

# Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2011

Today is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "Rejoice." Christmas is coming. Jesus is being born in us. And even if there is deadness or hardship or evil, Jesus has promised to be with us, and Jesus keeps his promise. Let us pray today as rejoicing believers in the promise.

## Masses of the Week

### Beginning Dec. 12, 2011

8:00 am Daily Mass

**MON:** Margaret Mary Geckle

**TUES:** Pasquale & Assunta Gugliano Ann Marie Manz

**WED:** Michael C. Precht Donald Crusse

**THURS:** Savino & Lucia Cucola & Family Edgardo Simon

**FRI:** Marion Perry

**SAT:** Harris Freeman

### Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011

**4:30 PM:** Robert Fedo

**6:00 PM:** Arnel Simon (SI) Ruth Seta

### Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011

**7:30 AM:** Michael Dempsey Michael Certeza

**9:00 AM:** Jerome Bpzek Richard Coyle

**10:30 AM** James Milton Cason

**Noon** People of the Parish

**N.H. – indicates Nursing Home**

**S.I. – indicates Special Intention**

### SCRIPTURE READINGS for Dec. 18, 2011

**First:** 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16. The promise to David, ancestor of Jesus.

**Second:** Rom 16:25-27 Christ is the manifestation of the mystery kept secret for long ages.

**Gospel:** Luke 1:26-38 Gabriel's announcement to Mary

**ALTAR FLOWERS** Christmas Flower Memorial Envelopes are available in the monthly packet, in the parish mailing and at the doors of the Church. These flowers will remain on the Altar throughout the Christmas season.

**PRAYER CHAIN** If you have a PRAYER REQUEST call any member of the IHM Prayer Chain: Call Mary Ann Thaler 410-668-7738, Corrine Kelly 410 -252-2009

### Collections for the Weekend of Dec. 4, 2011

Envelope Donations	\$	8538.89	
Loose	\$	1636.14	
Children	\$	57.45	
Second Collection	\$	3384.90	Maint.
Total	\$	13617.38	
Less Cathedraticum	\$	2042.60	
Available for Parish	\$	11574.78	
Poor Box	\$	309.07	

**ELECTRONIC GIVING.** – is a direct payment program whereby your contribution is debited automatically from either your checking or saving account, or can be charged to your credit card. Call parish office at 410-668-7935. Ext.209 The form is also available on the Parish website

**RESPECT Life** Chronic pain is a major problem for many, and some pain does not respond to traditional pain medications or some people cannot tolerate the side effects. The culture of death has their solution for those suffering from chronic intractable pain: assisted suicide. Researchers at the University of Michigan have another more hopeful approach: gene therapy. They have begun a clinical trial of a gene therapy that uses the body's natural painkillers to bring relief to patients who cannot be helped with conventional drugs. They hope that a single injection could provide relief for up to six months in people whose pain is so severe that morphine and other frontline drugs have little effect or cannot be used because of their side-effects. Dr. David Fink who is leading the research outlined the results of this trial at the Society for Neuroscience Conference in Washington and expects to have results at the end of the year. Dr. Fink stated: "We have started with people who are in pain from terminal cancer, but the approach is applicable for intractable pain from inflammatory conditions such as arthritis of the hip and any number of other situations." This is fantastic news and another example of ethical genetic engineering. (Rebecca Taylor, LifeNews.com, 11/29/11) To join the parish Respect Life Committee call Betty Steinbacher at 410 665-8645

Our **PARISH PENANCE SERVICE** is Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Church. This will be a Penance Service followed by individual confessions. We have invited several priests to be available to hear confession. This is also the opportunity for First Reconciliation.

Please Remember God's Poor by using the **Poor Boxes** as you leave Mass. Your donations go to our **IHM St. Vincent de Paul** Office to help with those in our parish who are in need.

Please do not remove the new prayer cards from the pews. To print a copy or to read about the changes go to: <http://www.catholicreview.org/newmissal/>

**HYMNALS:** You may have noticed there is a new paperback hymnal in the pews "CHOOSE CHRIST." This hymnal will mainly be used at the 10:30am Mass as it contains more recently written Contemporary Praise and Worship Music. We ask that you please do not remove these or any of the hymnals from the pews.

