

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

On school days, we follow Buncombe County Schools. If schools are closed, our campus is also closed and there are no Masses.

If schools are delayed there is no Mass and the office will open at 11:00am.

Parishioners will be notified through Flocknote text about any cancellations.

We also will post schedule updates on our parish Facebook page and

our parish website.

Check our website (saintmmc.com) or WLOS Channel 13 or WLOS.com.

## What is Dogma & Donuts? Parents...make sure you sign up your teen for this event!



St. Margaret Mary is offering a unique opportunity for our Youth and Young Adults to boost their knowledge of the Catholic Faith while enjoying time with their peers over brunch. Sign-ups for this event have been sent thru Flocknote.

We will be offering two Sunday sessions in December led by Manuel Rodriguez. December 14th for our High School Students (teens) and December 21st for our Young Adults (college age-30 years old). Sessions begin at 12pm in the Parish Hall

Santa Margarita María ofrece una oportunidad única para que nuestros jóvenes y adultos jóvenes profundicen en la fe católica mientras disfrutan de un brunch con sus compañeros. Las inscripciones para este evento se han enviado a través de Flocknote.

Ofreceremos dos sesiones dominicales en diciembre, dirigidas por Manuel Rodríguez. El 14 de diciembre para nuestros estudiantes de preparatoria (adolescentes) y el 21 de diciembre para nuestros jóvenes adultos (universitarios hasta 30 años). Las sesiones comienzan a las 12:00 p. m. en el Salón Parroquial.



The Third Sunday of Advent is known as "Gaudete Sunday." In the readings, we hear about miracles associated with the Messianic age, its coming, and what we need to do to prepare. We also learn about the doubts of John the Baptist, how he dealt with them, and the blessing that makes us even more fortunate than John was.

Here are a few things to know and share . . .

1) Why is the third Sunday of Advent known as Gaudete Sunday? Its name is taken from the entrance antiphon of the Mass, which is:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

This is a quotation from Philippians 4:4-5, and in Latin, the first word of the antiphon is *gaudete* (Latin, "rejoice"; it's also pronounced with three syllables: *gau-de-te*)

## 2) What significance does this have?

Advent is the season of preparing for the arrival of the Lord Jesus (both his first coming and his second coming), and by the third Sunday of Advent, we are most of the way through the season. Thus it is appropriate to rejoice as we see the goal of the season approaching: "The Lord is near."

## 3) What is the appropriate liturgical color for this day?

According to the rubrics: In this Mass the color violet or rose is used. It can thus be either one. It doesn't have to be rose; it can also be violet.