



# CATHEDRAL *Weekly*

12th Dec. 2021

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**A GUIDE TO THE  
DAILY READINGS**

13th DECEMBER  
18th December 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*Journeying Together...*

**Communion | Participation | Mission**

**Mon. 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2021**

Nm 24:2-7.15-17a;  
Ps 25  
Mt 21:23-27.

**Tue. 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2021**

**St John of the Cross,  
priest and doctor,  
memorial**  
Zep 3:1-2.9-13;  
Ps 34  
Mt 21:28-32.

**Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2021**

Is 45:6b-8.18.21b-25;  
Ps 85  
Lk 7:19-23.

**Thur. 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2021**

Is 54:1-10;  
Ps 30  
Lk 7:24-30.

**Fri. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2021**

Gn 49:2.8-10;  
Ps 72:1-4.7-8.17.  
Mt 1:1-17.

**Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2021**

Jer 23:5-8;  
Ps 72  
Mt 1:18-24.

**DUTY SCHEDULE  
FOR DEC. 2021**

**TODAY**

07:00 AM HOLY SPIRIT  
08:00 AM ST. JUDE  
09:00 AM ST. MONICA.  
11:00 AM YOUTH  
12:30 PM ST. BRIDGIT &  
ST. AUGUSTINE  
5:30PM ALLIANCE OF  
TWO HEARTS  
CLEANING OF THE CHURCH: ST. ANNE

**19th DECEMBER**

7:00AM ST. CHARLES LWANGA  
0:800 AM MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER  
09:00 AM YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS.  
11:00 AM ST. BENEDICT  
12:30 PM ST. GABRIEL &  
ST. KIZITO  
5:30PM ST MAGDALANE &  
ST ANTHONY

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH 18th Dec 2021 :  
ALLIANCE OF TWO HEARTS

## *Reflection*

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C – GAUDETE SUNDAY**

**A** soul that is devoid of joy is certainly devoid of Christ for Christ is the source and fountain of joy and it is fitting that as we prepare for His coming in glory and for the commemoration of His birth amongst us in human form over 2000 years ago, that our hearts should be filled with joy. Inspired by this, the Psalmist invokes us to “sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.” May the joy of the Lord diffuse afresh into us and our families and into the Holy Church of God and through our hearts filled with this joy that knows no end, diffuse to the utmost bounds of the earth; Amen.

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as the Gaudete Sunday, a title taken from the very first word of the Latin version of the Invitatory Antiphon for today’s Mass “Gaudete in Domino semper – Rejoice in the Lord always.” Most visible in the liturgical setting of this unique Sunday in the Liturgical Calendar is the rare liturgical colour rose that is worn by the priest and with which also the Altar is dressed. “Rose is a lighter version of violet, because today the penitential violet is mixed with the white of the approaching festival.” This white that is mixed with the usual violet to give us the colour rose is a perceptible sign of the joy that must bubble in

our hearts in a happy expectation of “He Who came and Who is to come.”

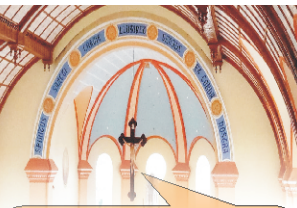
The readings of today are concentrated with this theme of joy and the exhortation to be joyful. In the First Reading (Zephaniah 3:14-18), the prophet convokes us to “Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice; exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! ... The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear.” Nothing could be a greater reason to be joyful than the presence of God in our midst; a concrete proof of His assurance that He is with us – Emmanuel. John the Baptist, who first and foremost while still in the womb, leapt for joy in recognisance of the eternal presence of God amongst us in the unborn Holy Child Jesus, knows that He is the true fount and source of our joy! He knows also the necessity and the indispensability of our preparation to receive Jesus Christ for himself was prepared from time immemorial to be the forerunner of Jesus Christ and to be the one to point Him out to us; “behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29).

