



Pastor:

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MASSES

Seating is on a first come first serve basis.

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Friday 12:05 noon

Saturday 10:00 am

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:30 am

Holy Hour:

Friday 11:00 am

Confessions:

Saturdays 4:30 - 4:55 pm

Sundays 8:30 - 8:55 am &

11 - 11:25 am

Baptism:

Call to make arrangements

MARRIAGE

Twelve months notice and Marriage Course usually required

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OFFICE HOURS

Tues-Fri. 9:30 am -4:00pm

For parishioners to get mass intentions and other items.

Please call 705-526-6313 ext 1 and we will be happy to assist you with your other needs.

PARISH LIFE

Parish Secretary

Juanita Wootton-Radko

Choirs Saturday 5:00 pm

Adele Heins

Sunday 9:00 am

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Sunday 11:30 am

Diana Swift

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Pauline Brabant

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Katie Goulbourne

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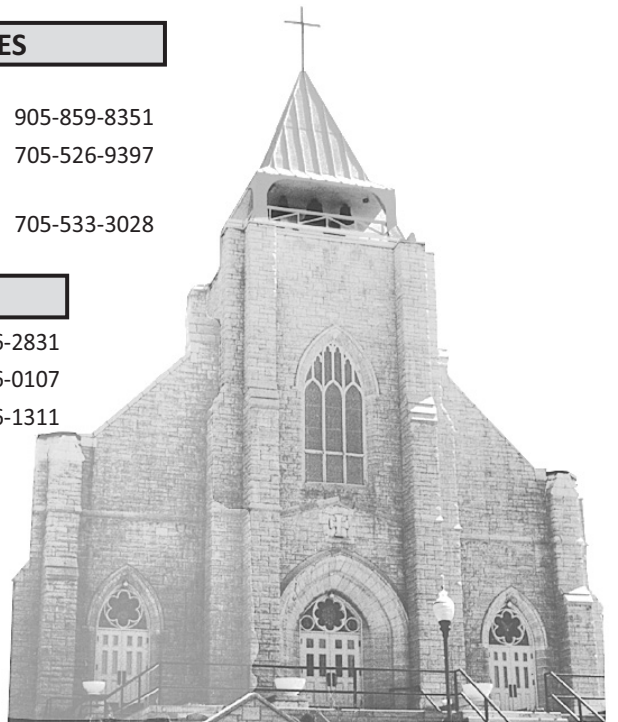
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Who Joy Is

The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday: Gaudete means "Rejoice"! This reminds us that in the midst of our waiting and anticipation for the coming of the Lord we are to be joyful.

And so, we reflect on what it is to be joyful: Where is joy found? Our instinct tells us that true joy is everlasting and eternal. However, our personal experiences suggest otherwise: joy can be fleeting. For instance, we may wish to save money in order to purchase a new pair of shoes or to have the latest smartphone: there is excitement to wear a new pair of sneakers, or to have a new phone. However, after some time, our liking wavers and we wish for better-looking shoes and more advanced phone.

So, we ask ourselves, "Where do we find our joy? Where do we find lasting joy?" As we read the Gospel reading about the ministry of John the Baptist we may wonder, what is so joyful about this man from the wilderness, preaching repentance for sins and conversion. What is so joyful about repentance and conversion?

We may have simply equated joy with excitement or contentment; true joy should be more than that.

Where is true joy to be found? John came out of the wilderness to be *a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him*. John came as *the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'* John came to introduce us to the Light which will bring us true joy. And Jesus can only fully enter into a heart that is contrite and humble.

Let us pray that, like John, we may be faithful in witnessing and testifying for Christ. May we grow more and more in this commitment so that we may find true and lasting joy in Christ.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. R C R A

Singers Wanted!

Singers are invited to practice for Christmas Mass with Adele on Wednesday evenings 7-8 PM or with Diana on Tuesday afternoons 1:30 -2:30 PM.
Come praise the Lord!

Tuesday Dec.19th

12:05pm + Simone Flam
Requested by John & Family

Wednesday Dec.20th

12:05pm +Antony, Philip and Margaret
Requested by Bernadette & family

Thursday Dec. 21st

Saint Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

12:05 pm + the Cheesman Family
Requested by Dan Maloney & family

Friday Dec.22nd

11 am – Holy Hour
12:05 pm +the Maloney Family
Requested by Daniele & family

Saturday Dec.23rd

10:00 am +Eileen Dell
Requested by The Dell family
10:30-Noon Confessions

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Vigil Mass – Saturday Dec 23rd

Saint John of Kanty, Priest

5 pm +Eugenio & Caterina
Requested by John & family

Sunday –Dec . 24th

9am +Mass for the People
11:30 am + Earl Taylor
Requested by St. Vincent de Paul



The Pope's Prayer Intention for December

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.

Christmas Mass Schedule

SCAM Alert!

Please be cautious: two phishing emails pretending to be from Cardinal Thomas C. Collins and Fr. Roselle Azares have come from a Gmail account. If you receive these emails, please delete!! Thank you.

2024 Calendars

Looking for your 2024 calendar? The Parish Life Committee will be selling our very own 2024 St. Margaret's liturgical calendars featuring the stained-glass windows of St. Margarets. Makes a great Christmas gift! Available after Mass and at the Parish office during office hours.

Attention Ushers and Greeters

Please check the schedule posted in the ushers' closet behind the confessional. Please look and fill in your name for any of the available time slots to ensure there are sufficient available ushers for the Christmas masses. Any questions, please call Carol McBryan 705-796-1842(cell) or 705-245-1408(home).



Christmas Flowers and Church Décor

Remember your deceased loved ones and friends by donating towards the Christmas floral décor. Send the name you wish to remember along with your donation to have them included in the Mass intentions on Christmas Day. Suggested donation amounts are: \$10, \$15, \$20. Envelopes are at both entrances in the Church or available at the Parish Office during Office hours.

Advent Day of Confessions

St. Anne's Parish, Penetanguishene.

Thurs., Dec. 21st

9:00 am – 12:00 pm 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

2023 Donations and Tax Receipts

All donations must be received by the Parish Office by Dec. 27, 2023 to be included on your 2023 receipt. Tax receipts will be mailed out late January 2024.

Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Eve - Sunday December 24

5 pm 8 pm 11 pm

Christmas Day – Monday December 25

10 am

Feast of the Holy Family– Sunday

December 31st

9 am 11:30 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Vigil Mass – Sunday Dec. 31st

Note: this is a holy day of obligation for all Catholics

5:00 p.m.

Monday January 1st

10 am

Epiphany of the Lord

Vigil Mass -- Saturday January

6th

Save the Date: Feast of the Holy Family

Please join us December 31st as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. There will be a reception following the 11:30 am Mass.



Please remember the following people in your prayers, Vincentia Bee, Bob Dorion, Carol Quesnelle, Barrett Smith, Alex Latondress, Malachy Maguire; Nick Tardif, Lynda Stanek; Lloyd Leroux; Mary Fletcher; Sherry Archer; Abigail Brown; Romelda Morson; Nicole Marchildon; Stephen Roach; Lilah Bates; Shelley Smith; Nadine Adams; Peter Pattenaude; Bob Kokron; Brenda Bylow; John Jerome; Marshal Laurin, John Gunther, and Marilyn Dalton
Please pray for our recently deceased relatives and friends: Bill Brennen, Robert Dalton, Bob Lesperance, Karen Keays and Eric Holden

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