

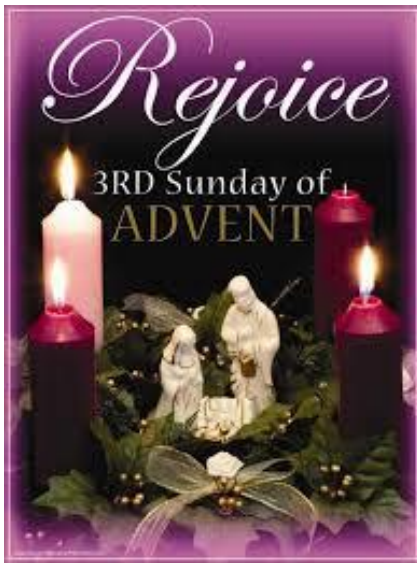
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The Third Sunday
 Of Advent
 December 12, 2021



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Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Outdoor Communion Sundays: 9:45 - 10:00 am

Reconciliation:

Monday & Tuesday 8:45 am; Thursday 5:00 pm

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm

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We warmly welcome new parishioners and ask them to register at the Parish Office. Individuals interested in becoming Catholic may contact Fr. Daniel Gifford or call the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, December 13 *St. Lucy*
 8:00 am Vernon & Betsy Sherbeyn+

TUESDAY, December 14 *St. John of the Cross*
 8:00 am Delores Thomas & Sophia Minnaert+

WEDNESDAY, December 15 *Advent Weekday*
 8:00 am Paul Garrity+
 9:00 am Michael Chavez Sr.+
 3:30 pm Harley Chaffee+

THURSDAY, December 16 *Advent Weekday*
 8:00 am Phyllis Pogorzelski+

FRIDAY, December 17 *Advent Weekday*
 8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

SATURDAY, December 18 *Vigil Mass 4th Sunday of Advent*
 5:00 pm Bernice Beiermann+

SUNDAY, December 19 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
 8:15 am People of the Parish
 10:30 am Meg Miller+

Advent Reconciliation Schedule
 Monday - Thursday 12:00 pm-12:30 pm
 Monday, November 29 through December 23.
 All are invited, and strongly encouraged to receive God's Mercy through this glorious Sacrament.



Weekend Mass Schedules:

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| St. Anthony/Atkinson | Sacred Heart/Annawan |
| 4:00 pm Saturday | 8:00 am Sunday |
| 9:30 am Sunday | |

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. - Wed. 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, Thurs.. 8 - 3 Fridays 8 - 1
*Bulletin articles **MUST** be submitted no later than Noon on Tuesdays.*

READINGS FOR SUNDAY - December 19, 2021

1st Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

From you shall come forth the ruler of Israel.

Responsorial: Psalm 80

R./: "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Behold, I come to do your will.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?



Weekly Calendar

Tuesday, December 14

Women's Support Group 6:00 pm Room C

Wednesday, December 15

School Mass 9:00 am

K-5 CCD 3:30 pm-4:45 pm

Mass CCD 6:30 pm

Oasis 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

6th & 7th Grade CCD 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

Thursday, December 16

Mass 8:00 am In the Daily Chapel (No 5:45 pm Mass)

The Rock 7th & 8th Grade 6:30 pm-8:00 pm YR

School Christmas Program 7:00 pm

Friday, December 17

Communion Service 8:00 am in the Daily Chapel

Sunday, December 19

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Outdoor Communion 9:45 am-10:00 am

Christmas Mass - Lay Minister Sign Up

Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve, Friday

4:00 pm, 7:00 pm & 10:00 pm

Christmas Day, Saturday

9:00 am

Can you help at our Christmas Masses?

We are in need of: EMHC, Lectors, Commentators, Ushers, Greeters and Altar Servers Please call the office to sign up.



Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 3:00 - 8:00 pm

Thursday 4:30 pm

(8:30 am on the 1st Fridays & 1st Saturdays)

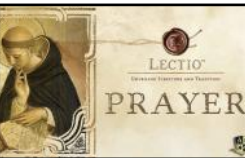
St. Pope John Paul II

In the Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration we meet the merciful love of God that passes through the Heart of Jesus Christ.

