

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of *Advent*

December 12, 2021

I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.
Luke 3:16

OFFICE HOURS
HORAS DE OFICINA

Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Saturday Closed

MASS SCHEDULE
HORARIO DE MISA
 Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
 10:00 a.m. (En Español)
 12:00 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.
 Monday-Thursday 6:30 a.m.
 Friday 12:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Sacramento de la Reconciliación
 Saturday 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

ADORATION / ADORACION
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 Exposición del bendito sacramento
 Temporarily Closed

PASTOR
Rev. Frank Macias

DEACONS / DIÁCANOS
 Bob Caldwell, Gerard Gonzalez,
 Robert Ibarra, J. Mark Luther

PARISH ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL
PERSONAL DE ADMINISTRACIÓN
PARROQUIAL

Bookkeeper	Michael Morin
Administrative Assistant	Teresa Sanchez
Hall Coordinator	Chrystie Schultz
Sacramental Certificates	Rosie Aguilar
Communications Specialist	Kayla De La Peña

St. Vincent De Paul (210) 533-7334

Baptisms

Parents must bring a legal state birth certificate into the church office and register. Padrinos / Sponsors must be a baptized Catholic and have received the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. If married, must be married in the Catholic faith.

Weddings

Please call our office to make an appointment with our pastor at least 6 months in advance.

Quinceañeras or Sweet 16's

All debutantes / quinceañeras must attend religious classes / CCD at least one year prior to the celebration. Please call our parish office at least one year to the proposed date of the event.

Mass Intentions

Sat., December 11 5:00 p.m. Readings: Bar 5:1-9 / Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 / Lk 3:1-6	Charlie Bernhard (d) Hazel Bernhard (d) Francisco Garcia (d) Ponciana Garcia (d)	Sister Camen Najera (d) Adalberto Ruiz (d) Esperanza Ruiz (d)
Sunday, December 12	Third Sunday of Advent	Second Collection: Retired Religious Fund
Advent Confessions will take place every Monday & Thursday at 6 p.m. until December 16th.		
8:00 a.m. Readings: Bar 5:1-9 / Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 / Lk 3:1-6	Agustin Mora (d) Celia Garcia (d) Luz R. Castro (d)	Rafael Suniga (d) Charles Adame (d) Guadalupana Society
10:00 a.m. Readings: Bar 5:1-9 / Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 / Lk 3:1-6	Refugia D. Castillo (d) Gabriel R. Castillo (d) Tony Rangel (d) Margarita Medellin (d)	Sister Camen Najera (d) Gloria Martinez (d) Marisa Ramos Martinez (d) Eudelia Salinas Favela (d)
12:00 p.m. Readings: Bar 5:1-9 / Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 / Lk 3:1-6	Moises Perez (d) Pedro Flores (d) Oralía Benavidez (d)	Cindy Flores (d) Teresa Fernandez (d) Anthony Medrano (d)
2:30 p.m. Readings: Bar 5:1-9 / Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 / Lk 3:1-6	Adolph R. Herrera (d'b'day) Ethan Jackson (d)	Rafael Suniga (d) Rudy Villa (d)
Mon., December 13 6:30 a.m. Readings: Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26	Antonio Segovia (d'b'day)	
Tue., December 14 6:30 a.m. Readings: Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14		
Wed., December 15 6:30 a.m. Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38		
Thu., December 16 6:30 a.m. Readings: Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15	George Beltran (d'b'day)	Lawrence A. Dentinger (d'b'day)
Fri., December 17 12:00 p.m. Readings: Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19	Adolph R. Herrera (d'b'day) Susan Guerra (d) Jesus Genara (d)	Adolph R. Herrera (d'anniv) Richard Herrera Jr. (d'anniv) Angeline Carroll (d'anniv)

Third Sunday of Advent - Scripture Insights

Today's Scriptures repeatedly echo with sounds of joy and gladness in the divine presence, in rescue and redemption accomplished. The prophet Zephaniah proclaims to Judah that despite her many infidelities, God will "renew [her] in his love" (3:17). In the responsorial psalm, Isaiah announces that Judah can live "confident and unafraid" (12:2) because God remains always in her midst. St. Paul calls the Philippian community to "Rejoice on the Lord" (4:4) because the Gospel, the Good News of salvation in Christ, continues to spread.

In the Gospel, however, Luke brings a note of repentance into this symphony of joy. By the time Luke wrote his Gospel account, fifty or more years after the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, Christians no longer expected Christ's imminent return. Hence Luke reminds his hearers that while Christ has begun God's final rule on earth, they must live each day fully aware of this reality, looking forward to the unknown day of its completion.

Thus, Luke often emphasizes the demands of daily Christian living. A few verses before today's Gospel, Luke presents John the Baptist preaching a baptism of repentance. In the Bible, repentance means a radical conversion of one's entire way of life. It demands turning away from sin and all that leads to it, while turning toward God in heart and action. Therefore, the Baptist calls tax collectors and soldiers to cease their common acts of dishonesty and oppression.

Rejoicing in salvation that has already come in Christ is praiseworthy, Luke seems to say. But, he adds, the powerful presence of our saving God in Christ calls for response in daily life and action. Such response is true repentance, made possible because our saving God is already with us in Christ. For this we can truly rejoice!

Personal Missalettes

Unidos en Cristo/United in Christ Missalettes are available in our parish office for a donation of \$5.

Limited quantities of "Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word, 2022," are available for purchase in the parish office for \$14. English and Spanish editions available.

St. Leo's **The Gabriel Project** ministry is in need of the following items:

- ♦ Toddler Bed
- ♦ High Chair
- ♦ Gently used boy's & girls clothes (2T, 3T, 4T,)

If you'd like to donate these items, Please call Virginia Losoya @ (210) 722-2984



THE
GABRIEL
PROJECT

Catholic Daughters Court St. Francis of Assisi #1887

Christmas Raffle

Tickets \$1.00

Drawing to be held December 19, 2021

in the St. Leo's Parking Lot

Need not be present to win

Prizes:

1st \$100.00 Lottery Scratch Tickets

2nd Hamilton Beach Kettle

3rd Christmas Cane Wreath

4th Pearl Set

5th Sauce pans and \$75.00 HEB Gift Card

6th Christmas Card Holder

7th Macy's \$50.00 Gift Card

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Office closes at 12 p.m.

Friday, December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve

5 p.m. Vigil Mass

No 12 p.m. Mass

Office Closed

Saturday, December 25, 2021

Christmas Day

9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mass

Friday, December 31, 2021

New Year's Eve

5 p.m. Vigil Mass

No 12 p.m. Mass

Office Closed

Saturday, January 1, 2022

New Year's Day

9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mass