



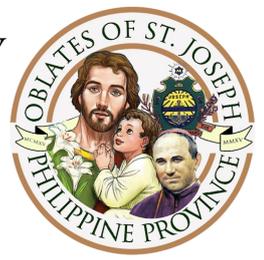
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year B

Sunday, 13 December 2020

A very warm welcome to everyone in our parish this weekend.



THIRD SUNDAY
 OF
Advent

Today's Readings...

First Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11

Responsorial Psalm:
 My soul rejoices in my God.

Second Reading: 1 Thes. 5: 16-24

Gospel Acclamation:
 Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; He sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

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

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Recognizing the Almighty

“I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.” John 1:26–27

These are words of true humility and wisdom. John the Baptist had quite a following. Many were coming to him to be baptized, and he was gaining much notoriety. But his notoriety did not go to his head. Instead, he understood his role of preparing the way for “the one who is coming.” He understood that he needed to decrease as Jesus began His public ministry. And, thus, he humbly points others to Jesus.

In this passage, John was speaking to the Pharisees. They were clearly envious of John’s popularity and questioned him about who he was. Was he the Christ? Or Elijah? Or the Prophet? John denied all of that and identified himself as one who is not worthy to even untie the sandal straps of the one who is coming after him. Thus, John sees himself as the “unworthy one.”

But it is this humility that makes John truly great. Greatness does not come by self-elevation, or self-promotion. Greatness comes solely by fulfilling the will of God. And, for John, the will of God was to baptize and to point others to Him Who was coming after him.

It’s also important to note that John said to the Pharisees that they “do not recognize” the one who is coming after him. In other words, those who are filled with pride and self-righteousness are blind to the truth. They cannot see beyond themselves, which is an incredible lack of wisdom.

Reflect, today, upon your calling to imitate these virtues of St. John the Baptist. Do you see your duty in life as one that is singularly focused upon putting your eyes on Christ and pointing others to Him? Do you humbly recognize that it is Jesus Who must increase and that you are nothing more than His unworthy servant? If you can seek to serve the will of God with complete humility, you also will be truly wise. And like through John, many will come to know Christ because of your holy service.

Lord, fill me with true humility. May I know and believe with all my heart that I am unworthy of the incredible life of grace You have given to me. But in that humble realization, give me the grace I need to serve You with all my heart so that others may come to know You through me. Jesus, I trust in You.

Source: <https://mycatholic.life/books/catholic-daily-reflections-series/advent-and-christmas-reflections/preview-advent-reflections-for-2020/>



Our Parish Prayer Intention this week

We pray for everyone at home and around the world who have been affected by the Corona Virus Pandemic; those who are sick, for their healing; those who are in isolation and those FRONTLINERS (healthcare workers, peacemakers, first

responders, volunteers and non-health workers) for their protection from harm; and to all our civil leaders, that they would listen to the voice of the Spirit in every decision that they make. Let us be one with them in prayer.

We pray for the special intentions...

Norma Doyle, Margaret Muller, Jane Shaw, June Higgins, Robert Main, Jane Bell, Bill Parker, Sarah Stevenson, Virgilio Pesigan, Todd Bennett, Carrie Bertola, Maurice Byrne, Julian Letter, Bonita Stevenson, Gary Maxine Fryatt, Lorelie Donkin, Cirila Adams, Jose Vecchio, Tegan Castellaro, India Heslop, Sue Dechow, Lucyna Collins, John and Stefania Kopec, Victor Cruz, Zoe Whittingstall, Comple Family, Theresa Macaulay, Halina Van Moorsel, Allysa and Leonie Dorothy Hard

If you have a loved one who wishes to be included, or you would like to update your information in our prayer list, please do not hesitate to message or ring us.

Anniversary of Death for this month: Michael Srodzinski, Jack & Marie Crannage

Recent Death: May Beech, Jim Doyle

ROSARY STATUES:

*Pilgrim Statue
Wilma & Ivor Ward*

*Filipino Statue
Leizel & Toto Madamecila*

Our PARISH OFFICE is now finally OPEN!!!