In the Gospel Reading (Luke 3:10-18), preparing His people to meet Christ and subsequently pointing Him out to all of us John

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**UPCOMING  
FEAST DAYS &  
MEMORIALS**

**Tue. 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2021**  
**St John of the Cross,**  
 priest and doctor,  
 memorial


**Previous  
Bible Trivia**
**Answers:**

Jesus healed a Blind Man and told him to go and wash his face in the pool of Siloam

**Today's  
Bible Trivia**
**Question 1.**

Jesus was dedicated at the age of?

- A)
- B) Jordan
- C) Tiberius
- D) Salom

**Question 2**

Which prophet prophesied that Jesus will be a refugee in Egypt?

- A) Prophet Isaiah C) Prophet Hosea
- B) Prophet Micah D) Prophet Jeremiah

**Sefania 3:14—18a**

**P**iga kelele za furaha, ewe binti Sioni; piga kelele za shangwe, ewe Israeli; furahi na shangilia kwa moyo wote, ewe binti Yerusalemu.

BWANA ameondoa hukumu iliyokuwa juu yako, amefukuza adui yako.

BWANA, Mfalme wa Israeli yuko ndani yako, wala hutaona msiba tena.

Katika siku ile Yerusalemu utaambiwa: Usiogope, ee Sioni, mikono yako isilegee. BWANA Mungu wako yuko katikati yako, shujaa aokoaye.

Atakufurahia kwa furaha kuu, atakulilia katika upendo wake.

Atakufurahia kwa kuimba.

**Zaburi**
**Isaya 12:2-3,4bcd, 5-6 (K. 6)**

**K. Paza sauti za furaha na shangwe, maana ametukuzwa ndani yako, Mtakatifu wa Israeli!**

Ndiye Mungu wa wokovu wangu; namtumainia, wala sina hofu tena. Kwa kuwa Bwana ni nguvu yangu na wimbo wangu, amekuwa wokovu wangu. Nanyi mtateka maji kwa furaha kwenye chemchemi za wokovu. K.

Mshukuruni Bwana, liiteni jina lake; tangazeni kati ya mataifa matendo yake makuu, wakumbusheni ya kuwa jina lake ni tukufii sana. K.

Mwimbieni Bwana, maana ametenda miujiza itangazwe duniani kote. Paza sauti za furaha na shangwe, enyi watu wa Sioni, maana ametukuzwa ndani yako, Mtakatifu wa Israeli! K.

**Wafilipi 4:4-7**

**N**dugu zangu: Furahini daima katika Bwana. Nasema tena, furahini! Mwenendo wenu mwema ujulikane kwa watu wote. Bwana yu karibu. Msihangaike, bali katika mambo yote pelekeni maombi yenu kwa Mungu katika sala na dua, pamoja na shukrani. Na amani ya Mungu ipitayo kila ufahamu ilinde mioyo yenu na mawazo yenu katika Kristo Yesu.

**Aleluya!**

*Roho wa Bwana yu juu yangu, amenituma niwahubirie maskini habari njema. Aleluya.*

**Luka 3:10-18**

**W**akati ule: Watu wengi walimwuliza Yohane, “Tufanye nini basi?” Akawajibu, “Aliye na kanzu mbili atoe moja kwa mtu asiye nayo. Na mwenye chakula afanye vivyo hivyo.” Hata watoza ushuru wakaja kubatizwa, wakamwuliza, “Mwalimu, nasi tufanye nini?” Akawajibu, “Msitoe kupita kiasi chenu.” Kadhalika askari walimwuliza, “Nasi tufanye nini?” Akawaambia, “Msiwadhulumu watu, wala msiwashtaki kwa uongo, ridhikeni na mshahara wenu.” Watu wakashikwa na udadisi, wote wakajiuliza mioyoni mwao kama huyu

Yohane ni Masiya mwenyewe au sivyo. Yohane akawapa wote jibu lake akisema, “Mimi nawabatiza kwa maji tu, lakini anakuja mmoja aliye na nguvu kuliko mimi.

