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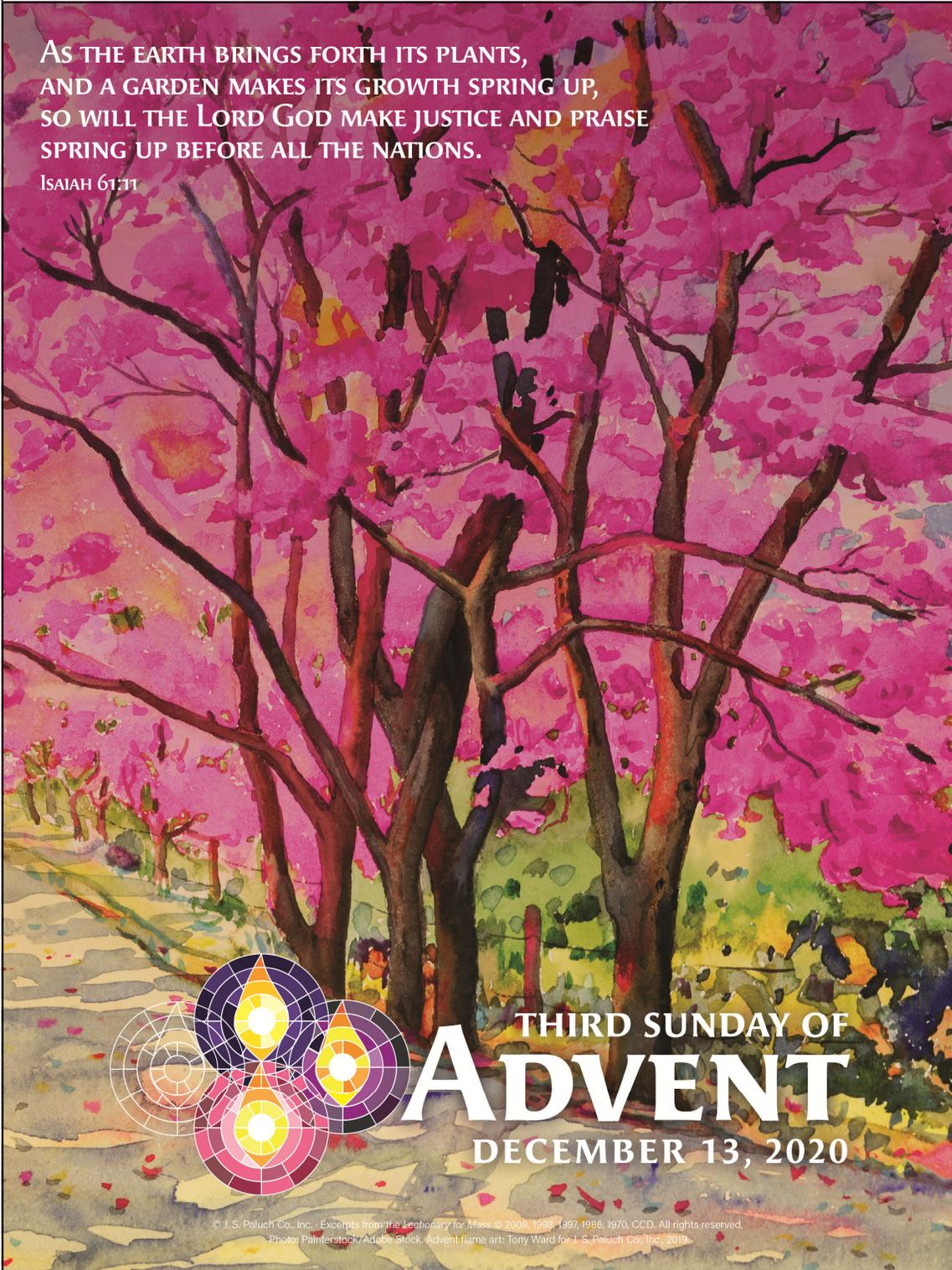
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AS THE EARTH BRINGS FORTH ITS PLANTS,  
AND A GARDEN MAKES ITS GROWTH SPRING UP,  
SO WILL THE LORD GOD MAKE JUSTICE AND PRAISE  
SPRING UP BEFORE ALL THE NATIONS.

