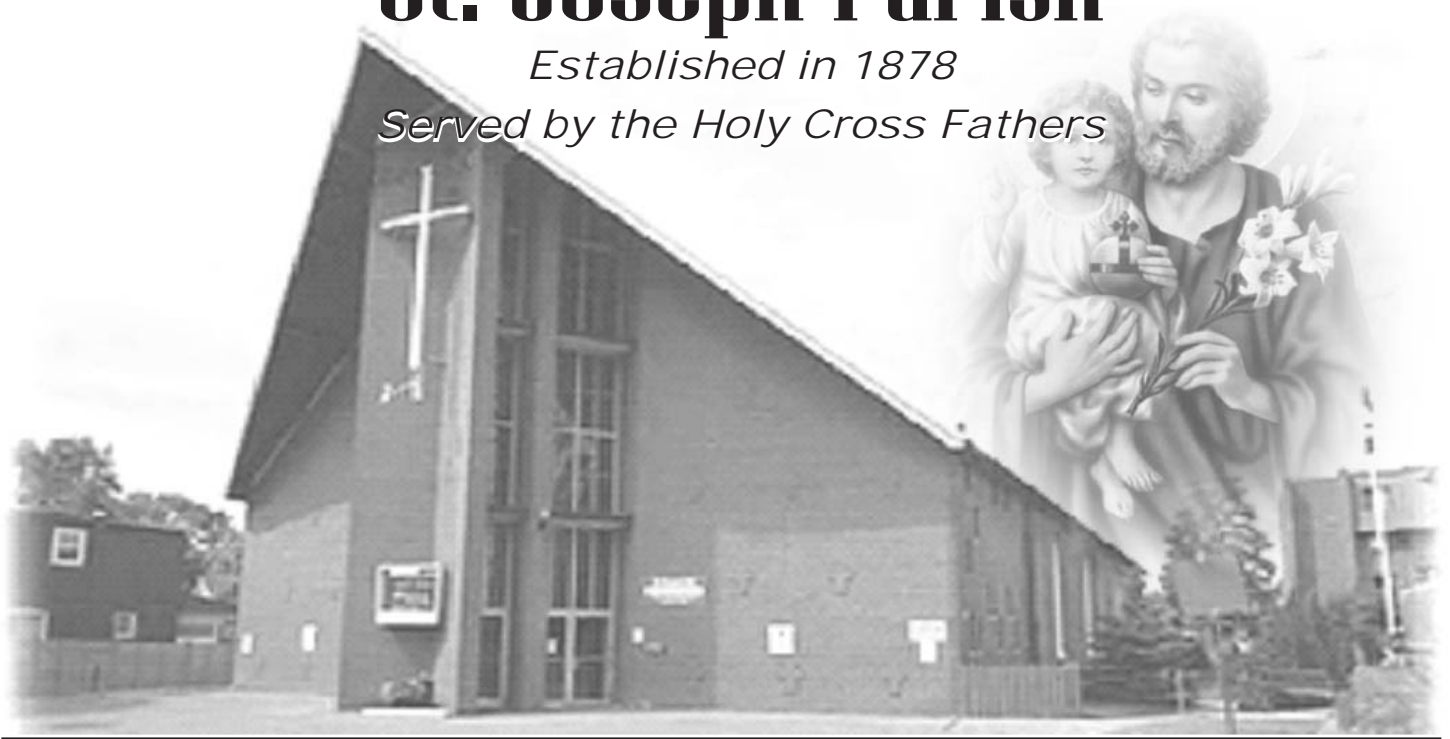


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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT : DECEMBER 17, 2023



The Third Sunday of Advent: The Candle of Joy

As the commercial world is already saturated with red and green, it's easy to lose sight of the true colors of the season—the Advent season. This week the color pink represents joy. It turns out, the Church has a good reason for putting one pink candle in the Advent wreath. To discover the story of the pink candle, we first have to look at the origins of the season and the wreath. Until Advent was instituted toward the end of the fifth century, the only season Christians observed was Lent. As preparation for Christmas, the Church established Advent in the spirit of Lent—as a season of reflection and penance.

A pink candle that signifies joy makes sense since it is lit on Gaudete Sunday—named for the entrance antiphon for that Sunday's Mass: "Rejoice (gaudete) in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice." The joy is subdued, however, as the penitential violet of the other weeks lessens to rose as we move closer to Christmas.

As Advent is patterned in part after Lent, Gaudete Sunday is similar to the Lenten Laetare Sunday, which also represents joy and falls at the midpoint of Lent.

And that finally leads to the explanation for the pink candle. In the ancient Church on Laetare Sunday in Lent, the Pope gave a citizen a pink rose. The tradition has continued, as popes bestowed golden roses on Catholic rulers and now more commonly, on places of devotion.

Following the papal rose custom, bishops and priests began wearing rose-colored vestments on Laetare Sunday. The Church then brought the Lenten practice of rose vestments to Advent on Gaudete Sunday. As a result, the pink candle gained a place in the Advent wreath.

Although the culture tells us it's already Christmas, the Church reminds us through the pink candle of Advent that there is an appointed time for everything (Eccl. 3:1). The time now is for rejoicing—because the Lord is coming soon!

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The Week Ahead :

Dec 21: Memorial: St. Peter Canisius, Priest &
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Dec 23: Memorial: St. John of Kanty, Priest

Dec 25: Memorial: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Dec 26: Memorial: St. Stephen, First Martyr



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POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

For December 2023:

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Parish Advent Confessions:

on December 20, 2023

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Christmas 2023 & New Year 2024 Schedule

- Dec. 23, 05:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass
- Dec. 24, 10:00 am Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass
05:30 pm Christmas Concert
& Christmas Vigil Mass
- Dec. 25, 10:00 am Christmas Day Mass
- Dec. 30, 05:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass
- Dec. 31, 10:00 am Sunday mass: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
- Jan. 01, 10:00 am New Year Day Mass/
Feast of Mary Mother of God



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† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 17

10:00 am : For the Intentions of Nicole Plach

Req. Audrey Weiss

† Darrin Elliott

Req. Lourdes Elliott

† Erlindo Tabaniag

Req. Mila Valencia & Myrna Ramos

Monday, December 18 : No Mass

Tuesday, December 19

9:00 am : Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life to
Bienvenido Jacobo

Req. Samuel Jacobo

Wednesday, December 20

7:00 pm : † Francesco Benevides & All Souls in
Purgatory

Req. Maria Carmo Oliveira

Thursday, December 21

9:00 am : Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life to
Christian John Ilanos

Req. Elnora Paez

Friday, December 22

7:00 pm † Dori & Benjamin Feliciano

Req. Marilene Casballido

Saturday, December 23

5:00 pm : For the Intentions of
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