

**DIARY FOR THE WEEK
CYCLE C**

MONDAY 16 DECEMBER 2024

MONDAY 3RD WEEK OF ADVENT

TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2024

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WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER 2024

WEDNESDAY 3RD WEEK OF ADVENT

THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER 2024

THURSDAY 3RD WEEK OF ADVENT

FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER 2024

FRIDAY 3RD WEEK OF ADVENT

SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER 2024

SATURDAY 3RD WEEK OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER 2024

**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
YEAR C**

SUNDAY MISSAL: 787

OR OLD: 713

DAILY MISSAL: 90

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Obligation:

Saturday	17h00
Sunday	07h30 ; 09h30 ; 17h00

Weekday Masses

Monday	08h30
Tuesday	06h15
Wednesday	School Mass at 08h00 17h30
Thursday	08h30
Friday	06h15 & 17h30
Saturday	08h00

Public Holidays 08h30

CONFESSION:

Thursday	After morning Mass
Saturday	After morning Mass

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & BENEDICTION

Will begin at 5pm every first Friday.

Every other Friday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 5 followed by Mass at 5.30pm.

First Friday Mass will be celebrated at Little Eden every first Friday at 10am.

First Saturday Novena to Our Lady of Fatima is prayed after morning Mass.

**St Thérèse Worshipping
Community:**

Vision Statement:

**"To live and grow as worshipping
community in order to walk closer
with our Trinitarian God."**

Mission Statement:

**"To engage our worshipping community
by celebrating, renewing and sharing
our Catholic Faith through Liturgy,
Sacraments, education and serving our
brothers and sisters."**



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15 December 2024

**Third Sunday of
Advent Year C**

SUNDAY MISSAL: 783

OR OLD: 710

DAILY MISSAL: 72

Pastors:

*Rev. Fr. Jonathan Petersen OMI
Rev. A.R Bishop (Deacon)
Rev. D Gregory (Deacon)
Rev. F. Graham (Deacon)
Rev. M. Hughes (Deacon)
Rev. Peter Rohrbeck (Deacon)*

Entrance Antiphon (Phil. 4:4-5)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say
rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Responsorial Psalm
(Isaiah 12:2-3,4bcde,5-6 (R. 6)

**R: Shout and sing for joy, for great in your
midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

1. Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust and will not be afraid;
for the Lord God is my strength and my
song,
and he has become my salvation.
With joy you will draw water from the wells
of salvation. **R**

2. Give thanks to the Lord,
call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the nations,
proclaim that his name is exalted. **R**

3. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done
gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.
Shout and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of
Israel. **R**

Second reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel Acclamation: (Luke 4:18)

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has sent me to
preach good news to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Communion Antiphon: (Cf. Is. 35:4)

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not
fear. Behold our God will come and he will save
us.

Communion Reflection:

** Lord Jesus, let your light burn brightly in my heart
that I may know the joy and freedom of your
kingdom. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower
me to witness the truth of your gospel and to point
others to the light of Christ.*

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COMMUNITY

VARIOUS INTENTIONS TO PRAY FOR:

Our Sick - Dear Lord, in your great compassion and love, we ask you to lay your healing hands on the sick and aged of our parish and all our loved ones.

The Unemployed - Dear Lord, we pray for those struggling to find employment, that through their hardship they will put their faith and trust in you.

Those who are grieving: – O Lord, we call upon You in our time of sorrow, that You give us the strength and will to bear our heavy burdens, while we struggle to comprehend life's hardships.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of December: For pilgrims of hope: We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

SACRAMENTS AND PREPARATION

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

If you have a family member in the parish who is housebound and in need of Holy Communion, please contact the parish office.

BAPTISM

Parents are required to attend a course of instruction before the baptism of their child. Please contact the parish office to make an appointment. Please ensure that you book your baby's baptism date with the office. No baptism will be done without a booking.

MARRIAGE

Couples are required to attend a pre-marriage course of instruction or an Engaged Encounter weekend. Please Contact Fr. Jonathan three to six months before the event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Catholic Woman's League would like to extend a **Big Thank You** to all the parishioners for your love and support during the sale of the Advent Wreaths and Candles. We were truly overwhelmed

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2024

Mon. 23rd Dec

- 8.30am Mass

Tues. 24th Dec Christmas Eve

NO MORNING Mass.

