

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Mackenzie Lecco
02 Kathleen Hamilton
05 Mia Garcia
05 Carolyn Conner
05 Christopher Cass
07 Helen Berry
08 Will McCabe
14 Glen Moore
16 Christine Hamilton
16 Chere Tew
17 Dory Garcia
18 Emily Sofia Alvarado
22 Don Smith
29 Mary Metzinger
31 Jackie Johnson

Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Bonnie Toth at: bonnie3871@gmail.com.

Dylan Anderson
Sid Barr
Robert Berry
Patricia Bonnewitz
Gloria Bowden
Kellsei Boyce
Millie Budney
Sandra Burke
Julie Byron
Deacon John Carey
Riordan Cavoris
Suzi Crawford
Justin Curtis
Trish Decresce
Alessia Destefano
Carol Donato
Islea Duncan

John Evans
Linda Gardner
Elizabeth Gillam
Lynn Goss
Mary Graf
Kathleen Hamilton
Jeanne Harper
James Heady
Pablo Ignacio
Patrick Ignacio
Meja Irvin
Leslie Jarrett
Maggie Kreiser
Fran Lecco
Paul Lent
Patel Mahendra
Carolyn Martin

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

07 Jerry and Lisa Wilkerson
29 Tom and Mary Metzinger

Kimberly Martin
Willard Mock
Greg Moore
Jane Moreton
Beverly Moyer
Chris Moyer
Ray Moyer
Don Notestein
Patsy Notestein
Angel Ortiz
George Perry
Gary Peters
Laurie Peters
Frank Powell
Nelson Sanchez
Princess Sanchez
John Seaquist

Bernadette Servis
Ray Servis
Jane Sliwinski
Don Smith
Margaret Smith
Maureen Smith
Chere Tew
Jim Tew
Fred Toth
Amy Tracy
Emilia Walker
Charles Watson
Danielle Weedon
Laura Williams
Louise Williams
Michael Williams
Betty Jo Wolfrum

The Financial Corner

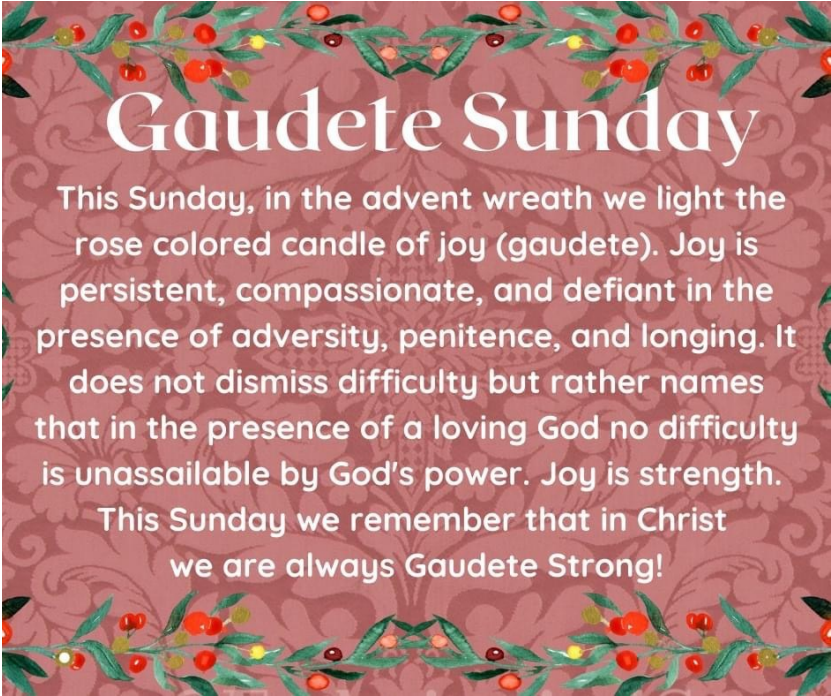
Collections: November 30: \$1895.00
Attendees: November 30: 75

Have you considered E-giving? It's safe and convenient. You can sign up on our website: www.olpcatholicchurch.org or scan the QR Code to the right. You may sign up for recurring donations or make a one-time gift.

More ways to help with the Palestinian Relief Effort:
Catholic Relief Services: <https://www.crs.org/donate>
Catholic Near East Welfare Association: <https://cnewa.org/>



Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



**December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent**

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For emergencies: Fr. Jim's cell number: 434-238-7030
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Holy Eucharist
Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Thursday: 12:15 PM

Bulletin news and requests for mass cards: contact
Bonnie Toth at bonnie3871@gmail.com

A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FATHER JIM

Welcome to the Third Sunday of Advent or what we call Gaudete Sunday! Gaudete means “Joy” because as we get closer to Christmas, we have anticipatory joy or what we sometimes call the “Christmas Spirit.” The colors are rose. Mary, Jesus’ mother, is called the Rose. Jesus is also called the Rose of Winter. One beautiful song is “Lo How A Rose E’er Blooming.”

Some history: When I was a little boy Advent was like Lent. We could call it a “Mini Lent.” (Remember Austin Powers and “Mini-Me?”) The emphasis was on fasting and penance according to Grandma Gallagher. It must have worked as she lived to be 100 years old! But after Vatican II, the emphasis was on joy and activism towards the poor. Penance is still a part as John The Baptist is still hanging out and calling us to change our lives.

What happened many years ago was that the bishops would travel around and ordain priests so the Christmas Masses would be covered. Traveling was stressful and the bishop would have to break his Advent fast. Of course, the newly ordained would have a party. So, the bishops declared that since he had to break his fast with the new priest, we should all take a break. Hence, Gaudete Sunday became a break for all of us. We could truly rejoice.

This Sunday in both of my parishes, we will celebrate also anointing of the sick. It used to be called “Extreme Unction” or “extreme anointing.” But you won’t have to be dying to receive it. It won’t be “last rites.” A list will be read at mass that is pretty inclusive.

HAPPY GAUDETE SUNDAY!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

OUR ADVENT THEME IS: “CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT”

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 17: Masses: 10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Friday, December 19: Youth Christmas Party (6:00 pm)

Saturday, December 20: OCIA (10:45 am)

Monday, December 22: Prepare altar for Christmas (10:00 am)

Wednesday, December 4: Christmas Vigil: Lessons & Carols (7:15 pm); Christmas Play (7:30 pm); Mass (7:45 pm)

CHURCH CLOSINGS HELP NEEDED

Fr. Jim, Arnie and Diane have come up with a plan to be able to let you all know about church closings due to inclement weather. Based on the weather, road conditions and condition of the parking lot, etc. Fr. Jim and Arnie will determine mass cancellations. Fr. Jim will alert Diane if mass is cancelled. She will then contact her team of 5 or 6 people to begin making phone calls. But Diane needs your help to make this work! If you can join Diane’s volunteer team, please see her.

UPDATED PARISH DIRECTORY

We need to know that your contact information is correct and up to date. Please see the Parish Directory on the table in the commons and make any needed corrections. Please see Bonnie Toth if you have any questions.

Christmas
Open House



**Annual Open House at the Seaquist’s!!!
Saturday, December 20, 2025**

Join us any time after 6:00 pm for fun, food and fellowship!

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