

DECEMBER 14 - SATURDAY

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Vigil Readings: *See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Fr. Joe Robinson*6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**DECEMBER 15 – SUNDAY***Sunday Readings:*

Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

9:00 AM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Intention of
Jonathan Richards*12:30 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**DECEMBER 16 – MONDAY**

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

DECEMBER 17 - TUESDAY

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

7:00 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Miguel**DECEMBER 18– WEDNESDAY**

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Michael Lander***DECEMBER 19 - THURSDAY**

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**DECEMBER 20 – FRIDAY**

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Rudy – *Frank Lienhart, Jr***DECEMBER 21 - SATURDAY**

Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45

Vigil Readings: *see Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Bill Konerman*6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**DECEMBER 22 – SUNDAY***Sunday Readings:*

Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Mary Schnetzer*12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy**English Mass Ministry Schedule: December 21-22**

Lectors: 4:00 PM – C. Roosa

11:00 AM – S. Orth

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM – T. LeSaint/D. Mercer

11:00 AM – S. Terschack

Servers: 4:00 PM – Z. & M. Nintrup

11:00 AM – L. Finke

Offertory Family:

4:00 PM: Keller

11:00 AM: N/A

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Last Week's Collection: \$9,348
 Offerings received to-date: \$183,349
 Amount needed to catch up: \$8,651
 Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000

Thank you for your generosity.

Make it easy on yourself. ***Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering.*** To take advantage of this convenience, please call 513-541-1563.

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Diane Hurse (14), Rick Baltus (14), Lori Bollin (14), Judy Van Niman (15), Bob Schinaman (15), Mary Juelg (17), Janet Tepe (17), Henry Wesseler (17), James Hochwalt (17), Nathan Mendel (17), Brianne Wanner (17), Phinneas Garitson (17), Linda Langer (18), Rachel Gelly (18), Nicole Pierson (18), Lexi Stroud (18), Tom Herbert (19), Arya Nastold (19), Ed Robb (20), Mchael Miller (20), Kathleen Dickman (20), Jacob Bryant (20), Maria Schlaechter (20).

FOUR GRAND CLUB: Congratulations to our Week 16 winners: David Crosby, Paul and Rosemary Welz, and Frank Walker. They each won \$25.

GRAND RAFFLE WINNERS: Congratulations to Doug & Sandy Doxsey (\$3,000), Jack Shepherd (\$1,500), and Cliff Poppel (\$500).

FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION: The Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday, is a joyful pause in the season of preparation. The word Gaudete means “rejoice,” signaling that we are nearing the celebration of Christ’s birth. This Sunday’s Gospel, taken from Luke 3:10-18, brings us to a moment when people asked John the Baptist, “What should we do?” His responses were clear and direct: share what you have, be honest, do not take advantage of others. These are not abstract theological teachings but instructions for how to live justly every day. John, the last prophet, calls the people not only to hear these instructions but to act on them.

John the Baptist was no mere teacher of morals; he was the forerunner of Jesus, preparing the people for the coming of the “main event,” not an “opening act.” Prophets, after all, are called to instruct the heart, not merely the mind. They remind us that as humans, we are in exile here on earth, longing for something more profound, a life closer to God. John’s message was simple but profound: to live justly, to act in ways that bring us closer to holiness, and to prepare for a new kind of baptism that would come from Jesus—the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, a fire that purifies the soul.

This Gospel calls us to common acts of justice: share your cloak, be fair, don’t exploit power for selfish gain. Don’t be like the Pharisees, who spoke of the law but didn’t live by it. Be an instrument of love. This isn’t just about following rules but about listening to the quiet voice of conscience that nudges us to do what’s right. In living a moral life, we can draw nearer to God, who is the source of all goodness.

While we don’t choose our biological birth, we can choose a new birth into spiritual life by living intentionally and with compassion. This Advent season, let us go beyond words and embrace deeds that reflect the love of Christ. Be an instrument of peace, a beacon of justice, and a vessel of God’s mercy. Let us, with joy, prepare for the coming of our

Savior by transforming ourselves through actions that speak the language of love and justice.

LAS POSADAS: This Mexican Christmas tradition commemorates Mary and Joseph’s search for shelter on their way to Bethlehem. Our celebration of this event runs from Monday, December 16 – Tuesday, December 24th at 7:00 p.m. each evening (or follows the evening Mass). All are welcome to participate.

PENANCE SERVICE: Our communal Penance service will be on Tuesday, December 17, at 6:00 p.m. and is bilingual. (Las Pasadas will follow the service.)

ITEMS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST LOCAL

REFUGEES: Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio is welcoming many new arrivals in the Cincinnati area, for whom we set up housing. Donations of household items and gently used furniture (especially living room and dining room) are greatly appreciated. We particularly need linens, large stock pots and umbrella strollers. If you have items you would like to donate, please call us at 513-241-7745 or email furniture@ccswoh.org. Please note that we rely on volunteers for furniture moving, so we cannot guarantee immediate pick-up. If you would like to be one of those volunteers, please contact Tonicia Green at tgreen@ccswoh.org or 513-672-3836. We also have an Amazon wishlist: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3MFOBKD-B2UB/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2

FOOD FOR ALL: Nutritious, affordable food is not readily available to every person in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Hunger exists in our communities. Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio travels to where hunger is located in Adams, Brown, Clermont, Clinton, and Highland Counties. Interested in reducing hunger and food insecurity, volunteering at a mobile pantry or learning more about hunger in our area? Contact April Hoak, Food for All coordinator at ahoak@ccswoh.org or 513-672-3720.

Make a long-lasting difference! Leave a Legacy by remembering St. Boniface Church in your Will. For more information contact Jenni Lindgren at 513-541-1563, ext. 151.