



Parishes of the Resurrection of the Lord



St. Anne | St. Gabriel | St. Catherine | St. Raphael



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DEARLY BELOVED – *Opening Prayer: May God help us see and carry out what is expected of us during this advent so that we will be in the position to truly rejoice when he comes.*

INTRODUCTION AND READINGS: As we wait for the coming of Christ the response to today's psalm which is a hymn of Isaiah expresses joy over the salvation and the coming of the Lord: "Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel." The first reading encourages and calls on us as it does the children of Israel, to rejoice because the mighty Savior is coming: "the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior." In the same vein today's second reading directs Christians that since the coming of the Lord is near, they should rejoice in the Lord, free themselves from anxiety, and offer prayers and thanksgiving to God: "Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near." When finally the prophecy of the prophets was fulfilled and Jesus came, John the Baptist prepared the people to welcome Jesus. The common thing the people were to do to welcome Jesus is that every person is to observe his/her duty, those with surplus are to come to the aid of the needy and to overcome sins that they are most likely to commit.

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR OUR JOY: Although today is called "Gaudete" Sunday because the opening antiphon for the Mass begins by proclaiming: "Gaudete in Domino semper" (Rejoice in the Lord always), and the reading themselves invite us to express joy. The reason for such joy is Jesus who's coming is imminent. Jesus who comes is described as the great one or the mighty savior who will usher in many good things. With Jesus's coming people will not be judged, enemies will be dealt with, physical evil will be dealt with, people will be confident and unafraid. For us Christians of our own time, we are invited to rejoice because the coming of Jesus bestows joy and so with Jesus on our side we are assured of the strength, the inspiration, or the grace we will need. Nothing we want will be impossible to achieve because with Jesus all things are possible.

BE THE SOURCE OF JOY TO OTHER PEOPLE: As we prepare to celebrate Christmas Christians are encouraged to bring joy to the life of those they live with. As the third Sunday of advent invokes the imminent joy of Christmas Christians have the duty to make that joy, gladness, or happiness evident or a reality in the lives of other people. Our reason for being joyful during this Christmas should not only be that Jesus is coming or that we have prepared ourselves to welcome him, but part of the reason for feasting and rejoicing should be because we brought joy to the life of others or that we have put smiling faces on others. Hence, we are to be channels of joy to the lives of others through our help, our mercy, or our kindness. Thus, St. Paul in the second reading tell us: "Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near." Those who therefore have enough are to come to the aid of the less fortunate because by so doing we bring joy to the lives of others.

BE JUST IN LIFE AND DO WHAT IS EXPECTED OF YOU: Today we also realize that being able to see God depends on our ability to do what is expected of us or to live as God expects us to live. Being able to accomplish what our duty is guarantees eternal life and so we should strive to attend to what is required of us so that we are able to inherit eternal life. Therefore, when John the Baptist preached repentance and the crowds, the soldiers and the tax collectors asked: What then shall we do? John the Baptist responded by telling them about the things that when they accomplish will lead them to eternal life: Be just in the work you do. Live as you should. Be righteous and conscious of the needs of others. To reach eternal life with God each Christian is expected to be responsible as far as what is expected of him or her. Every one of us is expected to fulfil his or her responsibilities properly because doing so can be sure ways to eternal life with God.

BE DETERMINED TO OVERCOME SINS THAT ARE PECULIAR OR UNIQUE TO YOU: There is the tendency with some people to commit certain sins. Like the soldiers and the tax collectors, there are certain sins that are peculiar to some individuals. This explains why John the Baptist enjoined tax collectors to stop collecting more than what is prescribed. The Soldiers were not to practice extortion or falsely accuse anyone but were to be satisfied with their wages. Other sins Jesus often accuses some group of people of committing include self-righteousness or selfishness, by the Pharisees. Another common sin committed by certain category of persons is chambering when unmarried people live and sleep together. Whatever sin we have the tendency to commit, it is a sin and we should desist from doing so. We are to watch and try to avoid those sins which we are prone to commit.

Closing Prayer: May we be able to fully rejoice when the Lord Jesus comes because we have prepared our hearts and lives for his coming.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

"As each of us has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1Pt 4:10). Thank you all for the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God's vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. 10% of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.

