

*3rd Sunday of Advent  
December 15, 2024  
Gaudete Sunday*



*TO BEGIN AGAIN*



## From the Gusset

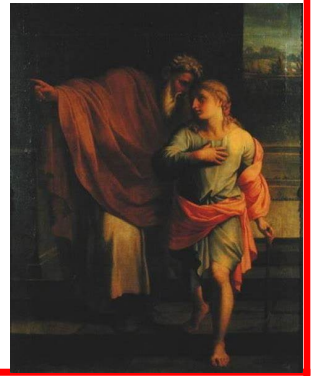
“The lowly will ever find joy in the Lord,  
and the poor rejoice in the Holy One of  
Israel.”  
—Isaiah 29:19

**The Prophet Isaiah** (and all **the Prophets** really) **chastises** the rich, the powerful, **Kings**, and tyrants, because these persons are **not thankful** to God. For it was God who gave them their **land**, their **money**, their **power**, their **kingdoms**,..., but they fail to thank God for these **gifts**. It is almost as if God has been here before! That the first time God came, He gave to some (we could say a few) – God gave **riches** to **Kings**, **vineyards** to others, and **power** to yet a third person. This is what made them **Kings**, **Vineyard Owners**, and **powerful** persons – God gave these **gifts** to them. Why are **the poor** and **the lowly** wanting and **praying** for God **to come again**? Because they know that when God **comes**, the Almighty will reward them this time – give them **good gifts** – just as God gave these **gifts** to those who are already well-off the first time He came. **The poor** recognize who the rich got their riches from! That it was God, who gives all riches. So, **the lowly call out** to God to come again and this time **reward** them! Those who are rich now, those who are powerful now – they don't see what is so readily apparent to **the poor** and **lowly** – they don't acknowledge that they are where they are because God put them there. You and I don't realize **the power** we have been given by God. God gave us **the power** that we have, and God asks us **to share** that **power** with those who are **powerless**. What is **the power** God gave to you that you are to share with others, who have not been given **the gift** that you have been given? I give you two examples to help you answer this question. **Fr. Randy** has been given **the power** to call down the Holy Spirit and change **bread** and **wine** into the **Body** and **Blood** of God's Son. This is a great **power**, and I was given It by God – **the power** to confect **the Eucharist**. So, what do I do with this **power**? What does God expect **Fr. Randy** to do with his **priesthood**? God expects me to **share** It with the people, who are my **parishioners**, and so I celebrate **the Eucharist** every day for God's people, because that is what God wants me to do. Another example of God giving a group **power**: **the Eucharistic Congress Pilgrims** have been give a **power**. **The U.S. Bishops blessed** them, and sent them back home from **the Eucharistic Congress** with a **power** – a **power** to pray and do **penance** for other people's **sins** against **the Eucharist**. Are they using that power? Well, they are trying to. We have asked that **folks** would fill out a **prayer card** (at the back of **Church**) and give our **Eucharistic Pilgrims** the names of your family members and friends, who are not practicing their **Catholic Faith** – that the **Pilgrims** should use **the power** of their prayers and make **reparations** for other peoples' **sins**. God is **coming back**. **The poor, the lowly, the downtrodden** have been **calling** for God to **come again**. They who do **not** have, **call out** to God to share the Almighty's **power** with them. What if...? What if, when God **comes** to reward **the lowly**... what if **the poor** told God what a good job the Almighty had done with us. That **the lowly** told God that we had shared our **gifts** with them! The best way to thank God for His **gift** to you – is for us to share that **gift** with others, and then have **the poor** and **the lowly** thank God for putting you in their life!

**Yours on the Path Fr. Randy**

# Collection Amounts for the Month of November

	OLPH	SMA	St. Patrick
Loose Collection	\$544	\$20	\$37
Envelopes	\$3,570	\$1,970	\$1,320
Total	\$4,114	\$1,990	\$1,357
Monthly Expenses	\$10,921	\$4,184	\$3,695
Diocesan Appeal	\$7,945/\$10,655	\$4,719/\$3,280	\$7,470/\$2,603
All Saints' Day	\$285	\$5	\$155



## HOLY HOUR WITH THE CCD STUDENTS

### GAUDETE SUNDAY

9:20AM—10:10AM .



Typically we pray a **Rosary** as **the sacramental** to begin our **Holy Hour**, but since our time of **Adoration** is less than an hour during our **CCD class**—we will pray **the Chaplet of the Infant Jesus of Prague**. It is quicker and I believe more meaningful for **the CCD students**. Remember **the Chaplet** is composed of **three beads** (on which we pray the **Our Father Prayer**) and a loop of **twelve beads** (on which we pray the **Hail Mary Prayer**). The three **Our Father Prayers** are for **the holiness** of ourselves, our **Mom**, and our **Dad**. The twelve **Hail Mary Prayers** are for our **'spiritual twelve'** (our brothers and sisters, Godfather and Godmother, favorite Uncles and Aunts, maybe our friends at school). **The kids** should have already assigned the name of **a loved one** to each

of the **Holy Apostles** and **the Saint of the Day**, so that **the Apostle** or **the Saint** can pray with them, a **Hail Mary**. In this way two **Hail Marys** are prayed for **the remission of the sins** of the people we **wish** to see most in **Heaven**. Who makes up your **Spiritual Twelve**? Fill out the worksheet below, come to **the Holy Hour** on **Gaudete Sunday**, and pray **the Chaplet** with **the CCD kids**. What a wonderful **Advent devotion**: to introduce your **Spiritual Twelve** to Jesus in **the Blessed Sacrament**.

