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140 West Government Street, Pensacola, Florida 32502

Third Sunday of Advent - December 17, 2023

Parish Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am
Monday-Friday 5:30 pm
Wednesday 9:00am and 5:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday-Friday 4:45 to 5:15 pm
For appointment, contact
Parish Office

Rosary Prayed

Every Sunday: 8:10 am

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday Closed

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Third Sunday of Advent



Joy

Welcome to St. Joseph Catholic Church!

We welcome you to St. Joseph Catholic Church. If you are new to this area or are returning to the practice of our Catholic faith, we welcome you to our Parish. Please call or stop by the office so we can meet you. If you are a visitor, thank you for joining us. Please sign our Visitor book located in the back of the Church.

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Gaudete Sunday – The Third Sunday of Advent

by Father Michael Van Sloun

A Joyful Sunday. The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as *Gaudete* Sunday. The word “*gaudete*” is derived from the Latin words “*gaudium*,” joy, and “*gaudeo*,” to rejoice or be glad. *Gaudete* Sunday occurs eight to thirteen days before Christmas, and the nearness of the feast is reason for great joy.



“The rose, a symbol for joy”.

St. James Catholic Church,
Dawson, Minnesota

The Term “*Gaudete*.” *Gaudete* is taken from the Entrance Antiphon: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near” (paraphrase, Phil 4:4-5). Advent is a time of joyful expectation and eager preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas.

Multiple Reasons for Joy. There is joy in looking forward to the annual celebration of Christmas, but there is also joy in recalling the birth of Jesus on the first Christmas. The joy is heightened because he was born to save us from our sins (Mt 1:21b). The joy also extends to anticipation of the Second Coming, either at the end of physical life or the end of the world, the time when believers will be given the crown of righteousness (2 Tm 4:8) and a place in the Father’s house (Jn 14:2) to dwell with God and his angels and saints for all eternity.

A Joyful Color. Rose represents joy and may be used as the liturgical color for *Gaudete* Sunday. Violet remains the official color for the Season of Advent, the Third Sunday included, because all of Advent has a penitential tone, a time to be absolved of sin and be in the state of

grace for Christmas. *Gaudete* Sunday offers a brief respite to focus on the uplifting, upcoming joyful celebration of the Nativity.

Joyful Adornments. The priest may wear a rose chasuble and the deacon may wear a rose dalmatic. Church decorations may include roses or other flowers, a rose-colored altar cloth, drapery on the pulpit or ambo, chalice veil, tabernacle curtain, or wall hangings. The third candle of the Advent wreath is rose.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 18th
5:30 pm Souls in Purgatory+

Tuesday, December 19th
5:30 pm Souls in Purgatory+

Wednesday, December 20th
9:00 am Souls in Purgatory+
5:30 pm Souls in Purgatory+

Thursday, December 21st
5:30 pm MaeCoria Irene Floyd+

Friday, December 22nd
5:30 pm Timothy Moore

Sunday, December 24th
8:30 am Intentions of the Parish

11:00 am Conrad and Bing Felix+
4:00 pm Edith Barnes+

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISH FAMILIES WHO ARE ILL:

Caleb Bartholomew, Lucy Bell, Martha Carmichael, Jeremiah Coleman, Paul Copeland, Harold DesVirnes, Rosemary Donaldson, Carolyn Emerson, Michael Espree, Shannon Evans, Jeanne Firth, Richard Firth, Michael Flores, Davis Gonzales, Audrey Hogan, Tim Holley, Vincent Jackson, Nelson Jones, Timothy Jones, Glaydes Knight, Merrie Lee, Joshua Linton, Shawndra Malonson, Marie Mangria, Anne McDowell, Russell McLaughlin, Rosemary McQuay, Leroy Moore, Lemont Pass, Robert Patterson, Carolyn Porter, Debra Renshaw, John Rich, Bertha Roby, Marilyn Archer, Johnny Archer, Mechelle Rosier, Tony Scott, Anna Mae Smith, Sean Smithers, Lily Townsend, Ronald, Townsend, Tina Turner, Sally Valentine, Steve Vasek, Alma Williams, Ezzie Thrash, Reginald Ramsey, Charlena Archer, Harold White, Aubrey Patterson Jr, Anthony Floyd, Hazel Johnson, Theresa Cook, Samuel Horton, Wendy William, Nadia Nissa, Stephanie Peterson, Senaya Youngblood, Jase McClendor, Stanley Walker, Bob Mickelson, Steven Wilken, Melanie Row, Ethel Gober, Yvonne James, Leslie Poe, Dwight Hoffman, Bob Kelly, Cathy Buck and all the people who have no one to pray for them.

Eternal rest grant unto

Marjorie Edwards

1925—2023

Funeral Mass

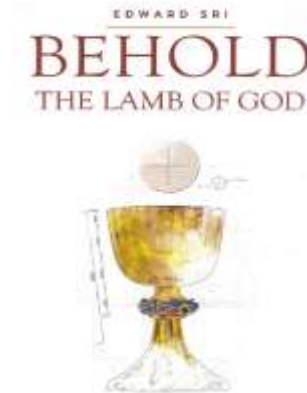
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
1212 E. Moreno Street, Pensacola, FL
Friday, December 29th, 2023
11:00 am



60 Questions and Answers On the Mystery of the Eucharist

THE EUCHARIST AS HOLY SACRIFICE

But where does Jesus say anything about the Eucharist *making* present his sacrifice on the Cross?



Here we need to understand the Jewish background of Jesus' crucial words at the Last Supper, "Do this in memory of me."

For the ancient Jews, a memorial does not merely recall a past event. It makes that past event present. For example, when they celebrated the Passover, they did so as a liturgical memorial. That means they didn't just remember the foundational event in their people's history, when they were liberated from slavery in Egypt. They believed that when they celebrated the Passover each year, the original Passover event was mystically made present to them so they could participate in it. A biblical memorial makes the past event present.

Therefore, when Jesus said at the Last Supper, "Do this in memory of me," he was not telling the Apostles to perform a simple ritual meal that would help people remember him. He was commanding the Apostles to celebrate the Last Supper as a liturgical memorial. Therefore, the heart of the Last Supper—the sacrificial offering of Christ's Body and Blood—would be made present to worshippers throughout the ages in the celebration of the Eucharist. As the Catechism explains, the Eucharist does not represent Christ's sacrifice on the cross merely symbolically; it "re-presents (makes present) the sacrifice of the cross" (CCC 1366, original emphasis). Indeed, the Body and Blood Jesus speaks of at the Last Supper are his Body and Blood sacrificed on Calvary, and this is what Jesus commanded the Apostles to make present in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Finding Joy



"Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in

Christ Jesus." (1Thes 5:16-18.). On this Gaudete Sunday, we joyfully await the profoundly humble coming of our Savior Jesus as a newborn babe into our world and more deeply into our hearts. St. Paul gives us two practical keys to finding joy: 1. Pray without ceasing. 2. Always give thanks. If we continually give ourselves in love to God in these two ways, we will experience the gift of God's great love which is our lasting joy.

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Monday, December 25th

Tuesday, December 26th

Monday, January 1st, 2024

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