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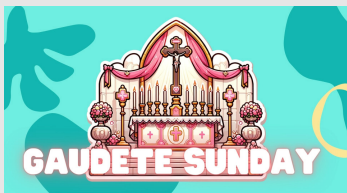
CONFESSIONS/RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 5:00 – 5:20 PM

Sundays: 7:15 – 7:45 AM
and on request

HALL BOOKINGS

Gil Hoffman 0828719183



3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

INTRODUCTION:



thirsty
for joy without end.

Today we celebrate the third Sunday of Advent. Christmas is near. We prepare ourselves to receive our saviour with joy and happiness. Mercy, sickness and disappointments destroy our happiness, and yet our hearts still long for everlasting joy. We are hungry and

GOSPEL – Mathew 11: 2 – 11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "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 the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.* Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."



CHRISTMAS CAKE RAFFLE

Tickets R20 each

Draw on

22/12/2025

Tickets available from Candida 0833736818 or after Masses for the next two weeks.



GAUDETE SUNDAY

Today is Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday in the Season of Advent. The season of Advent originated as a fast of forty days in preparation for Christmas. In the ninth century, the duration of Advent was reduced to four weeks and by the twelfth century the fast had been replaced by simple abstinence.

Advent preserved most of the characteristics of a penitential season which made it a kind of counterpart to lent. The third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, breaks through a season that is otherwise penitential to signify the nearness of the Lord's coming.

Advent is a time of expectation and preparation for the Christmas feast as well as for the second coming of Christ, and the penitential exercises suitable to this season are suspended on Gaudete Sunday, in order to symbolize our joy and gladness in the Promised Redemption.

Why is Father wearing rose (pink) this weekend?

The third Sunday of Advent in the Roman Catholic calendar of the church year is called Gaudete Sunday. The term is derived from the Latin opening words of the introit antiphon, "Rejoice (Gaudete) in the Lord always." The theme of the day expresses the joy of anticipation at the approach of the Christmas celebration.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER:

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

PARISH DIARY & MEETINGS

Mon 15	18:00	Music Ministry Practice
Tue 16	10:00	Mass @RPP
Wed 17	06:00	Mass @ RPP
Thu 18	09:00	Mass @ RPP followed by Adoration
	18:00	Benediction
Fri 19	17:30	Mass @ St Jude
Sat 20	17:30	Mass @ RPP
Sun 21	10:00	Mass @ St Jude

SICK & ELDERLY

Please pray for the sick & elderly of the parish, family & friends especially: Nokuthula Kubheka, Penny Powell, Jean Smith, Dolly Bimbrish, Alvin Govender, Mavis Makhubo, Norman Browne, Khohli Kunene, Barbara Amod, Sebenzile Molefe, Margarida De Franca, Joyce Chetty, Netta Liebenberg, Mthokozisi Mthembu, Avenel Aarons, Siva Naidoo, Francesca Poonsamy. and Anitha Michael.



DATE	SACRISTAN	EMOHC	PROCLAIMER	MASS INTENTION	FR'S DINNER
13/12/2025	Michelle		Nokwazi / Luiz	Conceicao Neto & Robbie De Freitas R.I. P	Candida
14/12/2025	Nombuso	Henry	Brenda / Fabian		
20/12/2025	Celeste		Evelyn / Gil	Bernedette Govender Thanksgiving	Evelyn
21/12/2025	Fabian	Anton	Lindiwe N / Bernadette		