Join us in celebration of the Advent Season!  
**Festival of Lessons & Carols for Advent Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM St. Joseph Church Fullerton** with the combined choirs of St. Joseph St. Isaac Jogues, St. Ursula Immaculate Heart of Mary Featuring combined adult & children's choirs, the St. Isaac Ringers, the St. Isaac Junior Ringers, organ, and instrumentalists. All are welcome.

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

"He said: 'I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said." Many people are anxiously searching for the Lord in their lives. Oftentimes it just takes one person to shed some light into another's life, to point them in the right direction. St. John the Baptist responded wholeheartedly to his vocation and led many people to the Lord. Do you feel called to do the same? For more information about vocations, Contact Rev. Austin A. Murphy, Director of Vocations at 410-547-5426. OR VISIT THE WEBSITE [www.becomeapriest.org](http://www.becomeapriest.org)

**MARYLAND MARCH FOR LIFE YOUTH VIDEO & POSTER CONTESTS** Children in grades K-6 are invited to create a poster and youth in grades 7-12 are challenged to create a video for the Maryland March for Life. All entries (pictures of the posters) should be emailed to [info@marylandmarchforlife.org](mailto:info@marylandmarchforlife.org) by 5PM on **January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012**. Winner of the video contest receives an iPod Touch and winner of the poster contest receives a prize! For details, photos, and questions, [info@marylandmarchforlife.org](mailto:info@marylandmarchforlife.org) or [www.marylandmarchforlife.org](http://www.marylandmarchforlife.org).

*On Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> after the Noon Mass anyone wishing to help decorate the Church inside and out for Christmas is invited to come lend a hand We will be putting up the trees, hanging the lights outside, placing the wreaths, etc. . Many hands make light work!  
 Come and help prepare our Church for Christmas*

**Welcome to Our Smoke-Free Campus**

In order to comply with the new Archdiocesan Policy, as of **November 1, 2011**, on School days from 7AM to 5PM the buildings and property at Immaculate Heart of Mary will be a non-smoking campus. We will move to full compliance in order to provide for a smoke-free campus 24/7, on January 1. 2012. Please help us to provide a healthy environment for all our students, parishioners and employees.

*Fr. Mike*

**ADVENT GIVING PROGRAM – WEEK FOUR  
 DECEMBER 17-18**

Don Miller House provides 24 hour assisted living to those who have been diagnosed with end stage AIDS.

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| Household cleaning products                    | Laundry soap     |
| Antibacterial liquid hand soap                 | Dryer Sheets     |
| Lysol Spray and Floor cleaner                  | Bleach           |
| Dishwasher and Dish Detergent                  | Window Cleaner   |
| Sponges, scouring pads                         | Furniture Polish |
| Paper Towels, napkins, bath tissue, washcloths |                  |
| Dishcloths, dishtowels, pot holders, aprons    |                  |
| Bath soap, toothpaste, mouth wash deodorant    |                  |
- It is not necessary to wrap gifts

**St- Vincent de Paul** – Gift Cards from Target, Giant, etc. will be used to make Christmas a happier time for our parish community families who are in need. If you would like to adopt a family, please call Gary Brown at 410-663-4357.

**OUR DAILY BREAD** thanks to all the volunteers and people in the parish for the donation of 68 casseroles, \$110.00 cash and dry goods donated for our daily bread on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011



**FAMILY PRAYER** helps children realize the value and importance of prayer in everyday life. Enrich your life and that of your children by praying morning, night, and meal prayers together.

**LECTOR WORKBOOKS** - are still available for pick-up in the sacristy after all the Masses this weekend.

**IHM MASS SCHEDULE**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

*Saturday, Dec. 24, 2011*

4:00 p.m. Church Organ & Cantor Vocal Quartet  
 Carols at 3:40pm

4:00 p.m. Hall Family Liturgies – Contemporary  
 Ensemble – Cantata at 3:30 pm

6:00 p.m. Church Organ & Soloist

**CHRISTMAS DAY, Sunday, Dec. 25, 2011**

**Midnight Mass (Church)** Carols begins at 11:30 p.m.  
 Parish Choir

**9 am & 10:30 am Noon in the Church**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY -  
 Regular Weekend Mass Schedule**