Our Parish Office will be opened ONLY on Friday from 9am until 12noon. During all other times, please do not hesitate to contact us either via phone or email.

Phone: (08) 9841 1129

Email: albacath@iinet.net.au

PARISH FINANCE Your donation can make a big difference.

OPTION 1: Planned Giving Pledge Forms are available from the parish office.

OPTION 2:

ONLINE BANK TRANSFER

Account Name: Albany Catholic Parish

BSB: 086-006 A/C: 84-698-5771

Reference: Your Name-Planned Giving

You want to give to the Collection Basket but NO CASH? In the foyer of the church, **TAP & PAY** is now also available... This may only be a trial but it truly works. Have a go and tell me how you found it.

Once again, thank you very much for your generosity and support. God bless!

-Fr Chris, OSJ

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 19/20 December 2020

Saturday 6pm Mass - Holy Family Church

Deacon / Acolyte: Gavin Higgins

Readers: Erica Mielens, Cris Palfrey

Sunday 7.30am Mass - St Joseph's Church

Deacon / Acolyte: Manuel Navalta

Readers: Peter and Julie Jeffs

Sunday 9.30am Mass - Holy Family Church

Deacon/ Acolyte: Ron Webb

Reader: Helen Lecky, Marinela / Liezel

Sunday 5.00pm Mass - St Joseph's Church

Deacon / Acolyte: John Kelly

Readers: Georgia Clark, Joanne/Juan Clark

SAFEGUARDING PARENT RESOURCE STORYBOOK



Parents of primary aged children are encouraged to take a free copy of the parent resource story book, 'God Gave Elizabeth Grace the Right to Feel Safe'. This is a resource book and is not suitable for children to read without parental guidance. The aim of the storybook is to provide parents with a resource to increase the personal safety and resilience of their children. The book is available in the foyer of Holy Family Church and at the parish office.



BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P: Let us pray...

Lighting of the candle takes place at this time.

P: Lord Jesus, your coming was foretold by the Prophet Isaiah who cried with joy, for God clothes us in the garments of salvation. (First Reading)

ALL: Come Lord Jesus!

P: Lord Jesus, you come among us now as the light of the world. St Paul urges us to be happy at all times and to pray constantly. (Second Reading)

ALL: Come Lord Jesus!

P: Lord Jesus, you sent John the Baptist to be a witness for the light. (Gospel)

ALL: Come Lord Jesus!

P: Let us pray...

This is to be used when the Responsorial Psalm is to be sung by the cantor.

To You, O Lord Marty Haugen

**Response: To you, O Lord,
I lift my soul, to You, I lift my soul.**

Lord, make me know your ways;
Teach me your paths and
keep me in the way of your truth,
For You are God, my Saviour.

Response

For the Lord is good and righteous,
Revealing His way to those
who seek Him, Gently leading
the poor and the humble.

Response

To the ones who seek the Lord,
who look to His Word, who live
His Love, He will always be near,
He will show them His mercy.

Response

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PARISH BUSY BEE

• **ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH**

Sunday 13 December 2020

• **HOLY FAMILY CHURCH**

Sunday 20 December 2020



Straight after Mass with only an hour or so of your time required. Everyone is welcome to come along to help clean and tidy up our churches and surrounding grounds in preparation for the Christmas Season. This is a great opportunity to come together as a parish and enjoy morning tea and a sausage sizzle afterwards. Please bring along some cleaning materials and helping hands. Many thanks and May Our Lord abundantly bless each of you and your families.

CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY

We need performers for a Nativity Mime, to be performed before the Mass on Christmas Eve, December 24, at 6.00pm in Holy Family church. Parents, please send your children along to our two practices as we need Mary, Joseph, an Innkeeper, Shepherds, Angels, Wisemen. A cast of thousands would be wonderful! Anne Smith 0478 616 137

Wednesday December 23

10.00am at Holy Family church.

