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3rd Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

Year A

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Sunday Mass 9AM

Wednesday Daily Mass 9AM

Thursday Daily Mass 9AM

Parish Office Hours 9AM-2PM

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

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## MASS/MUSIC

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Entrance: O Come O Come Emmanuel #39

Lord Have Mercy #913

Glory To God #914

## Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Responsorial Psalm: Lord Come And Save Us

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel Acclamation: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Homily: Father Gerry Kaggwa

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Bread Of Angels #363

Holy: #917

Memorial Acclamation: When we eat this bread, and drink this cup we proclaim your death O Lord until we meet again.

Lord's Prayer: page 26

Lamb of God: #922

Communion: Bread For The World #346

Mediation: I The Lord #687

Recessional: In The Day Of The Lord #580



## December Birthdays



1st-Tom Shoemaker, 4th-Mike Ballato, 5th-Louise Petralia,  
8th-Frank Lohr, 11th-Vera England, 12th-Jerry Suyes,  
16th-Cindy Powers, 18th-Lynne McMurtrie & Mary Dorman,  
19th-Lois Krumb, 22th-Linda Gray, 23rd-Christine Williams,  
25th-Colleen Hoffman, 26th-Tom Hawkworth, 27th-Betsy Brown, Anne Costello  
& Patricia Figueroa, 31st-Doug Olson.

If you would like to add your name to the Birthday/Anniversary list please contact the office.



## DECEMBER 2022

1st-Chuck & Carol Walsh, 8th-Robert & Paula Wilson,  
14th-Bob & Ingrid Borden, 20th-Fritz & Peper Heunemann,  
22nd-Branch & Michele Meanley, 30th-Bill & Donna Brandl.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-Third Sunday of Advent "Gaudette Sunday"

December 18th-4th Sunday of Advent

December 24th-Christmas Eve Mass 7pm/6:30-Sing a long

December 25th-Christmas Day

January 1st-Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

January 8th-Epiphany of the Lord

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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Gary Richardson

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Holy Communion

Dave Marcil/Joyce Ballato

Music Cantor

Frank Lohr

Collection Counters

King/Kirsch/Angel

December 11, 2022

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION from December 4, 2022

Collection:	\$ 2,223
Second Collection: Christmas Flowers	\$ 482
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 54,533
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 53,856

There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal checks this week:  
\$386 Parish Life; \$296 Liturgy expenses.



## Mary's Choice RVA Baby Bottle Campaign

Please return your baby bottles filled with coins, cash or checks to the basket in the narthex by next Sunday, December 18. This baby bottle campaign benefits Mary's Choice RVA, the new maternity home in Richmond. If you did not get a baby bottle but would like to donate, visit <https://www.maryschoicerva.org> and click on the "How to Help" tab. Thank you.



## CHOIR INVITATION

The choir is preparing for the annual Christmas Eve Sing-a-Long, the Christmas Eve Mass and Christmas Day Mass. We welcome any singers and/or instrumentalists. We practice Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8 o'clock. This is a great time to be part of the choir. For more information call Carol McCormack.

ANGEL TREE-All gifts are due today.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED

& HELPED OUT Although we never get to meet these children & see their happy faces when they open your gifts we can feel their love & thankfulness in our hearts.

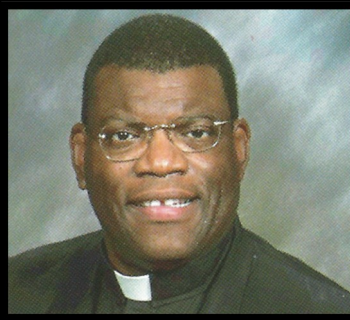
What you do to the least of these, you do unto Me.



## ANGELS

The Christian tradition has retained a strong belief in angels. The New Testament has over twice as many references to angels as the Old Testament, in the Gospels, angels appear and speak only in the infancy narrative and at the empty tomb. The Church has made few pronouncements about angels. It teaches that angels are created beings (not mini-gods)...that they are personal (not simply "forces")...and that they do not have a material body (though when necessary, they can appear in a human form). People find comfort in knowing that there are created beings who can use their superior powers to help them, and that there are "guardian angels" to watch their every step.





