...Ann Beckham



Please return  
**ANGEL TREE GIFTS**  
by **TODAY!**



During December, please bring in **Soups and Cereals** for the MOCO Food Bank. A box has been placed in back of church for collection.

**PLEASE USE RECYCLABLE WRAPPING PAPER OR RE-USABLE BAGS THIS YEAR!**



## UPCOMING **ST PATRICK (SPC)** or **ST JOSEPH (SJC)** MASS TIMES:

	SJC	SJC	SPC	SPC
	ENGLISH	SPANISH	ENGLISH	SPANISH
12/24	4pm		6pm*	9pm
12/25	8:30am	2pm		Noon

\*Music starting at 5:30pm for Christmas Eve at St Patrick. English Mass at 6 pm.

If you need an English Mass on Christmas Day, St Joseph in Winchester is at 8:30am.