

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

Our Mission Statement: St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community strives to be an instrument of peace and love in Amherst County through fellowship in the Eucharist and service to the poor, the youth, the stranger and the un-churched, in cooperation with other Christian churches.

Readings

Reading I: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Psalm: Psalm Isaiah 12

Response: "Cry out with joy and gladness; for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel."

Reading II: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18



Prayer List

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Becky Baudaillier, Chris Bogdewic, Flora Brabo, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Jean Camm, Honey Furfaro, Jennifer Furfaro, Irene & Dr. George Gray, Carolyn Greaves, Jordan Greaves, Bob Green & Family, Phil Greenwood, Janet Hollingsworth, Christine Horwege, Tom Hunnicutt, Beverly Infante, Jim Kirkwood, Wayne Mundy, Gene Onestinghel, Parker Onestinghel, Pat Onestinghel, Lori Ann Pompie, Marti Sanita, Rick Shoman, Cochise Suarez, Claudia Szarnicki, Meghan Thomas, Angus Topfer, Susy Weiss, Reggie Wilkerson, Kevin Williams, and George Winfield. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

Advent Message

"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated *Veni* ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice." Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath. --Excerpted from *Our Way to the Father* by Rev. Leo M. Krenz, S.J.

St. Francis News and Notes...

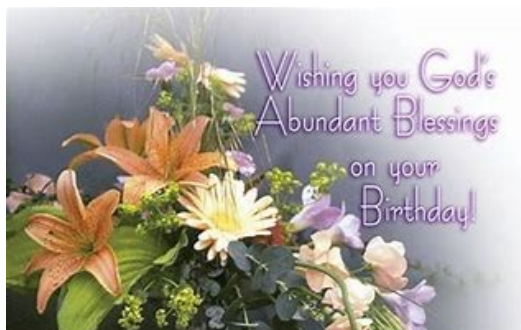
- Fr. Jay Biber joins us as celebrant throughout the entire month of December.
- If you or someone you know, no longer needs to be on the prayer list, please notify the office.
- FYI—2022 calendars are not in yet. Should be soon.
- Collection envelopes are ready for pick up. If you need envelopes and don't see your name listed, please contact Karen in the office.

December Schedule

Dec. 15 (Wed)	Advent Reconciliation—12 pm
Dec. 24 (Fri)	Christmas Eve.—Mass 5 pm
Dec. 25 (Sat)	No Mass
Dec. 26 (Sun)	Mass—5 pm

December Birthdays

John Herr	2
Richard Meyer	4
Felicity Cochran	7
Dave Richter	14
Bill Barcosky	15
Carol Charles	15
Luke Cockerham	19
Genna Cockerham	23
Pat Onestinghel	26
Sue Hunnicutt	29
Cindy Burns	29
Kathryn Cockerham	29



Mass Times: Sat., 5:00 pm **Reconciliation:** Sat., 4:30pm –4:50pm & by appt.

Office Hours: Tues. 11:00-3 pm; Wed. 1:00-3:30 pm; Fri. 11:00-3 pm **Office phone:** 434-946-2053

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