ISAIAH 61:11



THIRD SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**  
DECEMBER 13, 2020

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## Third Sunday of Advent

### Mass Intentions

<b>Sat., Dec. 12</b> 4:30 pm	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> James Friedrich
<b>Sun., Dec. 13</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> Ray Matthews For the Parishioners
<b>Mon., Dec. 14</b> 8:30 am	<b>St. John of the Cross</b> Jo Ann Davis
<b>Tues., Dec. 15</b> 8:30 am	<b>Advent Weekday</b> Helen Thompson
<b>Wed., Dec. 16</b> 6:30 pm	<b>Advent Weekday</b> Mary Cremeens, Darlene, Gladys & Victor Huebener
<b>Thur., Dec. 17</b> 8:30 am	<b>Advent Weekday</b> David Green
<b>Fri., Dec. 18</b> 8:30 am	<b>Advent Weekday</b> Helen Friedel
<b>Sat., Dec. 19</b> 4:30 pm	<b>Advent Weekday</b> Betty Bast
<b>Sun., Dec. 20</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>Fourth Sunday in Advent</b> Virginia Forehand For the Parishioners

### Prayer Requests

**The sick:** Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Dan McRae, Mary Overton, Don Laird, Maxine Calhoun, Gloria Matthews, Dianne Morin, Tim Friedel, Vi Perkhiser, Derek Trent, Jane Rood, Bev Randolph, Gloria Hall, John Richter, Tim Zacha, Bob Maronie, Jennifer Price. **For prayer requests in the bulletin, call the parish office, 377-6519. For prayer requests to be added to the email prayer chain, send requests to Marie at rejoy128@gmail.com**



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The mission of the Catholic Children's Home is to aid, protect and care for the needs, education and welfare of dependent, neglected, abused or otherwise hurting children and families without regard to poverty, riches, race religion or national origin. Every year we depend on the Christmas Day collection as the most important part of our fundraising. What better day to remember the children who, through no fault of their own, are less fortunate than our own. Your monetary donation to the Catholic Children's Home is a wonderful way to ensure that we will continue to bring help to the most needy children and ensure that they have a brighter hope for the future.

### Rest In Peace

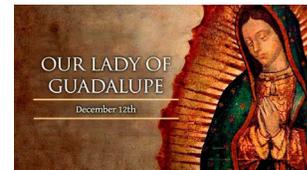
Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Nelson Gregory**, husband of **Donna** and **Raymond Probst**, father of **Fr. Dean Probst**, priest of our diocese. May God grant them eternal rest.



### Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate another Marian Feast Day, Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego on four different occasions at Tepeyac, Mexico (Mexico City). The miracle associated with her appearance was the cloak of St. Juan Diego, which was filled with roses from the site of the appearance, held the image of our Lady. The cloak can still be seen at the basilica shrine of Our Lady in Mexico City. Just as Mary as the Immaculate Conception has been declared the patron saint of the United States...Mary, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, has been declared the patron saint of all of the Americas. So let us honor Mother Mary by always calling on her to help us in our daily lives, and asking for her special help to keep all the faithful in the Americas faithful to the Gospel message.

*Father Tom*



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### Last Weekend's Offerings

Week 23	Dec. 5-6, 2020	Total to Date
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$155.00</b>	<b>\$5,281.23</b>
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$10,144.00</b>	<b>\$196,796.50</b>
<b>On Line Giving</b>	<b>\$3,093.00</b>	<b>\$60,744.00</b>
<b>Young People</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>	<b>\$42.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,394.00</b>	<b>\$262,863.73</b>
<b>Operating Budget</b>	<b>\$13,713.46</b>	<b>\$315,409.58</b>
<b>ACSA Budget</b>	<b>\$1,421.12</b>	<b>\$32,685.76</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$1,740.58)</b>	<b>(\$85,231.61)</b>

**Envelopes received: 126 of 801**  
**Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$320.00**  
**Other Charitable Donations: \$3,090.00**

**December 13, 2020**

### **Buy SCRIP For Christmas**

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### **Knights of Columbus Vocations Raffle**

The deadline to turn in tickets & money for this raffle has been extended to mid-January. Through this Raffle, the Knights of Columbus in Bethalto Council and throughout the state raise funds for Seminarians in our Diocese and across the state. For each book of 15 tickets sold \$6 goes to the State KofC Vocations fund and \$9 remains here in our council. The State KofC share of the money is used to support seminarians in Illinois. We send them Birthday and Christmas gifts, money for educational expenses, we purchase their Ordo, and host an annual seminarian basketball tournament and dinner.

Return tickets/money to Parish Office As a local parish incentive, we will take all of the completed books (DO NOT separate the individual tickets) and have a local drawing for \$50 in Scrip.