### FATHER JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of our pastor and friend, Fr. John Boddie, from whom flowed love and kindness to all who knew him. May his soul rest in peace. Money from these ads are used as scholarships given to the youth of our church. Please make your checks payable to THE FR. JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND. Checks and ads can be deposited in the church office. The charge per space is \$100. Thank you for your continued support.  
*The Scholarship Committee*

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**JoAnn**

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*Carmen & Joe Brinkley*

#### CHURCH ACTIVITIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND SACRAMENTAL EVENTS

Below is a condensed list of such items. For more details, consult our Ministry Catalogue or call the office.

BAPTISM/MARRIAGE: Please contact the parish office to arrange an appointment for celebrating the sacrament of Baptism/Marriage

CATECHUMENS: RCIA invites people of all ages interested in becoming Catholics through Baptism/Eucharist and Confirmation.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING: Celebrated 2x a year-Spring & Fall or by appointment. Please call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Held during Lent and Advent as well as by appointment. Please call the parish office.

SICK CALLS: Please call the Office at any time. We will also bring Holy Communion to anyone who is unable to attend Mass.

HOLY DAYS: Please call the office for times or check our website.

PRISON MINISTRY: Please call the office if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Knights of Columbus meet the third Wednesday of each month beginning with the Rosary at 5:45PM and the meeting starting 6:00PM, followed by a social with wives and guests at 7:00PM. All are welcome. The KOC are willing to provide transportation to any church activities. Call Grand Knight Bill Brandl.

RECYCLABLE CANS: Church of the Visitation recycles cans, with profits going to Church ministries. Bring your aluminum cans to the bin outside, by the yard sale building.

ROSARY MINISTRY: Sunday morning before Mass, 8:30am New Worship Area. No experience necessary. Books & Rosary available.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

Light the Advent Candle three.  
Think of happy harmony.  
Angels singing "Peace on earth"  
At the Savior's blessed birth.

Candle, candle, burning bright,  
Shining in the cold winter night.  
Candle, candle, burning bright,  
Fill our hearts with Advent light.



#### CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Thanks to Johnna, Lynne, and an industrious crew of workers who prepared a hugely successful Christmas Brunch last Sunday. Their work began on Saturday in preparation for the event and continued all the way through cleanup on Sunday. Our Angels were *Johnna, Lynne Dreelin, Pat Marchant, Mary Sychterz, Mary Ellen Sherwood, Helen Linden, Linda Gray, Sharon Hawksworth, Tom & Mary Dorman and Germaine Hayes*. We can't forget *Kevin Hayes* who did the trash run both days. A well done to all for a special occasion.

*Thank You, Thank you, and Thank you!*

#### CONGRADULATIONS



Last Sunday we welcomed Josiah Reffo into the full communion of Catholic Church. It was the first time he has joined us at the Eucharistic Table of the Lord.

Please take a moment after Mass to let him know how happy we are to have him as a member of the COV family.  
*Congratulations Josiah!*

#### ADVENT-Year A

##### General Background on the Season

Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Chris' Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

##### Advent Wreath

The use of the Advent wreath has become a popular practice in the Church. The Advent Wreath should be large enough to be visible to the members of the assembly in a given church building. In some churches, it is suspended from the ceiling. Others use a stand or a table for the wreath and candles. If the Advent Wreath is placed in or near the presbyterium (Sanctuary), it should not be placed in such a way as to interfere with the ritual actions of the liturgy or obscure the visibility of the altar, ambo, or presider's chair.

##### Vestments

The color of the Season of Advent is violet. In order to distinguish between Advent and lent, the bluer hues of violet may be used. Rose colored vesture will be worn on the Third Sunday of Advent, which is termed *Gaudete Sunday*.

What is special about the Third Sunday of the Church's history; this Sunday has a special name: "*Gaudete*" Sunday. On this day the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "*The Lord is coming.*" But beginning with *Gaudete Sunday*, the summary might be, "*The Lord is near.*" This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation. Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose colored vestments, a hue seen only on *Gaudete Sunday* and *Laetare Sunday*. On this day, we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is also rose-colored, or if you prefer, pink.



