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December 13, 2020 Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) The Lewis County Catholic Times

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**Gaudete Sunday** 

"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws coming insist so strongly that merely sentimental longings and near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should routine prayers, however multiplied, cannot prepare us worthily for the entrance He must expect and the welcome He be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior craves? means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see Pray very honestly, therefore, that you may begin to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again the practical reasons for the Church's crying out in the desert in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oftworld, and even into your own interior soul and heart: repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not "Prepare ye the way of the Lord: Make straight in the only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the wilderness His paths; Every valley shall be exalted; Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last Every mountain and hill shall be made low; And the words of the New Testament. crooked shall be made straight; And the rough ways Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term plain" (Is. 40:3, 4). Then shall you see the salvation of God!

Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to Excerpted from Our Way to the Father by Rev. Leo M. Krenz, emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we S I also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

## **Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Third Sunday of Advent**

"I (John) am the voice of one crying in the desert,... but (pointing to Christ) in the midst of you there has stood One Whom you do not know" (Gospel).

This is known as "Rejoice" Sunday, from the opening word of the Introit. Despite our self-praised progress, real joy is missing from modern life. In such a "desert" we must look to Christ. Only He can "bring light to the darkness of our minds" (Prayer). Only He can bless, deliver and forgive (Offertory). Only He can "say to the faint-hearted, 'Take courage'" (Communion Verse). During these days before Christmas "have no anxiety" about selecting or receiving mere tinsel gifts, but prepare "in. . .prayer. with thanksgiving" and "guard. . .your minds in Christ," the true source of our joy (Epistle).

Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

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## Christ Even Now on the Way to Bethlehem

vidently, in the mind of holy Church, neither the prophecy concerning Bethlehem Ephrata nor its fulfillment in the day of Caesar Augustus is to be considered merely a glorious divine disposition and achievement. No, the prophecy of Micheus is still being verified every day, but predominantly during the annual Advent season; for the selfsame incarnate eternal Son of God who journeyed to Bethlehem to be born there physically, now to the end of time comes to human souls as to spiritual Bethlehems, there to be born anew, again and again.

But be sure to picture these merciful spiritual journeyings of Christ to the Bethlehem of souls as all too often sadly realistic spiritual repetitions of His first long journey over the rugged road from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Meditate long on the wanton and malicious opposition He encounters on His way to them from souls that leave their senses and heart and mind to be ruled by earthly vanities, and their whole selves to be willing victims of the sensual and selfish illusions and witcheries of the seven capital vices.

Can you still fail to see why Isaias and the Baptist compare the hardships of the way of the world's Messiah-King to souls with a rough, crooked, and almost impassable road up steep hills and down precipitous valleys and through dangerous mountain passes? Do you wonder that these prophets of His

## St. Patrick Catholic Church

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#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. (Latin)

#### **Reconciliation:**

Wednesday and Saturday, 6:00pm, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

### Weekday Masses:

Wed., 6:00 p.m.

(See Weekly Schedule for any changes to times or location!)

# **Eucharistic Adoration:**

Wednesday, 5:00 to 5:45p.m.

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## Park & Pray

Reminder: the Blessed Sacrament is present at the side door of the Parish Office every day for private praver until around 6:00 p.m. Come out and spend some time in the presence of Our Lord!

# St. Patrick Church Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship

If you would like to memorialize the sanctuary lamp in honor/memory of someone for a two-week period, please call the parish office at 304-269-3048. The donation is \$20. The lamp is burning December 6–19 in honor of Steve Moran.

#### **Parish Office Hours:** (By Appointment)

Sunday, 10:30 - 12:30 Monday, 9 - 4 Tuesday, 9 - 4 Wednesday, 12 - 5 Thursday, 9 - 1 Friday, 9 - 1

### St. Patrick Catholic School

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- Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

# Latin Mass Livestream Options

Livestream Video Schedule For The Priory of the Canons Regular of the New Jerusalem on their YouTube channel and Facebook page. You do not have a Facebook account to view the Mass.

> Sunday Low Mass: 8:30 am

Weekdays & Saturday Monday - Friday: 8:00 am, Saturday: 9:30 a.m.

### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

# **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, December 12, 2020, Our Lady of Guadalupe			
6:00 p.m.	Confessions		
6:30 p.m.	Mass for †Emma Pascasio by Judy Woodruff		
Sunday, December 13, 2020, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
10:00 a.m.	Confessions		
10:30 a.m.	Mass for †Pat Stark by The Theresa Snaith Aux		
12:00 p.m.	Confessions		
12:30 p.m.	(Latin Mass) Third Sunday of Advent		
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Wednesday, December 16, 2020, Wednesday of the Third We			
6:00 p.m.	NO MASS		
Saturday, December 19, 2020, Saturday of the Third Week o			
6:00 p.m.	Confessions		
6:30 p.m.	Mass for †Paul Derico by John and Judy Dolan		
Sunday, December 20, 2020, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVE			
10:00 a.m.	Confessions		
10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish		
12:00 p.m.	Confessions		
12:30 p.m.	(Latin Mass) Fourth Sunday of Advent		
	Mass for †Steve Stott by Steven and Megan Wh		
	has suspended the obligation to attend Mass on further notice. Those who elect not to attend M		

## **Prayer List**

#### Of your charity, please offer prayers

- Those who are sick: Jim Arsenault, Nick Bakas, Jean Sc Rose Determan, Mary Eubank, Tom Fealy, Marsha Garton, Hamilton, Courtney Heimberger, Fr. John Hollowell, Shirl Mike Jefferson, Pam Mahdavi, Julia Marsh, Philomena Mar Mary Ann Murray, Susan Murray, Delores Paugh, Steve P Catherine Ratliff, John Riley, Mike Riley, Keith Rose, Sl Cindy Sumpter, Mary Taylor, Helen Tomaro, Philip Woodru
- Those who have died: Donna Jamison, May the souls of a through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- All Military Personnel: Alan Hamilton, Aaron Hamilto Brody Springer, Justin Stark
- Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
- Former priests and religious of our churches
- Those who are homebound, in assisted living or nursing he
  - All diagnosed with Covid 19

time, do not incur sin."

All health care workers, first responders, mail carriers and

## **Attendance & Collections**

Saturday Sunday (10:30)	55 81	Second and Spe
Sunday (Latin)	47	
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	<u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u>	
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# **Giving Tuesday Update**

Thank you to everyone who gave to the "Giving Tuesday" campaign. St. Pats raised \$9370!

You can no longer give online, but the diocese will allow churches to

continue to receive donations at the parish level. Our parish will receive 100% of donations made to this campaign. We do not have to give any amount to the diocese. Please remember to write "Giving Tuesday" in the memo line of your check.

## Parish Membership & Benefits:

To be considered an "active" member of any parish (and thus eligible for Sacraments, sponsor eligibility, and the "Active Parishioner Rate of tuition" at a Catholic school), the parish takes into account the following things. First, to receive a discount at a Catholic School or to receive a sacrament, <u>the children MUST attend weekend Mass.</u> Second, family & individual involvement in parish life and ministries are taken into consideration. Mass attendance is only able to be tracked accurately via collection envelopes. If you are not receiving envelopes currently, please contact the appropriate person at your parish. Parishioners over 18 should register as a household to help us keep records accurate and up-to-date.

# **Congratulations**

Join us in congratulating Abigail and Teresa Benjamin, who made their First Communion on Saturday, December 5. They are the daughters of Jon and Abigail Benjamin of Buckhannon.