Please consider buying or selling a book or two or more this year if you are able. More books can be obtained from the Church entrances. Thank you for your support of our Seminarians!

### **What are you afraid of?**

Going to confession, failing as a parent, to become Catholic, quitting a porn addiction, dying, getting an annulment, to have a child, talking to your adult child who has left the faith – all things you might be fearful of. Visit [benotafraid.dio.org](http://benotafraid.dio.org) to explore and experience your fears and find resources, answers, and help to some of life's biggest fears as a Catholic.

### **Dive Deep**

**The 11 things Catholics need to stop doing.** No, this isn't a list to condemn you, but a friendly reminder to stop doing these 11 things and do the opposite because we want you to grow in your relationship with Christ! Go to [dio.org/podcast](http://dio.org/podcast) to listen. Make sure to subscribe to the podcast so you never miss an episode!

### **Mirroring Mary**

*"He has filled the hungry with good things and the rich He has sent away empty." Luke 1:53*



After Mary's world was upended by the announcement of an angel, she set out in haste to visit Elizabeth. Once there, Mary takes in her cousin's blessing and utters the words we've come to know as the Magnificat. In this powerful psalm of thanksgiving, Mary says both "yes" and "no".

Affirming her initial assent to Gabriel's question, Mary says "yes" to the wonders that God is working, "yes" to the Holy One doing amazing things in her, "yes" to God's loving care for the lowly and those who hunger. From the perspective of a heart that mirrors God's justice, inclusion and tenderness for the poor and vulnerable, Mary says "no" to riches hoarded and not shared with those in need, "no" to the arrogant and those who abuse their power.

To what in our world today are you saying "yes" or saying "no"?

**Sr. Chris Koellhoffer, I.H.M.**

**Living Faith**

**Oct., Nov., Dec., 2020**

## **A Meditation for the Third Sunday of Advent**

The following reflection is courtesy of Don Schwager © 2020. Don's website is located at [Dailyscripture.net](http://Dailyscripture.net)

Do you know the favor of the Lord? Every 50 years the people of Israel were commanded to celebrate a Year of Jubilee - a year of favor by the Lord (Leviticus 25:10-12). God did not want his people to forget all the blessings and favors he had shown them over the years. Isaiah prophesied in a year of Jubilee that God would send his anointed one to bring his people back from their time of exile (Isaiah 61).

The anointed one would bring good news (the same word as "gospel") - news of freedom for those who were oppressed by sin, darkness, despair, and brokenness (Isaiah 61:1-2). John humbly recognized that his calling came from God and not from man. When John the Baptist announced the imminent coming of God's Anointed One, the Messiah, the religious leaders questioned his authority to speak so boldly in God's name. They asked him bluntly, "Who are you?" and "What do you say about yourself?" They wanted to know if he was really sent by God. Did he claim to be the Messiah or one of the great prophets who was expected to return and announce the Messiah's arrival (see Malachi 4:5, Deuteronomy 18:15)?

John had no doubt and no mistaken identity about his call and mission. In all humility and sincerity he said he was only a voice bidding people to get ready for the arrival of the greatest Ruler of all, God's anointed King and Messiah. John's identity and our identity is derived from God's Son - Jesus Christ. John the Baptist bridges the Old and New Testaments. He is the last of the Old Testament prophets who points the way to the Messiah. He is the first of the New Testament witnesses and martyrs. He is the herald who prepares the way for Jesus and who announces his mission to the people: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world! (John 1:29). John saw from a distance what the Messiah would come to accomplish - our redemption from slavery to sin and our adoption as sons and daughters of God, our heavenly Father. Do you recognize who you are in Christ? The Lord Jesus has come to restore us to friendship with God and he has made us citizens of heaven - his everlasting kingdom of peace and justice.

Do you point others to Jesus Christ - the one true Lord and Savior of the world? John was the greatest of the prophets, yet he lived as a humble and faithful servant of God. He pointed others to Jesus, the true Messiah and Savior of the world. The Christian church from the earliest of times has given John many titles which signify his mission: Witness of the Lord, Trumpet of Heaven, Herald of Christ, Voice of the Word, Precursor of Truth, Friend of the Bridegroom, Crown of the Prophets, Forerunner of the Redeemer, Preparer of Salvation, Light of the Martyrs, and Servant of the Word. Do you point others to Jesus Christ by the example and witness of your life?

***"Lord Jesus, make me a herald of your word of truth and grace. Help me to be a faithful witness of the joy of the Gospel and to point others to you as John did through his testimony."***





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