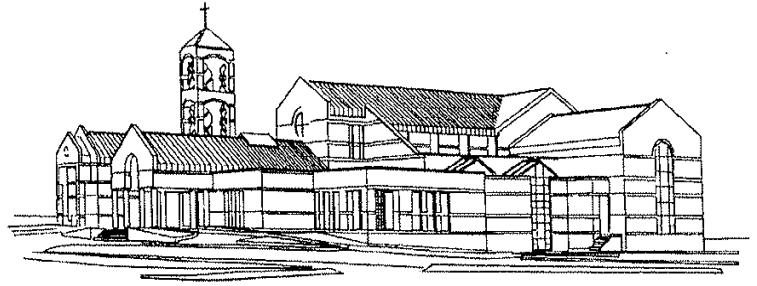


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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 15, 2024



### *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear parishioners,

*“Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter of Jerusalem!” (Zeph 3:14).*

#### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Today, we light the third candle of Advent, the pink candle. The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word for “rejoice.” As we slowly approach Christmas, we are invited to rejoice because Christ our salvation is near. This Sunday is so named because “Rejoice” is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today’s Mass; “*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near*” (Philippians 4:4-5). According to Henri Nouwen, joy is “the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing – sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death – can take that love away.” Thus, joy can be present even amid sadness. During this Advent season, I pray that the *joy* of the Lord’s coming will fill your hearts and homes and may the days leading up to Christmas be a time of holy joy for each one of you despite the struggles, sufferings and storms of life. Do not worry about anything, but rather rejoice and be glad because Christ, our redeemer, is near.

#### **THANK YOU! GRAZIE!**

Last Monday, we celebrated with great solemnity our patronal feast of the Immaculate Conception. It was so beautiful to see an impressive crowd that turned out to honour our Blessed Mother, the Immaculate Conception, who was preserved from every stain of original sin from the first moment of her conception. This singular privilege was in view of her mission as the Mother of God. I would like to heartily thank all those who donated their time and talent to make the celebration a huge success story. I would also like to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation to all those who **donated the BAKED GOODS** that were served during the refreshments in the parish hall. I was truly stunned by the variety and the quantity of baked goods donated by you, our parishioners. Thank You! *Grazie Mille!*

#### **FIFTEEN YEARS A PRIEST: PRAY FOR ME!**



Please join me on **Thursday December 19, 2024 at 7pm** as I celebrate a Holy Mass in thanksgiving to God for the fifteenth anniversary of my priestly ordination. Refreshments will follow in the parish hall.

#### **SAVE THE DATE: PASTA E FAGIOLI CARNIVAL DINNER DANCE FUNDRAISER 2025**

Our annual *Pasta e Fagioli Carnival Dinner Dance Fundraiser* will be held on **Saturday March 1, 2025** at the Royalton Hospitality Inc, located at 8201 Weston Road, Woodbridge. All proceeds will go to support the children’s mission of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception. Please mark your calendars. Tickets will be available in the parish office shortly at the cost of \$120 for adults and \$60 for children (under 12).

#### **ATTENTION CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

Dear Confirmation candidates, as part of your preparation for the sacrament, I would like to remind and invite you to participate in the Advent Reconciliation which will be held on **Tuesday December 17, 2024, at 7:30pm** at Immaculate Conception Parish. Please arrive 10 minutes early for registration. Candidates will also be given their catechism class schedule. Parents are kindly asked to drop off and pick up the candidate.

#### **ADVENT CONFESSIONS**

As we prepare for the birth of Christ, I encourage you to consider going to confession in order to renew your hearts and minds. Going to confession and pouring out your heart to the merciful Jesus is a wonderful way to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord. In addition to our regular confessions **every Saturday at 4:30pm**, advent confessions will be held on **Monday December 16, 2024 from 3pm to 6pm and at 7:30pm and on Monday December 23, 2024 from 3pm to 6pm and at 7:30pm.**

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Eugene Chianain

## Upcoming Baptisms

Our parish is delighted to welcome the following child to the Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism:



*Olivia Mansueto*  
*Amelia Anastasia Bissoon*  
*Jade Thai*  
*Allen Thai*  
*Lily Thai*  
*Kayla Luongo*  
*Anthony Leo Pereira Messias*  
*Sofia Pereira Messias*  
*Bruno Lee Manzi Jackson*

Congratulations to their parents and godparents.

## Blessing of Baby Jesus Figurines

At each Christmas Eve Vigil Mass, there will be a blessing of all Baby Jesus figurines which you will put in your Nativity Scenes on Christmas.

*Durante le Messe della Vigilia di Natale, ci sarà la benedizione delle statuine di Gesù Bambino che porrete nel vostro presepe per Natale.*

## Second Collection

During all the Christmas Masses there will be a second collection for the needs of our church.

*Durante tutte le messe di Natale ci sarà una seconda colletta per i bisogni delle nostra chiesa*

## Christmas Flower Donations

We are accepting donations to purchase flowers to decorate the church for Christmas using the envelopes found in the lobby.

*Si accettano donazioni per acquistare i fiori per decorare la chiesa per il Natale.*

## 2025 Calendars

We thank Vescio Funeral Homes Ltd. for generously providing us with calendars for 2025.

## 15<sup>mo</sup> anniversario di Ordinazione Sacerdotale di P. Eugene

*Il nostro parroco, P. Eugene celebrerà il 15<sup>mo</sup> anniversario di ordinazione sacerdotale con una Santa Messa di ringraziamento **giovedì 19 dicembre, 2024 alle ore 19.** Segue rinfresco.*

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Monday December 16

7pm

7:30pm

*Advent Confessions*

### Tuesday December 17

7pm

7:30pm

*Advent Reconciliation for Confirmation candidates*

### Wednesday December 18

7pm

8pm

Rita, Antonio, Giuseppina Palumbo

Carolina Rossi

### Thursday December 19

7pm

*Thanksgiving Mass for Fr. Eugene's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priestly Ordination*

### Friday December 20

7pm

8pm

Stella Pannetta

Franco Rivero

## CWL Meeting

The Catholic Women's League will be having their monthly general meeting on **Tuesday December 17, 2024 at 7:30pm** in the parish hall followed by prayers, refreshments and Christmas Celebrations. All members are invited to attend. New members are welcome

## Parish Office Closure

The Parish office will be closed on Wednesday December 25, 2024, Thursday December 26, 2024 and Wednesday January 1, 2025.

*L'ufficio parrocchiale rimarrà chiuso mercoledì 25 dicembre, 2024, giovedì 26 dicembre, 2024 e mercoledì 1 gennaio, 2025.*



## 2024 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Novena ~ Novena di Natale**  
**December 16, 2024 – December 24, 2024**

5:30am: English with songs in Tagalog

7:20am: Italian

**Christmas Eve ~ Vigilia di Natale**

**Tuesday December 24, 2024**

5:00pm: English

9:00pm: English

11:00pm: Italian

**Christmas Day ~ Giorno di Natale**

**Wednesday December 25, 2024**

8:00am: Italian

9:30am: English

11:00am: Italian

12:30pm: English

**NB. No 7:00pm Mass**