#### OPERATION CHRISTMAS AT COV

A few weeks ago we packed over 60 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. All the children from our faith formation packed multiple boxes, and other members of the congregation joined in as well. This would not have been possible without all the generous donations and the enthusiasm of the children. Thank you everyone who helped make this possible!

Shelley Katsuki





Third Sunday of Advent 'A', 12/11/2022

Rejoice! It is Gaudete Sunday. Rejoice Sunday. We rejoice because the light of truth has destroyed the darkness of sin. We rejoice because we have been drawn by the truth. We rejoice because Jesus Christ is the truth. He embodies the truth.

The readings focus on what many prophets had foretold about the Coming of the Messiah. That when he comes, he will change everything, he will restore everything to a new life. Isaiah in the First Reading says: say to those whose hearts are frightened, be strong fear not, here is your God, he comes to save you, then will the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleaned, then will the lame leap like a stag, the tongue of the mute will sing. Those the Lord has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy... sorrow and mourning will flee.'

The people who were hearing these words of Prophet Isaiah, believed that God would come and save them from their suffering. These people were living under occupation, their land occupied by the Romans, their City Jerusalem destroyed. So, to them, The Messiah who was promised to come to rescue them, was perceived as freeing them from these foreign rulers, leading them to freedom, taking them back to their land. They understood the Messiah who comes to put the people under the leadership of a new king who will save them and even avenge their enemies.

This way thinking, expecting the Messiah to be a kind of a political figure who was to free them from the Roman Empire, continued after the birth of Jesus. And it is in this frame of understanding that John the Baptist, sends out his disciples to Jesus to ask: "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"

In his response, Jesus reminds John and all of us what a true Messiah will be and is: A healer of the sick, a consoler of the suffering, a peace maker, a preacher of freedom, justice and love, a friend of the poor.

"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news Proclaimed to them." And this is what all the prophets foretold of the Messiah, and what he was going to bring.

And one important thing to note here is: Jesus in his reply does not remind us only what the mission of the Messiah is, but he makes us his messengers, his disciples to this truth, to bring it to others. He told those sent by John: Go and tell ... what you hear and see!

We are the ones today, whom Jesus is sending by telling us to go out and proclaim the good news to others of what we have experienced, telling people about our faith, about Jesus, about the Gospel.

The things Jesus did in Galilee he still does. If we are blind to the truth about God, others, and ourselves he opens our eyes if we ask him. If we are lame in the sense that we find it hard to stay on the right path, he will strengthen us. If we suffer from the leprosy of sin, he will cleanse us if we repent. Those of us who are dead to the voice of God and conscience will be able to listen. If we feel dead and powerless to love God, he will give us new life if we honestly want it and ask humbly for it.



Very Reverend Gerry Kaggwa V.F.

Please Remember in your Prayers

William Dawson, Robert Borden, Marty Hawksworth, Mary Ellen Nause, Marianne Wagner & Raymond Cannan



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If you need to add to the prayer list please call the office, email, or leave a note in the box

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SAINT THERESA OF CALCUTTA'S "ANYWAY PRAYER"

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; be kind anyway. If you are successful, you will win some false friends and true enemies; succeed anyway. If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; be honest and frank anyway. What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; build it anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; be happy anyway. The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; do good anyway. Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; give the world the best you've got anyway. You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; it was never between you and them anyway.

Breathe in Love, Exhale Peace.



In Loving Memory Of David E. Brinkley


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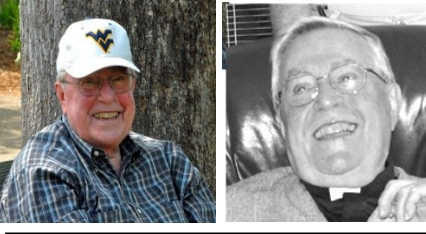
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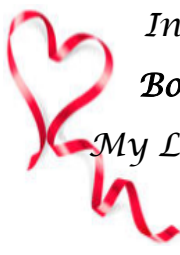
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