

## **ST. VALENTINE'S**

### **SUNDAY DECEMBER 17th 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, (ROSE)/GUADETE SUNDAY**

**9:30AM** Mass for the soul of the departed Stanley Kornanaga; from All Souls List.

### **MONDAY DECEMBER 18th ADVENT WEEKDAY, (BLUE)**

**8AM** Mass for the intentions of our Parish Family

### **TUESDAY DECEMBER 19th ADVENT WEEKDAY, (BLUE)**

**8AM** Mass for the health of the sick.

### **WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20th RORATE MASS, (WHITE)**

**8AM** Mass for the soul of the departed Fr. Sr. Stanley Podgorny

### **THURSDAY DECEMBER 21st ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE, (RED)**

#### **FIRST DAY OF WINTER**

**8AM** Mass for an increase of Vocations.

### **FRIDAY DECEMBER 22nd ADVENT WEEKDAY, (BLUE)**

**8AM** Mass for the soul of the departed Fr. Sr. Walenty Januszewski

### **SUNDAY DECEMBER 24th 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, (BLUE)**

**LESSON:** Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11 **LESSON:** 1st Thess. 5:16-24 **GOSPEL:** St. John 1:6-8, 19-28

**9:30AM** Mass for the soul of the departed Stanley Nicgorski; From All souls List.

### **SUNDAY DECEMBER 24th CHRISTMAS EVE/PASTERKA, (GOLD)**

#### **BLESSING OF TREES, MANGER SCENE, HOLY MASS**

**9:30PM** Mass for the soul of the departed Constance Quilty; from All souls List.

**MARK YOUR CALANDERS: DECEMBER 25th** Christmas Day; **January 1st** New Year's Day/

Circumcision of Our Lord

**GAUDETE SUNDAY:** The 3rd Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means **joy**. The joy that Christmas is almost here. It is the joy that St. John the Baptizer is pointing to, that which is Jesus. As we begin our final preparations for this great feast, let us take this joy to our hearts and souls.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULES:** In the vestibule you will find schedules of the Masses for Christmas. Take one home to refer to, and give one to your neighbors and invite them.

**Y.M.S. of R CLOTHING:** Will hold their annual Clothing Drive again this year. The drive is to aid people in need. The Y has done this over a decade. The top parishes will receive a cash prize. \$200.00 for first place; \$159.00 for second; and \$100.00 for third. Clothing will be collected until January 6th. The clothing can be turned over to local charities. In the past my parishes have won first and second prize. If you are donating clothing please call the rectory before bringing the clothing. Please note the clothing is to be in good shape and wearable.

**SACRED VOCATIONS:** Please pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Diaconate.

**DECORATING THE CHURCH:** Will be done today following Holy Mass. Please stay and lend a hand.

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**JOHN TESTIFYS:** This week again we see John the Baptizer, this week being confronted by representatives of the Jewish Authorities. They ask him what is he doing? They ask questions about who is. Remember last week I said it is like being on "I got a Secret." He answers NO! to all their questions. They say they need to go back and tell those who sent them answers. John tells them about who he is and who is coming after him. John is not only testifying, but also pointing to Jesus who is coming. Jesus has been pointed out to us but have we understood? Have we looked with eyes of faith? Have we opened our hearts during this time to receive Him, or are we like those who came to question John and go away with no understanding? This is the Sunday of Joy. Joy that we are so near to the celebration of Our Savior's Birth. Do you feel the joy?