

December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

Collection December 5, 2021

Collection	\$ 995.00
Gift Cards	\$ 50.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 20.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 30.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 35.00
Christmas	\$ 30.00
Attendance	39

December 19, 2021

Lector: John Balconi

Commentator: Debbie Grubb

Usher: Owens Family

**Please be respectful and quiet for those praying before Mass
as you enter the sanctuary.**

Readings for December 12, 2021

Reading 1: Micah 5:1-4a

Reading 2: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Information about St. Edward- Daily readings, the bulletin, homilies, and other information can be found on our webpage at: <https://stedwardpulaski.org>

Donations- please mail your regular donations to St. Edward's Catholic Church, PO Box 1670, Pulaski, VA 24301, if you are not attending Mass.

Prayer List - Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Joan Jennings, Jody Riffey, Stephen Petrowski, Christine Scarpinato, Michael Linkous, Megan Talbert, Bob Huttick, Rosanna Vallo, Mikey Malloy, and Father Bernie.
(Please contact Stan Stanley if you have additions or deletions)

Confessions- Father Boat will be in his office this Thursday December 16th to hear individual confessions. Come anytime between 5:00 pm and 6:30pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Preparing for Advent- Did you know there are two parts of Advent. Check out the "Praying Advent" site, offered by Creighton University's Online Ministries. It promises to help us have the best Advent experience ever. Just go to the site: onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent or use the QR code.



The Second Part of Advent- December 17th- 24th

In these last eight days before Christmas, the relationship between the readings changes. Now the gospel brings us to our celebration of Christmas. The gospels are taken from the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke.

Each of these days, the first reading is taken from the Hebrew scriptures, and chosen to match the gospel. In many cases we can imagine Matthew or Luke having the first reading open on their desks while they wrote the gospel.

So, we can read the gospel first and then read the first reading. The sense of anticipation and fulfillment builds as we read the story of the preparation for Jesus' first coming into this world for us.

Gaudete Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent in the liturgical calendar of Western Christianity, including the Roman Catholic Church. One of the candles is rose or pink. We light it on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday in Advent, to represent joy and anticipation of Christmas.

Getting vaccinated is an "act of love" - Pope Francis

December Birthdays

Mary Klima	Dec. 4
Walter Harriman	Dec. 8
Wayne Trail	Dec. 9
John Balconi	Dec. 10
Cheri Strenz	Dec. 10
Joan Jennings	Dec. 18
Dan Grubb	Dec. 21
Mary Beth McNair	Dec. 31

December Anniversaries

daily lives is touched by the sacred because God is present in even the most mundane tasks.

"Lord, let me place my trust in you. I get so independent and think I need to fix everything myself. Let me remember not to be afraid of so much and to ask you for the healing that my heart needs so badly. Give me the patience this week to deal with the relationships in my life that need mending and the forgiveness that I can give others and that I need so badly myself. Be with me through the darkness so that I can see the light that you bring to us and the joy with which you want to fill our hearts."

We are moving toward the end of our Advent journey. Even if we don't feel like we have "started" on Advent yet, we can begin today. We are being invited: "Do not be afraid!"

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Daily Prayer This Week

This Third Week of Advent, our daily prayer continues to allow us to become much more concrete about naming our desires and preparing the way for the Lord. We begin this week with joy, knowing that our celebration of all the ways our Lord comes to us is near.

In these familiar readings is an invitation to us to ask again for help, perhaps especially in dealing with our fears. In many of this week's gospels an angel, a messenger from God reassures these holy but very human members of Jesus' family over and over: "Do not be afraid." Fear can come in between us and God when asking for the help we need in our lives.

In the midst of what our culture tells us should be a picture-perfect holiday season, we can step back and get in touch with our fears and ask God to help us deal with the relationships we are afraid of, the family tensions that make us apprehensive, and the stress that can take us out of the spirit of Advent reflection. If we pause for just a minute, we can feel in our hearts that Jesus is saying gently to us each day: "Do not be afraid."

These very busy days can still be a time for us to focus our desires, perhaps each morning at the side of our bed, while in the shower or while going about our daily errands. We can ask God to remind us again that what we are doing in our

ST. EDWARD'S ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 16	Individual Confession	5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
December 24	Caroling	6:30 – 7:00 pm
	Christmas Eve Mass	7:00 pm
December 25	No Mass at St. Edward's	-----
January 1	No Mass at St. Edward's	-----
January 2	Epiphany of the Lord	11:00 am