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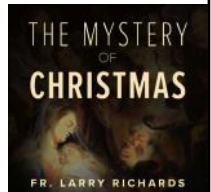
St Teresa of Ávila:
A Study in Perseverance



LEARN: Lectio: Prayer
An Intimate Dialogue

LISTEN:

The Mystery of Christmas
By Fr. Larry Richards



PICK OF THE WEEK December 12, 2021

REMINDER

Unfortunately there are scammers out there that will commonly use a priest name to elicit funds from people. If you have received a message from "Fr. Gifford" asking for funds in any way, it is a scam. Please note that the real Fr. Gifford will never ask for money or gift cards through email, text message or Facebook Messenger.



Circle 6 Dues is due!

Ladies, please drop off your \$5.00 dues at the Church Office in a marked envelope

Christmas LUNCHEON

Circle 6

Will have their annual Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 15 at 12:30 pm at Sweet Peas. All members are cordially welcome.

A Note From the Pastor

Dear St. Malachy Parishioners

Advent 2021: A Time of Safe Refuge to Remember the Faithfulness of God

Are the seeds of joy bursting forth for you yet? This weekend, we come to Gaudete Sunday, in which the Church calls us to Rejoice (Gaudete) in the nearness of the Lord. *“Shout for joy... Sing joyfully... Be glad and exult with all your heart,”* (Zephaniah 3). *“Cry out with joy and gladness,”* (Psalm Response). *“Rejoice in the Lord always,”* (Saint Paul to the Philippians). Seem like a bit of a tall order? Your answer probably depends on where your heart is at right now. But, Gaudete Sunday is upon us whether we feel ready for it or not. I attempted to help prepare us for this by reflecting on how the signs of peace we see around us, even when we look one another in the eye for the sign of peace, can become seeds of joy planted in soil tilled by hope.

So, let's go back to that tilling of the soil through the reeducation of hope. Advent Hope often involves the “beautiful letdown” of having to let go of the ways in which we have placed hope in the wrong things, as we realize they will never satisfy. In the process, not only can our understanding of hope deepen, mature and evolve, so also can our understanding of joy. In the words of the Catholic author Caryl Houselander, from the Advent chapter of her classic *The Reed of God*:

“There must be a period of gestation before anything can flower... Joy too must be allowed to gestate. Everyone should open his heart very wide to joy, should welcome it and let it be buried very deeply

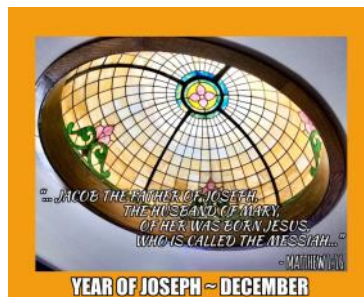
in him; and he should wait the flowering of it with patience. Of course, the first ecstasy will pass, but because in real joy Christ grows in us, the time will come when joy will put forth shoots and the richness and sweetness of the person who rejoiced will be Christ's flowering” (p. 66).

We sometimes experience joy as a kind of bursting forth. Other times, we experience it as something deep, hidden, growing and maturing beneath the surface. This deep and abiding joy does indeed require the kind of patience that sustains our hope, as Houselander was indicating. This patience grows within us when we remember the enduring faithfulness of God. And as patience sustains our hope, so also this hope sustains us, nourishing that little seed of joy, perhaps small and fragile, but nonetheless potent with life! When we experience this kind of joy, even if we sometimes find it hard to resonate with Saint Paul's first words, *“rejoice in the Lord always,”* still his later words find a deep resonance: *“the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”*

May the joy of the Lord abide in your hearts, whatever form it takes.

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Daniel P. Gifford


St. Malachy, Pray for us





Ladies, you are invited to join **St. Malachy Women's Support Group**. We meet Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in meeting room C, at the end of the staff hallway. We discuss how God blessed us this week, what we struggled with this week, and things we want to work on with God's help during the next week. There is a short lesson, and time for prayer intentions and prayer. It's a time for women to support each other. You don't have to call ahead, just come join us. If you have any questions you can contact Jennifer Ulam or Cathie Stinson.

The Rock - 7th & 8th Grade Youth Ministry

Meets every Thursday from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Youth Room. Please pray for the students as they grow closer to Christ in fellowship and service, seeking the patronage of St. Patrick & St. Teresa of Calcutta



Oasis - High School Youth Ministry

Oasis meets every Wednesday from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the Youth Room. We strive to nourish our mind, body, and soul. Growing in community as we walk together to come to know Jesus.



Christmas Flowers:

If you would like to donate towards the cost of Christmas flowers in honor of a loved one, please provide their name/names along with your donation, clearly marked "Christmas Flowers" and drop in the basket or leave at the Parish Office.



