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St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

December 15, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

(GAUDÉTE SUNDAY)



Rector's Rambling

We are over the mid-point of our Advent observance, which means we have come to Gaudéte Sunday, sometimes known as Rose Sunday. It is a chance for us to "lighten up" in the heaviness of a penitential season, which is signified liturgically by the use of the rose colored vestments and altar hangings in the place of the "heavier" purple.

In recent years there has been a push to make Advent less penitential in nature. Lent is the grand penitential season of course, with its precursor "-gesima" Sundays. There was a third penitential season, observed by the devout, centuries ago. It was from early August to September 14 (Feast of the Holy Cross), but it was not universally observed.

One way that portions of the Church has differentiated the penitential aspect of Advent from Lent is to replace the purple with blue. I see this frequently in Episcopal and Roman parishes. Blue for Advent is said to be an adaptation of the color scheme for the season from the Sarum Rite. But mixing Rites is generally discouraged, and I certainly wouldn't want to wear the burnt brick orange of Trinitytide from the Sarum use from June to November.

We **need** to be penitential. Not only do we have to frequently (even daily) acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, but we also need to spend extended periods (a season) in a penitential mode in order to be prepared for the glories of the great gift of Holy

Days like Easter, and of course Christmas. But of course being in a state of repentance for our sins is also important as we look forward to the return of Jesus Christ at the end of time to judge the quick and the dead. We may be lightening up today with rose vestments and hangings, but in the bigger picture, we are still preparing through repentance and amendment of life for that which is to come.

Today we welcome The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Bonnie Perry to St. John's for our triennial diocesan visitation at the 10 AM Service. She was last with us in 2021, which was 18 months after she took office. We were still sorting through the uncertainties of covid back then and it's effects on society and the church. We are grateful that those things are in rearview mirror and we can look forward now in mission and ministry





ABOUT ST. JOHN'S

To Our Visitors

Welcome! The parishioners and clergy of St. John's are delighted that you have come to worship with us. We hope this house of prayer provides you with a place in which you can find solace, comfort, and strength. We invite your inquiries about the ministries available here at St. John's.

We offer a barrier-free environment for the infirm and handicapped. An access ramp for wheel chairs is located at the **SOUTHWEST** entrance of the church, near Woodward Avenue in the garden. There is also an elevator in the building which provides access to the undercroft, so everyone may fully participate in activities and fellowship.

We would be very pleased if you plan to return to St. John's on a regular basis, to **WORSHIP** as part of our parish family. Please complete a Visitor's Form located in the Order of Service and place it in the collection plate or give it to an usher.

Thank you for coming! We look forward to greeting you following the service today and hope to chat with you during our time of fellowship in the undercroft.

Communion Procedure

The Episcopal House of Bishops, in a 1979 teaching, lays out the following guideline for non-Episcopalians to receive communion in an Episcopal Church: The persons should 1) have been Baptized with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, 2) believe Christ is present in the sacrament, 3) have been admitted to Holy Communion in their own denomination, and 4) are attempting, by God's grace, to live in love and charity with their neighbor. If you have any questions, please speak to the priest.

To receive the Host, raise your crossed hands, right palm over left. You may also receive directly on the tongue. If you do not wish to receive the Cup, cross your arms over your chest and wait for the chalice bearer to pass by.

If you are not receiving communion, you still may come forward to the rail, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing.

If you are physically unable to approach the rail, please inform an usher and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

Pastoral Care

Please inform the clergy if you or a family member are ill, hospitalized, or unable to attend the regular worship of the Church so that a pastoral visit can be arranged. Please contact the clergy to discuss arrangements for baptisms, weddings, or burials **before** any announcement or other plans are made.

Outreach

Every Sunday: *Food or clothing* may be deposited in the basket at the entrance of the church to aid the neighborhood ministry to the poor through **Crossroads**.

First Sunday of the month: The *loose offerings* collected are given to support the mission work of the Church in Malawi, Central Africa. Please add a cash gift or extra check in the collection plate every first Sunday of the month!