Hata sistahili kufungua ukanda wa viatu vyake.

Yeye atawabatiza kwa Roho Mtakatifu na kwa moto.

Anashika pepeo mkononi mwake ausafishe uwanda wake wa kupuria nafaka, kusudi akusanye ngano ghalani, bali makapi ayateketeze kwa moto usiozimika.”

Zaidi ya hayo, aliwafundisha watu mambo mengine mengi na kuwahubiria habari njema.

**Question 3**

Paul worked as a ?

- A) Tent Maker C) Fisherman
- B) Carpenter D) Mason

Find out the Answers in our next issue.

Trivia Questions by:  
Jannis - Loreto





**Zephaniah 3:14-18a**

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!  
 Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
 The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has cast out your enemies.  
 The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear evil no more.  
 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

“Do not fear, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.”

**PSALM**

**Isaiah 12:2-3.4bcde.5-6 (R. 6)**

**R. Shout, and sing for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.”  
 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. R.

“Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name; make known his deeds among the nations, proclaim that his name is exalted.” R.

“Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.” R.

**Philippians 4:4-7**

Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Alleluia**

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has sent me to preach good news to the poor. Alleluia.*

**Luke 3:10-18**

At that time: The multitudes asked John, “What then shall we do?” And he answered them, “He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise.” Tax collectors also came to be baptised, and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Collect no more than is appointed you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Rob no one by violence or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”  
 As the people were in expectation, and all men

questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, “I baptise you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will bum with unquenchable fire.”  
 So, with many other exhortations, he preached good news to the people.

**INVITATION**



REV. FR. ARMOGAST MDAWIDA

**JOIN ME AS WE OFFICIALLY LAUNCH OUR VISION FOR THE PARISH TOWARDS THE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS ON 24TH DEC 2021 FROM 7:00PM AT THE CHURCH COMPOUND.**


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## Reflection

the Baptist exclaimed, "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

The Man who John points out to us is the Person of the season! He is the reason of the joy we have in us, the joy that we must share with others. He is Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the Lord. Saint Paul, haven experienced the power of His presence and the joy inherent in that unique encounter wrote to the Christian Community in Philippians in the Second Reading (Philippians 4:4-7), "I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near."

Joy is a central part of blessedness and as a people walking towards that unique blessedness to which the Lord invites each of us, it is imperative to be joyful. The closeness of God to us is the reason for this joy for we know and understand what it means to have God very near to us, "for what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him?" (Deut 4:7). This joy can never be bottled! It is very contagious! The palpable sign of the presence of joy in us is our ability to inspire joy in others; especially those who seem to have no reason to rejoice. As we await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, we must be containers and sharers of joy! We contain this joy when our hope is alive and active! A hope that is alive and active is a hope that prepares, a hope that partakes in the celebrations of the sacraments, especially in this Season, the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is such hope that inflames our hearts with joy and leads us to export this joy to our brothers and sisters.

As we gather around the Table of the Eucharist in joyful expectation of the Feasts ahead, may God renew within us the joy of our salvation, not just at Christmas but every day of our lives and ultimately at the Parousia; Amen.

Happy Sunday

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DINNER CARDS

Dinner cards at 1000/- at the tent or parish office. The dinner shall be held on Monday 13th Dec 2021 at the parish hall.

### WANAMARIA

Are being received for the 1st medal today during the 9:00am mass at the parish hall.

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The Central Deanery Choir are inviting all for the Christmas Carols to be held at the parish hall on 19th Dec 2021 from 2:00pm. Entrance cards to support the mission are on sale at 100/- per person.

## HOLY GHOST CATHEDRAL PARISH ALL WOMEN

*Cordially invites*

**your support in fund-raising  
for their project of  
giving the Cathedral Parish a facelift  
by buying their**

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each selling at 100/=**

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you can for yourselves,  
your friends & family  
to promote this very noble cause.**

## Advent Colouring



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