Holiday Giving Program

Help us make the Holidays bright for all of our participants!

Children: You can sign up to sponsor one or more children. A wish list will be emailed to you as soon as a list is available. Wrapping supplies are welcome and appreciated, but please bring the gifts unwrapped so that we can keep track of the gifts.

Adults: For the adults in all of our supportive housing and veterans' programs and those staying in the emergency shelter and the emergency winter shelter, we are asking for \$20 gift cards from Walmart. By our estimates we will need approximately 425 gift cards. We can provide you with information to do it online if you want to avoid a trip to the store. You could even purchase two \$10 gift cards from St. Malachy, Heaven Sent.


Can you help us spread the joy?
Contact Kayla at 563-326-1330 Ext. 113
or email K.Ballantyne@humility homes.org



St. Malachy Advent Giving Tree

St. Malachy Social Justice Committee is once again sponsoring our Advent Giving Tree. Our Giving Tree will be in the same format as last year. Instead of asking for household item donations as in years past, this year we are again asking for financial donations only. These can be in the form of cash, checks, or gift cards. Keep in mind, purchasing your gift card from Heaven Sent Scrip would also benefit our parish and school.

There are so many people in our area in need. Your donations will benefit: The Food Pantry, Humility Homes and Services, Local Students in Need, The New Life Farm, and Backpack Blessings, Inspire Continuing Care.



The Giving Tree will be set up near the church office the first weekend of Advent and donations will be accepted until the fourth Sunday of Advent, December 19. Donation envelopes can be found near the tree. Mark your envelope with your donation preference and return to the church office. Thank you.

"For it is in giving that we receive."
St. Francis of Assisi

Giving Tree





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Week 23 - December 5, 2021

| | Weekly Budget | Weekly Actual | Variance | YTD Budget | YTD Actual | Variance |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| General Collection | \$ 13,000 | \$ 27,654 | \$ 14,654 | \$ 299,000 | \$ 289,028 | \$ (9,972) |
| School Endowment | \$ 750 | \$ 638 | \$ (112) | \$ 17,250 | \$ 16,464 | \$ (786) |
| Paraclete Fund | \$ 750 | \$ 493 | \$ (257) | \$ 17,250 | \$ 11,068 | \$ (6,182) |
| Capital Improvement | \$ 750 | \$ 528 | \$ (222) | \$ 17,250 | \$ 13,893 | \$ (3,357) |

ADA

| GOAL | PLEGDED | VARIANCE | COLLECTED | VARIANCE | GOAL | # FAMILIES | VARIANCE |
|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|------|------------|----------|
| \$ 85,185 | \$ 86,875 | \$ 1,690 | \$ 70,975 | \$ (14,210) | 233 | 176 | (57) |



Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

October & November weekends postponed due to Covid

New Date, Men's: February 24-27, 2022

New Date, Women's: March 24-27, 2022

For more information visit: <https://nwcursillo.com>

Upcoming TEC Weekends



Feb. 12-14, 2022 (Girls)

April 2-4, 2022 (Boys)

June 25-27, 2022 (Girls)



For more info, visit www.northwest-tec.com



DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Please Pray for these
Seminarians:

Nathan Hopper

Ryan Mann

Peter Schoonmaker

Blake Miller

Luke Olson

Jacob Martini

Are you feeling called to serve as a priest or other religious?

If so, contact Fr. Chase Hilgenbrink:

309-671-1550 or email him: fr_hilgenbrinck@cdop.org

He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body."



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Luck of the Draw Winners November 2021



Feast of St. Malachy—(\$300) Susie Pierce

Last Day of the Month—(\$100) Mike Fox

All other Days \$25:

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Susie Pierce

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Congratulations to our monthly winners and thank you all for participating.

You can still buy, sell, and turn in raffle tickets all throughout the year.

Tickets are available in the Narthex, or in the Church Office during the week.

Good luck on future drawings!

Thank you,

Fr. Gifford and the St. Malachy Parents Club





Congratulations St. Malachy Parish!!

St. Malachy Parish has exceeded it's pledge goal of \$85,185.00 for ADA 2021. All monies received over our Appeal Goal are returned to the Parish.

Last year we received a rebate of \$14,216.00.

This year one of our goals is to increase the number of donors that participate in ADA. We hope each family will offer a gift to the Appeal to support the work of the Church. Please consider a gift of any size. Pledge Forms are available in the Narthex and the Parish Office.

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