

The Lewis County Catholic Times

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Christ Even Now on the Way to Bethlehem



Evidently, 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 coming insist so strongly that merely sentimental longings and routine prayers, however multiplied, cannot prepare us worthily for the entrance He must expect and the welcome He craves?

Pray very honestly, therefore, that you may begin to see the practical reasons for the Church's crying out in the desert world, and even into your own interior soul and heart:

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord: Make straight in the wilderness His paths; Every valley shall be exalted; Every mountain and hill shall be made low; And the crooked shall be made straight; And the rough ways plain" (Is. 40:3, 4). Then shall you see the salvation of God!

Excerpted from Our Way to the Father by Rev. Leo M. Krenz, S.J.

Gaudete Sunday

"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we 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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Wednesday, 5:00 to 5:45p.m.

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- Sunday, December 13, Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)
- Monday, December 14, Feria of Advent
- Tuesday, December 15, Feria of Advent
- Wednesday, December 16, Ember Wednesday of Advent
- Thursday, December 17, Greater Feria of Advent
- Friday, December 18, Ember Friday of Advent
- Saturday, December 19, Ember Saturday of Advent

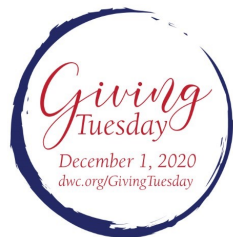
Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 24, 2020

4:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

Christmas Day
Friday, December 25, 2020

Midnight (12:00 a.m.)
10:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m. (Latin)



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, **the children MUST attend weekend Mass.** 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.