**St. Bartholomew** \_\_\_\_\_ **St. James** \_\_\_\_\_ **St. Andrew** \_\_\_\_\_  
**St. Peter** \_\_\_\_\_ **Saint of the Day or St. Matthias** \_\_\_\_\_  
**St. John** \_\_\_\_\_ **St. James the Greater** \_\_\_\_\_ **St. Thomas** \_\_\_\_\_  
**St. Philip** \_\_\_\_\_ **St. Matthew** \_\_\_\_\_ **St. Jude** \_\_\_\_\_  
**St. Simon the Zealot** \_\_\_\_\_



## THE MASS AND THE SAINTS

**St. Isidore (560-636)** tells us that – like the ‘*Amen*’ – the **Alleluia** has never been translated from **Hebrew** into **Latin**. Not that its meaning is unknown; rather, as the learned say, these words have by their antiquity, a greater and **holier authority**. The word

**Alleluia** means, “*praise our Lord*,” and **St. John** tells us, in the book of Revelation, that he heard **the Heavenly Army of Angels** crying out ‘**Alleluia**’ – **St. John** says, “**it was a noise like the great roar of the sea and as the voice of Thunder**” – when **John** heard them **exclaim: Alleluia!** **St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)** tells us that the **Alleluia** intimates **the joy** that we feel and **the hope** of the eternal things to come – we repeat the **Alleluia**, because both the soul and the body will one day be clothed in glory. **St. Antoninus (1389-1459)** says that we repeat the **Alleluia**, because the first **Alleluia** denotes **the Resurrection** of Jesus Christ on **Easter Sunday morning**, and the second **Alleluia** stands for **the Resurrection** of **the human race** at the second coming of Christ! I remember, one of my classmates in **Seminary** asked our **Liturgist**, if we should sing the **Alleluia** at a **Funeral Mass**; after all, the family is **mourning** the loss of a **loved one** – ought **the Church** to sing a **joyful hymn** on such a **sad day**? “We must sing the **Alleluia** at a **Funeral Mass**,” was our **Liturgist** answer – “for we believe this person will rise again and with **great glory** be borne aloft!” What **a great answer** to a serious question, and this seems to be exactly what **St. Antoninus** is telling us. **Durandus (1230-1296)** says, “the **Alleluia** does not so much express **the joy** of that distant life, but points towards it; and although the **Alleluia** is but one word, it has many, many notes for this **joy** is greater than could be expressed by a single or just a few notes!” The great **St. Augustine (354-430)**, who was moved to conversion by singing, says that, “the melody of the **Alleluia** means that our **hearts** are bursting with feelings words cannot express. God is **the unutterable**; and so, if words will not come to you and you cannot remain silent (because your **heart** is bursting), what else can one do, but let the melody soar?!” **Fr. Randy** thinks that the **Alleluia** is one of ‘the top five moments in **the Mass**,’ because we are about to be spoken to by Jesus, Himself, in the proclamation of **the Gospel!** **The Apostles** shouted this word when they saw Jesus **work a miracle**. Is it not **a miracle**, that God wants to speak to us, and He most surely does when **the Gospel** is proclaimed! **Alleluia!!!**



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**Saturday, December 14th**

(+) Gertrude & (+) Barbara & (+) Sophia & (+) Josephine Hraback/ Fr. Randy

4:00 pm, **OLPH** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Rita Haefner/ Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Henkel

**Sunday, December 15th Third Sunday of Advent/ Gaudete Sunday**

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Connie Full/ Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Full

10:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Betty Henkel/ Mr. & Mrs. Ken Jones & (+) Jean Ritola/ Mary Lynn Valentin

**Monday, December 16th**

(+) Mary Helen Leffelman/ Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Setchell

**Tuesday, December 17th**

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Sister Callista Ekwe & (+) Sister Petra Chukwudike/ DDL

**Wednesday, December 18th**

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Mike Widolff/ Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Klein

**Thursday, December 19th**

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Donald Swope/ Mr. & Mrs. Howard McInnis

8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Wellington & (+) Marion Chaon/ Mr. & Mrs. Don Dinges

**Friday, December 20th**

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Melvin Stewart/ Howardine Stewart

**Saturday, December 21st**

(+) Joseph & (+) Mary McCoy & Barbara Maria McCoy/ Fr. Randy

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Larry Leffelman/ Mr. & Mrs. Diane & Jim Flaherty & (+) Carol Ziller/ Mr. & Mrs. Doug Klein

5:30 pm, **SMA** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

**Sunday, December 22nd Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Joyce Setchell/ Mr. & Mrs. Jim Burke

10:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Charles & (+) Elizabeth Kuebel/ Family

**Living Mass Intentions:**

**OLPH: B.J. & Kayla Payne, Robert & Maureen Weber, Jim & Betty Meznarich, Ruth Ann Vaessen**

**SMA: Steve & Pam Kromm, Ken Gehant, Charles Torri**

**St. Patrick: Diane Blaine, Troy & Lisa Quest**

**WEDDING BANNES I: Nathan Goebel and Brigantia O'Sadnick**



**Christmas Flower donations** may be placed in the **offertory basket** at the back of **Church**—simply write **the name of the person** that you would like to **honor** on the outside of the envelop. A **future bulletin** will **acknowledge who it is**, who has made our **altars** so **beautiful**.