	<u>St. Anne</u>	<u>St. Catherine</u>	<u>St. Gabriel</u>	<u>St. Raphael</u>
Needed Each Week:	\$2,242.45	\$2,548.08	\$508.62	\$800.60
Needed Year-to-Date:	51,576.30	58,605.84	11,698.26	18,413.80
Actual Year-to-Date:	43,707.57	55,059.39	11,919.58	17,357.89
Date: Dec. 5th, 2021	1,944.00	2,614.00	485.00	922.85
Other Collections:	700.00	722.00	90.00	45.75

This Week in our Parishes

Saturday, December 11, 2021

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael
4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael
4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael
(Prayer for People)
6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel
6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel
(Tom Kane)

Sunday, December 12, 2021

8:30am Rosary at St. Catherine
9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(Al Vichunas)
10:30am Rosary at St. Anne
11:00am Mass at St. Anne
(Steven Fitzgerald)

2:00pm ADVENT communal PENANCE SERVICE for St. Anne and St. Raphael at St. Anne Church in Harrisville

Monday, December 13, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Anne
(Special Intention for Mary Kahn)

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Anne
(Special Intention for Christopher Ryan)
9:30-10:30am Adoration/Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(Thomas Assenmacher)
5:00pm-6:00pm Adoration and Reconciliation at St. Catherine

Thursday, December 16, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(Doris Siterlet)
9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine

Saturday, December 18, 2021

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael
4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael
4:30am Mass at St. Raphael
(Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)
6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel
6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel (Janet Palin)

Sunday, December 19, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(Deceased members for the Hinkle Family)
11:00am Mass at St. Anne
(Special Intention for Anthony Boyd)
2:00PM ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE for St. Catherine and St. Gabriel at St. Catherine Church in Ossineke

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For The Week (Year C)

SUNDAY:

Zep 3:14-18a, Phil 4:4-7,
LK 3:10-18

MONDAY:

NM 24:2-7, 15-17A, MT 21:23-27

TUESDAY:

ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13, MT 21:28-32

WEDNESDAY:

IS 45:6C-8, 18, 21C-25,
LK 7:18B-23

THURSDAY:

IS 54:1-10, LK 7:24-30

FRIDAY:

GN 49:2, 8-10, MT 1:1-17

SATURDAY:

JER 23:5-8, MT 1:18-25

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Please consider making a donation for Christmas Flowers.

To donate in memory of or in honor of loved ones, please print clearly the name of person/persons being honored on an envelope with your donation. Memorials will be printed in the Christmas bulletin.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP CLEAN THE CHURCHES. Inquire with the parish offices if you are interested in helping out. Contact information is on the front cover.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: St. Vincent DePaul is in need of help with Christmas filling candy bags, food boxes and loading the boxes on pick up day. If you would like to help, contact Sharon Gajewski Monday-Thursday at St. Raphael 989-736-6071.

Any Eucharistic Minister who was not able to attend one of the recertification classes:

By watching this they will be able to recertify. <https://dioceseofgaylord.org/liturgy-workshop-2021> or the direct link to YouTube is <https://youtu.be/uo-HZOZNzNc>. **Also to let the parish office know that you completed this video so that they can let the diocese know.**

Do you have anything that you would like shared in the weekly Bulletin?

Contact Kayla Adams at kadams@resurrectionacgr.org with your request.

To help reduce exposure to COVID-19, it is strongly recommended that all parishioners and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

Sunday:

Rev. James Fitzpatrick

Monday:

Rev. Matthew Furguele

Tuesday:

Rev. James Gardiner

Wednesday:

Rev. Donald Geyman

Thursday:

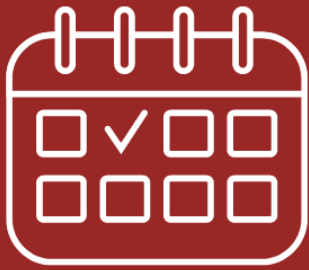
Rev. Joseph Graff

Friday:

All Deacons

Saturday:

Rev. John Greene



1/20, 2/03,

2/17, 3/03,

3/31, 4/21

FAITH FORMATION FOR OUR PARISH CLUSTER

TEEN/ADULT FAITH FORMATION

THURSDAY, JAN 20, 2021 | 6:30-7:30PM

Location: St. Catherine Parish Hall

If you have any questions, please contact Adam Brege at bregeadam@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS FROM 10-11:15

Location: St. Catherine Parish Hall

Please sign up after Mass any Sunday, or contact Cathy Macfald: Cathy@resurrectionacgr.org. There are options available if your child(ren) cannot physically join us.

2021 RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS - DEC. 11/12

Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.

Advent

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL,
ST. CATHERINE CONFERENCE

Giving Tree

The giving tree with tags for needy families will be in the back of the church, starting Nov. 14th. Please take as many tags as you would like, and return the gifts, wrapped with the tag on the outside, no later than Dec. 12th.

Thank you for your generosity in the past, it is greatly appreciated.

**NOV. 14 -
DEC. 12**

Christmas Flowers:



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ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

12/12 at 2:00pm Mass for St. Anne and St. Raphael at St. Anne Church.

12/19 at 2:00pm Mass for St. Catherine and St. Gabriel at St. Catherine Church.