

# St. John Vianney Parish

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## Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday from  
4:00 p.m. to 4:40 p.m.

**“I am the voice of one  
crying out in the desert.”**

—John 1:23

# Mass Schedule

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 13, 2020

### Saturday, December 12, 2020

5:00 p.m. Real Chevrette  
(5th Anniversary)  
~by family

### Sunday, December 13, 2020

8:30 a.m. James Marsland, Sr.  
(7th Anniversary)  
~by his wife & family

10:00 a.m. Deborah Moran  
(Christmas Remembrance)  
~by family  
Jonathan Partington  
(3rd Anniversary)  
~by family

### Saturday, December 19, 2020

5:00 p.m. Francis Albright & Anne Nartowicz  
~by family

### Sunday, December 20, 2020

8:30 a.m. Loretta Furtado  
~by Gayle Benson

10:00 a.m. Edward J. Carpenter, Jr.  
(9th Anniversary)  
~by family  
Christine Bozek  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
~by family

### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — *As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).*

Psalm — *My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).*

Second Reading — *Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).*

Gospel — *I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).*

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### The Shape of the Mass

In the renewal of the liturgy that followed the Second Vatican Council, the full, conscious, and active participation of the assembly was the primary consideration. By participation, the Council Fathers did not mean just joining in the singing and the spoken responses, but active engagement and prayerful understanding of the rites. They envisioned a transparent liturgy, a worship that spoke so directly to the hearts and minds of the faithful that it would require no explanation at all.

The liturgy itself is the best possible catechesis on the liturgy. What does the liturgy teach us? It shows us the ministry of Jesus continuing in the present. He gathers a community. He calls us to prayer and repentance and praise. He teaches us with the very word of God. He does not send us away empty, but sets before us a marvelous banquet, feeding us with his very body and blood. Then he sends us forth to do what he has done—to give ourselves for others, not just in words, but in deeds. The Mass is the pattern of our Christian lives.

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## ST. JOHN VIANNEY FOR THOSE IN NEED

**Monetary gifts** - Contributions for St. John Vianney For Those in Need to help those in our community who need help with food, rent and utilities can be made in the following ways:



**On line donations** can be made through our website at [sjvparish.org](http://sjvparish.org).

**Cash or check donations** can be placed in the collection basket in the back of the church. Please make checks payable to **SJV Help For Those in Need**.

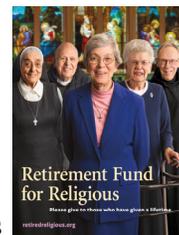
Thank you for your support!



### CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL

**FLOWER** envelopes have been mailed with the budget envelopes. If you do not receive budget envelopes and would like to make an offering for Christmas flowers in memory of loved ones, enclose a list of your intentions with your offering in a plain envelope and place it in the collection basket at the back of the church. The envelopes listing our beloved deceased will be placed near the tabernacle and will be remembered at all the Christmas Masses.

## SECOND COLLECTION RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS DECEMBER 13TH



**Make a difference.** "Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

## BAPTISM

To make arrangements to have your child baptized please call the office at 401-333-6060.

# YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The Youth Ministry Bus Trip to LaSalette Shrine is being postponed to December 30th from 4-6 pm (note the time change). The Shrine is much less busy once Christmas has passed.

We will meet at the Church parking lot at 4 pm and return at 6 pm. In order to keep the entirety of this trip outdoors, we will not eat in the cafeteria. We ask teens to bring money for cocoa and popcorn which is served from booths outside.

Please register or re-register by December 26th. We have only 25 spots on the bus.

## Safety Protocols:

- Masks required at all times (minus having a snack).
- Only one person per bus seat.
- Social distancing as much as possible as a group.

Thanks so much for your patience, while we navigate the rough waters!

Peace of Christ-Veronica Plante  
Coordinator of Youth Ministry  
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You may recall that last year our parish supported dozens of needy children at Christmas through **CHILDREN'S FRIEND**. If you are looking for a way to help a family in need this Christmas, here are some ways to help. Of course, this is not a normal year, so the Christmas Adopt A Family program is unusual as well. There will be no gift collection or in-person drop off, because Children's Friend's buildings are closed to the public to comply with coronavirus safety rules. Instead, the program is entirely virtual, with several ways to participate - you can choose what works best for you!

## 1. Sponsor a Child or Family at the Virtual CFS Store

You can sponsor a family or a single child at the new virtual Children's Friend Holiday Store. All of the requested items that we assigned via gift tags will be available in the store. You can simply select items from the wish list, type "SJV" as your company, and checkout. Children's Friend will collect and deliver your gifts to your sponsored kids!

## 2. Use the Amazon Wish List

If you prefer to do online shopping through Amazon, Children's Friend also has set up two Amazon wish lists (Donate Gift Cards to the Holiday Drive or Make a cash donation to the Holiday Drive).

**Children's Friend is requesting that the gifts be purchased by December 18th.** Full details are available at the following link: <https://www.cfsri.org/events/spirit-of-giving-holiday-drive-2/>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [kimccarthy@cox.net](mailto:kimccarthy@cox.net). Thank you in advance for doing what you can to make Christmas a little happier for poor and vulnerable children.

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## The Society for THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

Dear Father Pescatello:

Thank you very much for the generous World Mission Sunday contribution of \$ 1366.00 from the people of St. John Vianney Parish. Please offer them our sincere gratitude for the great generosity that they had in this collection, on behalf of the missionaries around the world. This money will help over 1,111 mission dioceses who are always in need of help, and even more so this year.

Be assured of my gratitude for all you do every year in your parish to promote World Mission Sunday. As we are all experiencing the effects of a worldwide pandemic may we also be aware of the concern we should have for common mission of the Church to go out to all nations. I will keep you in prayer and also assure you of the constant returned prayers of the recipients of these offerings.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Rev. Francesco Francese  
Director  
Society for the Propagation of the Faith

Dynamic Catholic is offering a re-broadcast of Matthew Kelly's Virtual Event: **AMAZING POSSIBILITIES** for FREE to all Dynamic Parishes on December 29th! To register, please visit our website: [sjvparish.org](http://sjvparish.org) or call the church office at 401-333-6060. Registration deadline is midnight on December 28th.



## AN ADVENT REFLECTION FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE

“As we light the rose-colored candle on Gaudete Sunday, we know that the arrival of Christ is almost upon us. Our hearts are full.

The Gospel acclamation from 1 Thessalonians 5:16 says it simply - Rejoice always.

But how can we rejoice in a world full of sorrow? Amid illness and want, injustice and hate?

St. Dominic found that joy was not only comforting, but life-giving. Walking the fields of France, he was aware of an impending attack by men sent to kill him but continued his songs and prayers. His would-be assassins were so taken aback by his joy that they did not harm him.

Can you find that same life-giving joy in the eyes of someone else, and in the small acts of kindness that surround you?

Remember God is with us. Mary is waiting with us to bring the light of her Son into our darkness. As we light this candle, pray for light and love to come into our hearts.”

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