- Christmas Vigil 6.00pm.
- Carol's 11h00pm
- Midnight Mass. 00h00am.

Wed. 25th Dec. Christmas Day

- 7.30am MASS & 9.30am MASS
- No evening Mass.

Thurs 26th Dec. 8.30am Mass

- NO CONFESSIONS

Fri 27th Dec. 8.30am Mass

- no evening Mass

Sat 28th 8.00am Mass with confessions

5.00pm Mass

Sun 29th Dec. Holy Family

7.30am Mass & 9.30am Mass & 5.00pm Mass

Mon. 30th 8.30am Mass

Tue. 31st 8.30am Mass

Wed. 1st Jan. 8.30am Mass

no evening Mass

Thurs. 2nd Jan. 8.30am Mass

- NO CONFESSIONS

Fri 3rd Jan. 8.30am Mass

- no evening Mass
- no benediction

Sat 4th Jan 8.00am Mass with confessions

- 5.00pm Mass

Sun 5th Jan. Epiphany 7.30am Mass and

9.30am Mass and 5.00pm Mass

Mon 6th Jan to Fri 10th Jan 8.30am Mass

- no evening Masses
- The office will function on an emergency needs only.

TODAY

3rd Week of Advent: Joy Before Us

A lot of us are feeling little to no joy. So much has happened this year. Read the lyrics of this well-known Christian hymn:

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come,
Let earth receive her King,
Let every heart prepare Him room
And Heaven and nature sing
Joy to the World, the Saviour reigns!
Let men their songs employ...*

What is this? Is it denial? Wishful thinking? Christian escapism? Or is it something *else*?

Jesus is our joy, not because he solves all our problems or eradicates everything that pains the world, but because he joins us here and then promises to be with us always. Now, you may ask, if all that is true, why am I not experiencing that joy? Well, one, because it was a very hard year, and we're human, fragile, and vulnerable. Irrespective of this: **We need to Choose Joy**

A key idea: our relationship to joy isn't just passive, it's also active. Joy isn't just something we feel; it's also something we choose. "Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day." *Henri Nouwen*

ART PIECE: FINDING THE CHILD JESUS IN THE TEMPLE:

Ponder / contemplate the JOY Mary felt when she found her son.

- Jesus was missing for three days.
- Mary and Joseph were in great anxiety for their missing child. This is depicted in the painting through Mary's looks. Her eyes look into the distance. Her eyes are filled with anxiety. Mary is lost in her thoughts. Jesus was missing for three days.
- Jesus too is in a state of great anxiety, as he knows the worry he put his parents

through. The human Jesus worries about the anxiety of his earthly parents.

- The Jesus who is Christ (in the painting the priestly garments display his divinity), know his folks will experience the JOY, when they find out he's not missing but in the temple doing his Father's work.
- His teaching brings Joy to his hearers. The bread at the bottom right of the art piece indicates the Eucharist. The Place of Joy for all Catholics.
- We walk that road in this advent time. Advent is a journey. A journey of pilgrimage. Walking beside each other, giving one another hope, encouragement and a presence.

If you're not all high-spirited this Advent time, go easy on yourself, because joy is more than just an emotion. The same is true for the other Advent themes. All four are more than emotions, they are an inner condition of the heart of Jesus that we take on in our own heart as we apprentice under him. The joy Jesus was bringing into the world was like no other kind in history. Once we have it, it cannot be destroyed. Jesus said, "**No one will take your joy from you**" (John 16:22).

A simple prayer for the week:

Heavenly Father, I come to You today to ask for Your Joy. I know You are the source of all joy, and I ask that You would fill my heart with Your presence. Help me to see good in my life, even when things are tough. Help me to be grateful for all that You have given me. And help me to share Your joy with others, Amen.

Our joy doesn't come from our jobs, our family, our relationships, our finances, or our success. Our joy doesn't come from what we have on earth or who we are with. Our joy is a gift. It is the gift that God gave us that first Christmas in Jesus Christ. Our joy is encompassed in our Saviour, King Jesus.

Flood our heart with joy this Advent season as we reflect on the good news of Jesus' birth. In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen