

CHRIST CHURCH NEWMAN CENTER

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December 11th, 2022

3rd Sunday in Advent
Gaudete Sunday

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice!"

JOY

Sunday Masses

9:15 am & 8:00 pm

Confessions

Sunday, 7:30 pm

This Week's Happenings

Tuesday (12/13):

Music Rehearsal: 7pm

College Student Bible Study: 6pm

Wednesday (12/14)

Faith Formation: 7-10th grade

Thursday (12/15)

College Student Community Night

Sunday (12/18):

Mass: 9:15am & 8pm

Coffeehouse: 9pm

Joy – The Theme of the Third Week of Advent

When I think of the meaning – and power – of “joy”, I think of this adapted quote by Frederick Buechner:

“The place God calls you to is the place where your deep joy and the world’s deep hunger meet.”

And the story of Mary’s visit with Elizabeth.

“As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears”, says Elizabeth, “the baby in my womb leaped for joy.” (Luke 1:45)

Joy is at the heart of Mary’s reply (known as the Magnificat): “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, Who has looked with favor on the lowliness of the Almighty’s servant. . . . The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is God’s name.” (Luke 1:46-49)

Such joy clearly has a personal and interpersonal dimension – and also proclaims deep hunger for the common good throughout the world, evident when Mary says: “God’s mercy is for those who fear God from generation to generation. God has shown strength with God’s arm; God has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; God has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.” (Luke 1:50-53)

To understand Mary’s message, recall that, “in the time of Jesus, 2-3 percent of the population was rich, while the majority lived a subsistence-level existence. . . . William Barclay, biblical commentator, describes the Magnificat as ‘a moral, social and economic revolution’. . . . Theologian Warren Carter writes that ‘Mary articulates an end . . . to structures that are exploitative and unjust. She speaks of a time when all will enjoy the good things given by God.’” <https://blog.unitedchurchhomes.org/moving-with-marys-song>

Vision of the Beloved Community. Rooted in God’s presence and action. Permeated with joy.

Throughout history, and today, the Magnificat has inspired people experiencing various forms of oppression.

“People in need in every society hear a blessing in it”, writes Sister Elizabeth Johnson. “The battered woman, the single parent without resources, those without food on the table or without even a table, the homeless family, the young abandoned to their own devices, the old who are discarded: all are encompassed in the hope Mary proclaims.” <https://uscatholic.org/articles/201101/mary-mary-quite-contrary/>

S. Johnson notes that Dietrich Bonhoeffer, German theologian killed by the Nazis, preached that “the song of Mary . . . is at once the most passionate, the wildest, one might even say the most revolutionary Advent hymn ever sung.”

She concludes, “Just as the Spirit inspires Mary’s joy and fortitude, so too the Spirit imbues us every day with abundant grace to follow our own calling.”

Kevin LaNave, Peace and Social Justice Coordinator, Christ Church Newman Center

“Thank you Kevin for leading us in another beautiful reflection for our continued retreat.

No matter what we’re going through and how busy our life can be, may we find some quiet time and let our hearts echo Mary’s words, “My soul proclaims the greatness of God.””

Shalom

Fr. Mark Stang

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Mark Your Calendar:

Advent Reconciliation:

Dec. 18—Holy Spirit at 1pm

Dec. 19—St. Anthony at 6:30pm

Christmas Masses:

Dec. 24—Holy Spirit at 4pm

St. Anthony at 4:30pm

Newman Center at 5:30pm

Dec. 25—St. Anthony at 8am

Newman Center at 9:15am

Holy Spirit at 10:30am



Congratulations Aaron!!

Aaron Soderholm, a Newman Center Peer Minister, will be graduating from SCSU this Fri., Dec. 16 with a degree in Social Studies Education.

Christmas Giving Opportunities

Christmas Giving Tree-Donations Needed

Gloves-Mittens-Hats-Socks and Long Underwear are needed for our community. The donations will be shared with our Community Meal attendees and other area caring organizations. Donations will be accepted Nov.16th– Dec.7th.

Any extra Coborn's turkeys can be donated to Newman

Redecorating the Church-Help Wanted

Monday December 19th at 4pm we will be redecorating the church for Christmas. This is a big project and we need a lot of help, please come if able!

Monday, December 12th is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Pancake Breakfast prepared by our El Paso Trip Members

All are welcome to a free-will breakfast prepared by our El Paso trip participants after the 9:15am Mass on Sunday, December 11th. Come learn about the upcoming trip, meet our participants, and enjoy donuts, pancakes, eggs and more prepared by our students and permanent members!

We hope all will offer prayers for our students and permanent members, but if you wish to make a financial contribution toward the trip, checks can be written to Christ Church Newman Center with "El Paso" in the memo. If you are unable to make the breakfast and want to support the trip, donations can be dropped off at the parish office or in the Sunday collection. There will be a return gathering in late January or February to hear about our experiences!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



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Parish Prayers

Anne Fields	Schroeder	† Bette Bartos
Nancy Huber	Kelly Hoppe's mother-in-law	† Rich Theisen
Penny Zook	Helen Trisko	+Mike Schmiesing, brother of Sharon
Waletzko's grandson Isaac	Carol Agnes	+Carol Reiter
Kathy Williams	Brett Wise, son-in-law of Kevin & Vickie Strobel	+Ed Schnettler
Kevin & Melissa Kruger's brother Mark	Cathy Wieme's mother,	+Jim Pehler
Linda Urbik	+Carol Skoien	+Denise Keller
Dave & Caroline Williams's son Jeff	†Katie Waletzko	+Mary Kelley, sister of Barb Grachek
Courtney Vorell's father	†Don Prom	+Jennifer Symalla
Paul Snyder	†Renee Miller	+Elaine Quella
Grace Bellicot	†Will Ellenbecker	+Bob Huber
Doug Nieters	† Stanley McElhone	+Dawn Newton
†Mil Voelker	† Bill Schroeder	+Roy Hoelscher, brother of Jay Schroeder
Tom Keaveny	† Vern Cronin	+Robert Surma
Isla Johns	† Donald Lardy	+Geneva Cameron
Aaron Volker	† Sallie Bellicot	Kevin LaNave, surgery
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