Third Sunday of the month: The *loose offerings* collected are given to support the ministry of the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S DECEMBER 15—DECEMBER 22

Sunday 12/15 THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour Evening Prayer
Monday 12/16 O Sapientia	7:00 A 12:15 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion AA Meeting
Tuesday 12/17	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Wednesday 12/18 EMBER DAY	7:00 A 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
Thursday 12/19	7:00 A 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
Friday 12/20 EMBER DAY	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
Saturday 12/21 ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EMBER DAY	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 12/22 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour Evening Prayer

NOTE: The Chronicle went to the printer last Tuesday. Calendar updates or changes can be found at www.StJohnsDetroit.org

Collect for the Third Sunday in Advent

O LORD Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)***Morning Prayer**

SUNDAY	22:23 & 99	Jer. 1:4–10, 17–19 Luke 1:57
Monday	84	Isa. 29:1–4, 9–14 Mark 5:1–20
Tuesday	90	Isa. 30:8–17 Mark 5:21
Ember Wednesday	1, 15	Jer. 23:9–15 Luke 12:35–48
Thursday	96	Isa. 32:1–4, 15–20 Mark 6:1–6
Ember Friday	40:1–16	Jer. 23:23–32 2 Cor. 5:5
Ember Saturday	42, 43	Mal. 2:1–9 Matt. 9:35—10:15

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	132, 134	Nahum 1:3–8, 15 1 Cor. 9:7–23
Monday	75, 76	Isa. 29:15 Rev. 18:11
Tuesday	91	Isa. 30:18–26 Rev. 19:1–16
Ember Wednesday	92	Jer. 23:16–22 Matt. 28:16
Thursday	93, 98	Isa. 33:1–10 Rev. 20:1–6
Ember Friday	51	Jer. 26:1–7, 10–15 2 Tim. 3:14—4:8
Ember Saturday	103	Mal. 3:1–6 Heb. 4:14—5:10

* If there is no “ending” verse listed, then read to the end of the chapter.

WISH LIST — PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE ITEMS

~~Replacement Fans for the Church — need 7 @ \$52 each~~

Coming Soon - sponsor a new kneeler in the Church.

Announcements**SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER**

Sunday Evening Prayer is prayed at St. John's at **5:30 PM**. Join us for this 25 minute Service to finish the Sabbath Day as we started it - in worship and thanksgiving.

Weekday Services This Week —**Daily Morning Meditation**

Streamed daily @ 7:00 AM

Holy Communion

Monday @ 12:15 PM

NO SERVICE Tuesday - Thursday,
Fr. Kelly is away until Friday.

Evening Prayer

Resumes next week @ 4 PM

Services can be attended in person, or by livestream

Christian Education — Sunday School today at 10 AM in the Undercroft. Dante class resumes in January and the Alpha Course as well.

Donations Accepted - we are accepting donations of individually wrapped packages of snacks (e.g., granola bars, cookies, nuts, etc.). While you're shopping, please consider buying some, and bringing them in for the Church to use for Coffee Hour.

Parking Note - being a member of St. John's does not mean that we can park in our side lot for free for Lions games, shows at the Fox, etc. The lot is leased to Olympia Development, and we have use of it for our church related events, but not at other times when they are using it.

Giving - If you are away on Sunday, you can mail your offering envelope to St. John's, or contribute online with the our QR code through the GiveButter giving platform.



LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

December 15

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Nancy Donnelly
Suzanne Porter
Melody Huffer

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Adrian Leskiw

Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge
Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
William Porter
Libby Schudel
George Waters
Terry Donnelly
Darren Savage
Elijah Buxo

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour

December 22

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Sarah Jean Babcock
Helene Waters

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Chelsea Hutchins

Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge
Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
William Porter
Libby Schudel
George Waters
Terry Donnelly
Darren Savage
Elijah Buxo

Coffee Hour

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The Vestry and Officers of St. John's

Charles Roby, Senior Warden
Pat Walter, Junior Warden
Durene Brown, Secretary
Jared Moody, Treasurer

Terms expire January 2025

Durene Brown Charles Roby

Terms expire January 2026

Elizabeth Butler David Gawrych
Bryan Monaco

Terms expire January 2027

Jared Moody Patrick Walters
Helene Waters

The Vestry typically meets monthly at 6:30 PM in the undercroft, September through June. All St. John's parishioners are welcome to attend.

St. John's Teaching Notes

Next Sunday we will sing the classic Advent hymn – *O come, O come, Emmanuel*, number 2 in the Hymnal 1940. It sums up the hopes of the people of Israel that God would send a Saviour. Each verse of the hymn is a paraphrase of a Latin antiphon to be said at Daily Evening Prayer before the first canticle, *The Magnificat*. It is yet another wonderful way the Church is counting down to the Feast of the Nativity (Christmas).

Why am I writing about this hymn here? Because the days assigned for each verse begins tomorrow, December 16.

