ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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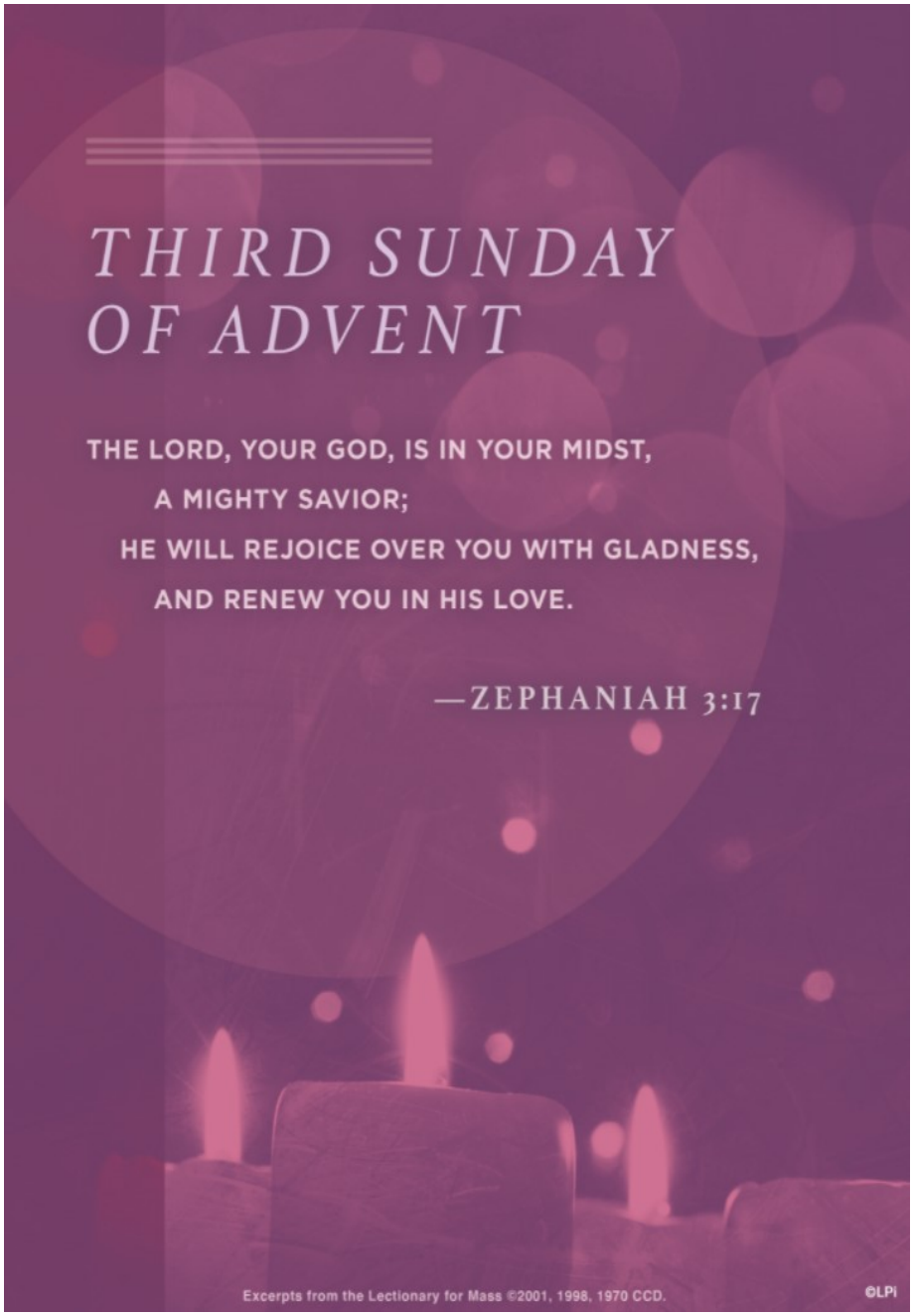
Under St. Thomas' patronage, our parish aspires to evangelize our world through the beauty of our Liturgical worship; the goodness of our lives empowered by the Holy Spirit and ordered towards holiness in community; and conforming our minds to the Truths of Scriptures and Tradition.

