

# Third Sunday in Advent - Gaudete Sunday



ALL: The Lamb descends from heaven above,  
to pardon sin with freest love; \*  
For such indulgent mercy shewn,  
With tearful joy our thanks we own.

Priest: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let  
your modesty be known to all men; for the Lord is nigh. Be  
nothing solicitous; but in everything by prayer let your  
requests be made known to God.

Priest: (V) Thou, O Lord, that sittest upon the Cherubim, stir up  
Thy might, and come.

People: (R) Give ear, O Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Priest: (V) Glory be to the Father, and the Son and the Holy Ghost.

People: (R) As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall  
be world without end. Amen.

Priest: LET US PRAY: Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that the  
coming solemnity of our redemption may both bring us  
help for our present life, and bestow on us the rewards  
of everlasting blessedness. Through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.  
(PRIEST LIGHTS THIRD CANDLE)



4. As the Christmas Days are approaching, VISITORS to our Church and Chapels are more numerous. Many of these good people are dear and close friends. Perhaps it would be helpful to them if our observances as traditional Roman Catholics be explained to them. It would be less embarrassing to them if our dress code would be explained to them, and the reasons why we ask for a certain dress for ladies and one for the gentlemen who attend mass in our churches.
5. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Al Sachs and Kathryn Lineback. Also, please remember our friend Doctor Coomaraswamy.

*With heart  
and soul  
and voice --  
rejoice!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Abbot Leonard's Schedule)

SUNDAY:	For the People of the Chapels
MONDAY:	Special Int. Margaret Ulman
TUESDAY:	Special Int. Gail Gerbel
WEDNESDAY:	Special Int. Iva Roy
THURSDAY:	Special Int. Virginia Balnis
FRIDAY:	Special Int. Francis Seng
SATURDAY:	Special Int. Richard Miller

SPECIAL NOTE: Wednesday, Friday and Saturday  
of this week are Emberdays and days of  
Fast and Abstinence.

For those who have the ability to see the Beauty of God, the Holy Seasons of Advent and Christmas are times for great joy and happiness. If the excitement of Christmas catches up with us while yet in the penitential atmosphere of Advent - there is nothing wrong in that, even though some would indicate displeasure in such feelings. The fasts of Advent can only be fasts of Joy - joy at the coming of the Lord, Jesus. It is explosive, for the redemption of Man is at hand. We do not here speak of the gloomy joys brought about by our consumeristic society, and culture. We speak only of those joys which the society and culture of Heaven always enjoy - beautiful beyond words! As well do we discourage the thoughts of those who would make of Advent - penitential though it be in spirit - an equivalent to the more rigorous and rigid climate of Lent. The two climate are different, and the true SENSUS CATHOLICUS will always prove that to be true. "Always rejoice" says St. Paul. Our confident resignation in God's Providence must result in inward peace and outward joy and happiness. Joy is indeed a sign of perfection. There is no dejectedness or gloom in or around God! A saint who is sad is sadly in need of sanctity. We must not yield to fits and moods, and a strictness that is out of place amongst saints. Our hearts must be open to the beauties of God's world. All things issue forth from God and move to God. The manifold beauty of the universe gives us a glimpse of God's infinite riches.