

**ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH, PHILADALPHIA, PA**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 15th 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, (ROSE), GAUDETE SUNDAY**

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

**DECORATE THE CHURCH**

**MONDAY DECEMBER 16th ADVENT WEEKDAY, (BLUE)**

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

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 17th ADVENT WEEKDAY, (BLUE)**

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

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18th RORATE MASS, (WHITE)**

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

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 19th ADVENT WEEKDAY, (BLUE)**

**8AM Mass for soul of the departed Rob Spelak, Jr.**

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 20th ADVENT WEEKDAY, (BLUE)**

**8AM Mass for peace.**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 22nd 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT, (BLUE)**

**LESSON: Micah 5:1-4 LESSON: Hebrews 10:5-10 GOSPEL: St. Luke 1:39-45**

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: DECEMBER 24th Christmas Eve; DECEMBER 25th Christmas Day**

**OFFERING ENVELOPES: The 2025 Offering Envelopes are ready for pick-up in the back of the Church. Please take yours home.**

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULES: Are in the back of the Church. Take one home to refer to for Christmas. take one for your neighbors, invite them.**

**FLOWER OFFERING:** Envelopes are on the table. Take one home, if you give for a flower you can take it home after Christmas.

**GAUDETE SUNDAY:** Gaudete Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent in the Church calendar and is a day to celebrate the joy of anticipating Christmas. The name comes from the Latin word Gaudete, which means "rejoice."

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

**REJOICE:** Is what this Sunday of Advent is all about. Gaudete Sunday means rejoice. John the Baptizer calls us to rejoice and reform our lives. He tells us the Lord is near, and change. Many people came to ask what to do, ordinary people, tax collectors, soldiers. John tells us to reform our lives. The anticipation of the coming of Christ was on their minds. Although we are expecting Jesus at His birth, he is telling them of His return. What can we do? Just as John tells us. The second coming of Christ is at hand, are you ready? As we prepare for Christmas we need to pray and confess our sins, Jesus came to die for our sins and raise us up. We ought not worry about buying the perfect gift, but sorry about giving Jesus the gift of our soul and love. it will soon be Christmas a time to join with family. Let us prepare to worship Him on that day and always.

**IN NEED OF PRAYER:** Michele Elliot, Bridgette Roth, Christi Duff, Nancy, Kyle, Fr. Carmen, Maria Harrington.