Thursday December 24

10.00am at Holy Family church.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

We will require Door Attendants and Ushers to assist at all Christmas Masses as we endeavour to accommodate as many people as possible while still adhering to COVID guidelines. If you can help in any way, please speak to Fr Chris or contact the parish office.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY PARISH PICNIC/ BBQ

Sunday December 27 after 9.30am Mass at Holy Family church. Please BYO picnic/BBQ lunch. Everyone most welcome.

PARKING Please take note of the new traffic lane at Holy Family Church with thanks to the Knights of the Southern Cross for their great initiative. We also request all parishioners please refrain from parking along the roundabout. New PWD/ Elderly Parking Bays are available on the Hardie Road side of the church.

UNDERSTANDING THE PARTS OF THE MASS (SERIES)

By Fr. Francis J. Hoffman, JCD



PRAYERS OF

THE FAITHFUL There are four 'ends' of the Mass, just as there are four 'ends' of prayer: Petition, Adoration, Reparation, and Thanksgiving. Pope Benedict XVI observed that we are "at our most attentive in prayer of petition and prayer of thanksgiving." When I read that observation, I thought about my own experience in prayer, and realized that it's true. The Prayers of the Faithful follow the homily, and while they are not mandatory at every Mass, I don't know why you would omit them since we have such a wonderful opportunity to win God's mercy by asking for His help. The priest introduces and closes the Prayers of the Faithful, while the reader announces the various intentions and invites the congregation to pray by saying, "We pray to the Lord", and the people respond, "Lord, hear our prayer." There is an order to the petitions, starting with universal needs of the Church and moving down to local needs, often mentioning by name the sick and recently deceased in the parish. I always make a point of praying for the Holy Father and the Bishops, as well as for peace in the world and the special protection of Christians persecuted around the world. I also remember to pray for mothers and the safety of unborn children and an increase in vocations ... and the list could go on and on because there is an infinite amount of grace available at each Mass, so 'why leave money sitting on the table?'

CONTACT REGISTER

Places of Worship have now been given an exemption from the 2 square metre ruling and allowed to have 60% capacity in attendance. However, to assist with COVID-19 Contact Tracing the WA Government has stipulated we must maintain a **Mandatory Contact Register**. There are 2 options available to register your contact details each time you attend church.

Option 1: Write your name and phone number on the Contact Register in the foyer of the church.

Option 2: Download the SafeWA app on your phone and scan the QR code which is on the front page of the bulletin and also on the posters displayed.

I ask everyone to please still strictly observe the following protocols:

- **Please sanitise your hands thoroughly.**
- **COMMUNION is to be received by the hand.**
- Sanitising wipes are available for you to use to wipe over your seat.
- **MASS COLLECTION**, a collector will use a basket on a stick to refrain from passing the basket. In **St Joseph's church**, we will only have one collection, so you may include your Planned Giving Envelopes with the first. At **Holy Family church**, we will still keep the two collections.

Thank you for your kind understanding! Fr Chris, OSJ

OUR TIMETABLES are as follows:

(Due to the pandemic, schedules may be subject to change without prior notice.)

DAILY MASSES

In St Joseph's Church ONLY

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday and Saturday - 9:00AM Mass**

Friday - 12:00 Noon Mass

**First Friday - Healing Mass

Daily Devotions:

Mon, Wed and Thurs (8:30AM) - LAUDS (Morning Prayer)

Tuesday (8:30AM) - ROSARY

Friday (10:00AM) - Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament; Divine Chaplet before the Mass

Saturday (9:45AM - onwards) - SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**First Thursday - Holy Hour at 6:00PM

****St Joseph's Church is open for personal prayer and devotion from 9:30am until 5:00pm everyday.**

WEEKEND MASSES

Holy Family Church

6:00PM - Saturday

9:30AM - Sunday

St Joseph's Church

7:30AM and 5:00PM - Sunday

**Stations Masses (Gnowangerup, Bremer Bay and Ongerup) will now resume also.