Third Sunday of Advent, December 12, 2021
Tercer Domingo de Adviento, 12 de Diciembre del 2021



Liturgy Schedule

Public Weekend Masses—In Church

Saturday: 5 PM English—Livestreamed
Sunday: 8:30 AM Spanish —Livestreamed
10:30 AM English—Livestreamed

Public Weekday Masses—In Church

Tuesday: 7 PM Spanish
Wednesday: 9 AM English
Thursday: 9 AM English
Friday: 9 AM English
1st Friday & Adoration: 8 AM-Adoration
8:30 AM-Rosary
9 AM-Mass
Adoration ends at 11 AM

All weekday Masses are also livestreamed

Adoration

Tuesday: 5 PM—6:45 PM
Friday: 9:30 AM—11 AM

Anointing of the Sick

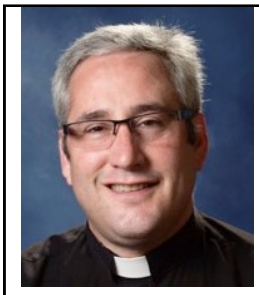
First Friday of the month, or by appointment.

Confessions

Tuesday: 6 PM—6:45 PM
Friday: 9:30 AM—10:15 AM
Saturday: 4 PM—4:50 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM—8:20 AM

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 9 AM—2 PM
Friday: 9 AM—Noon
Saturday & Sunday: Closed
All major holidays: Closed



Gaudete Joy and the Holy Spirit!

This weekend we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. It is a time for us to remember that the Lord is near which should bring great joy into our hearts.

It is very easy today to forget the great hope that we are called to as Christians. Many people and nations have sadly fallen into a place of disbelief and no longer look to God for salvation and help with the struggles that we face. This behavior brings a great lack of joy.

Pope Francis gave a wonderful homily in 2014 on Gaudete Sunday about what this joy is all about. Here is an excerpt:

> ***On this Sunday, the Church, looks forward to the joy of Christmas, and that is why it is called "Gaudete Sunday". In this season, a time of preparation for Christmas, we wear dark vestments, but today they are pink for the blossoming of Christmas joy. And the joy of Christmas is a special joy; but it is a joy that isn't just for the day of Christmas, it is for the entire life of a Christian. It is a serene and tranquil joy, a joy that forever accompanies the Christian. Even in difficult moments, in moments of difficulty, this joy becomes peace. When he is a true Christian, the Christian never loses his peace, even in suffering. That peace is a gift from the Lord. Christian joy is a gift from the Lord. "Ah, Father, we'll have a nice big luncheon, everybody will be happy". This is lovely, a nice luncheon is good; but this isn't the Christian joy we are talking about today. Christian joy is something else. It brings us together to celebrate, it's true. Thus the Church wants you to understand what Christian joy is.***

Opening our hearts to the Holy Spirit brings this intense joy. I told you a few weeks ago about an inspiring talk I heard where the presenter said with great fervor, "Joy is the greatest weapon against the works of the Enemy." I totally believe that and am praying that a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit come down upon all of us and fill us with that joy that is totally supernatural.
Have a blessed Gaudete Sunday and rejoice because the Lord is near!

In Christ,

Fr. James Northrop
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Mental Health Hotline: 1-866-789-1511

Teen Link: 1-866-833-6546 / 206-461-4922

Crisis Connection: 1-866-427-4747

Child Abuse: 1-866-363-4276

Domestic Abuse: 1-800-562-6025

National Domestic Violence: 1-800-799-7233

WA State Domestic Violence: 1-844-762-8483

New to St. Thomas? Welcome! Learn more about our diverse and vibrant community by visiting our website at www.saintthomastukwila.org. Registration forms are online, in the narthex of the Church, and/or in the parish office. Please place all completed parish registration forms in the collection basket or mail it in.

Bulletin Notices: ***The article deadline is 12 PM (Noon) on the Friday*** *a week before the weekend you wish it to appear (8 days in advance). Notices about parish events or items of interest to the parish are welcome, however posting cannot be guaranteed. Email bulletin articles/notices to mona@saintthomastukwila.org*