Listed below are the antiphons for the proper days, with the verses in the hymn to which they correspond:

12/16 – O Wisdom, which camest out of the mouth of the most High, and reachest from one end to another, mightily and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence. (v.2)

12/17 – O Adonai, and Leader of the house of Israel, who appearest in the bush to Moses in a flame of fire, and gavest him the law in Sianai: come and redeem us with an outstretched arm. (v.3)

12/18 – O Root of Jesse, which standest for an ensign of the people, at whom kings shall shout their mouths, unto whom the Gentile shall seek: come and deliver us, and tarry not. (v.4)

12/19 – O Key of David, and Scepter of the House of Israel; that openest and no man shutteth, and shutteth and no man openeth: Come, and bring the prisoners out of the prison-house, them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death. (v.5)

12/20 – O Day-spring, Brightness of the Light everlasting, and Sun of righteousness: Come and enlighten them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death. (v. 6)

12/21 – O King of Nations, and their Desire; the Cornerstone, who makest both one: Come and save mankind, whom thou formedst of clay. (v. 7)

12/22 – O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, and Desire of all nations and their Salvation: Come and save us, O Lord our God. (v.1)

12/23 – O Virgin of Virgins, how shall this be? For neither before thee was any seen like thee, nor shall there be after. Daughters of Jerusalem, why marvel ye at me? The thing which ye behold is a divine mystery

Be sure to pray each of these verses every night, and perhaps sing the hymn version too.

**A DAILY PRAYER FOR
St. John's Church**

Bless, O Lord, this parish, and grant that Thy Name may be worshipped here in truth and purity, to all generations. Give Thy grace and wisdom to our Clergy, that they may exercise holy discipline, and be themselves patterns of holiness, simplicity, and self-denial. Bless all who worship here; take from us all pride, vanity and self-conceit, and give to us true humility and self-abasement. Enlighten our minds, subdue our wills, purify our hearts, and so penetrate us with Thy Spirit, and fill us with Thy love that we may go forth animated with earnest zeal for Thy glory; and may Thy living Word so dwell within our hearts that we may speak with that resistless energy of love which shall melt the hearts of sinners to the love of Thee. Open, O Lord, the hearts and hands of Thy people, that we may be ready to give and glad to distribute to our necessities. Bless the founders and benefactors of this parish, and recompense them with the riches of Thine everlasting kingdom, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer for Malawi, week of December 15:

Diocese of Lake Malawi—The Rt Revd Francis Kaulanda; Leonard Kamungu Theological College; Diocese of Karonga; St. Ann's Hospital

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Third Sunday in Advent: The Anglican Church of Tanzania; The Diocese of Kongor—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Kontagora—The Church of Nigeria; The Diocese of Kootenay—The Anglican Church of Canada; The Diocese of Eastern Kowloon—Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui; The Diocese of Krishna-Godavari—The Church of South India (United)

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Shelby Twp.—St. Luke's

Mao, DR—St. Mary, Full of Grace

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



December 20

Brian Campbell

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES

December 20

James & Diane Reppke



OUR PRAYER LIST

Healing and Comfort: Alice B., Sarah B., Al F., Bonnie B., Brianna W., Christopher B., Daria R., Durene B., Endolyn C., Elaine D., Eleanore S., Gail W., Gordon D., George W., Helene W., Jessica W., Jimmy J., Jim Z., Johnny C., Julie B., Lawrence A., MJ B., Michael Z., Michael P., Paul M., Rexina M., Robert H., Sabrina H., Sandra Z., Sandy D.

If you would like to add a name to the Prayer List, please call the Church Office at 313-962-7358.

Serving in the United Nations: Sharon G. Lowery

Police Officers and Firefighters: For parishioner officers – Federal Service: Pat Walter; Orange County, NC: Michael Walter; and Fairfax County, VA: Stephen A. Shillingford.

Those Serving in the Military: Especially for Alan Mullin, Andrew Timpner, Brian Shea, Damon Dalby, Elijah Buxo, Ian Bass, Jonathan Walter, Kurt Helfrich, Nick Myers, Nick Norville, Steven Campbell, Joseph J. Sharpe, Ted Decker, Brian Finocchiaro, Catherine Finocchiaro, Zachary Livingston, & John R. Nicholson, III, graduate of West Point

Diocese and the National Episcopal Church: That there may be a greater understanding of the Authority of Holy Scripture, and our submission to that Authority.

Year's Mind of Death:

Stephen T. Gail	December 15, 1991
Mary Greenwood	December 15, 2015
Robert M. Morton	December 16, 1944
Mary Bentall	December 16, 1970
Florence M. Sweeny	December 17, 1957
Marion E. Ray	December 17, 1982
Gilbert Demont	December 18, 1972
George Rees Barnhart	December 18, 1976
Celia J. Hanson	December 19, 1966
Louise Kelly	December 19, 1973
Charles Clayton Corey	December 20, 1961
Bessie Simeson Shellery Ford	December 20, 2010
Violet S. Eunich	December 21, 1961
Lulu P. Sanford	December 21, 1959