



St. Mary's Catholic Church

Located at the Corner of First & Polk in Moscow & 138 Jackson St. in Genesee

Rev. Benjamin Onyemachi, SMMM, Pastor Rev. Anthony Ujagbo, Parochial Vicar

Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2023

Gaudete Sunday

A Joyful Sunday. The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as *Gaudete* Sunday. The word "*gaudete*" is derived from the Latin words "*gaudium*," joy, and "*gaudeo*," to rejoice or be glad. *Gaudete* Sunday occurs eight to thirteen days before Christmas, and the nearness of the feast is reason for great joy.

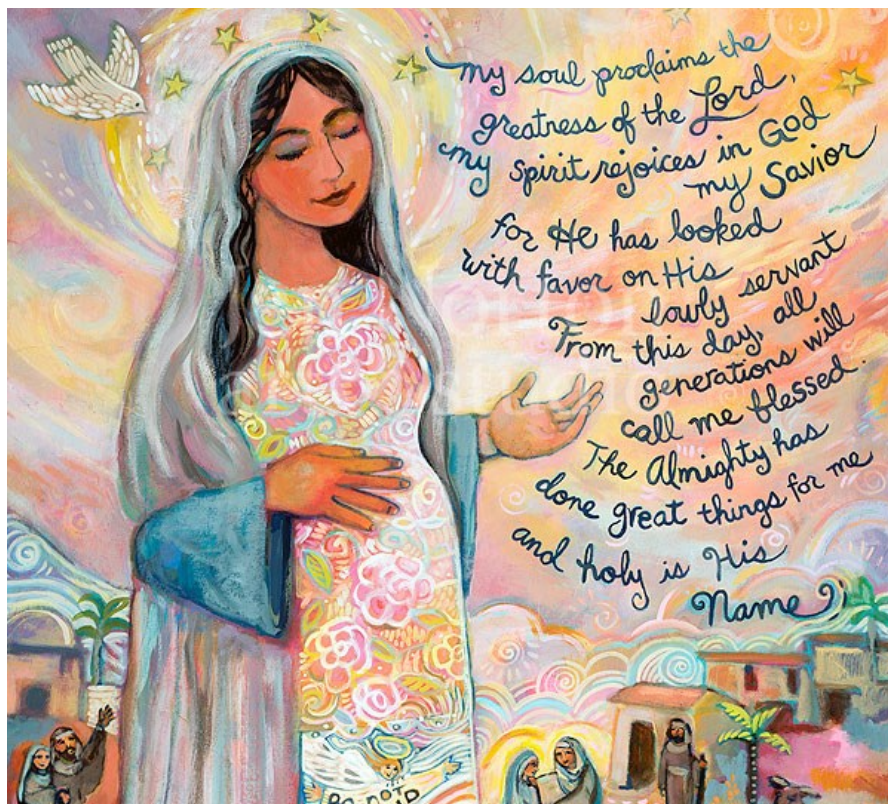
The Term "Gaudete." *Gaudete* is taken from the Entrance Antiphon: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near" (paraphrase, Phil 4:4-5). Advent is a time of joyful expectation and eager preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas.

Multiple Reasons for Joy. There is joy in looking forward to the annual celebration of Christmas, but there is also joy in recalling the birth of Jesus on the first Christmas. The joy is heightened because he was born to save us from our sins (Mt 1:21b). The joy also extends to anticipation of the Second Coming, either at the end of physical life or the end of the world, the time when believers will be given the crown of righteousness (2 Tm 4:8) and a place in the Father's house (Jn 14:2) to dwell with God and his angels and saints for all eternity.

A Joyful Color. Rose represents joy and may be used as the liturgical color for *Gaudete* Sunday. Violet remains the official color for the Season of Advent, the Third Sunday included, because all of Advent has a penitential tone, a time to be absolved of sin and be in the state of grace for Christmas. *Gaudete* Sunday offers a brief respite to focus on the uplifting, upcoming joyful celebration of the Nativity.

Joyful Adornments. The priest may wear a rose chasuble and the deacon may wear a rose dalmatic. Church decorations may include roses or other flowers, a rose-colored altar cloth, drapery on the pulpit or ambo, chalice veil, tabernacle curtain, or wall hangings. The third candle of the Advent wreath is rose.

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This Week at St. Mary's Church

Mon.	Dec. 18	8:00 am Mass (Special Intention) 8:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 pm Pinochle 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
Tues.	Dec. 19	8:00 am Mass (†Nancy Ambrosi) 2:00 pm Gospel of John Bible Study 6:30 pm Communal Penance Service 7:30 pm 4th Degree Knights of Columbus
Wed.	Dec. 20	8:00 am Mass (†Olga "Honey" Canney) 9:00 am St. Zelig Martin Moms' Group 6:30 pm Genesee Mass
Thurs.	Dec. 21	8:00 am Mass (†Varinus Brady) 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society
Fri.	Dec. 22	8:00 am Mass (†Fr. Tom Adams) 10:30 am Mass at Paradise Creek of Olympus 2:30 pm Open Youth Room
Sat.	Dec. 23	8:00 am Mass 8:45 am Reconciliation 5:00 pm Mass

Schedule of Masses

Saturday Evening—5:00 pm
Sunday Morning—8:00 & 11:30 am
Genesee—9:45 am Rosary @ 9:15 am
Rosary—Mon-Fri. 7:40 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday—8:30 am
Tuesday—4:30 pm
Sunday (Genesee)—9:15 am.

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Family Faith Formation

Sunday, December 17th

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Religious Education 9:15 - 10:15

MS/HS Youth Group

Open Gym at St. Mary's School 1:30 p.m.

Come Celebrate the End of the Old Year!

All families are invited to join us for Ice Skating at the Rink on New Years Eve from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Half the rink will be set aside for family skating, while the other half will be reserved for the youth to play broomball. Entrance by donation. Ice Skate Rental not included. Be sure to sign a liability waiver from the rink. We will have hot cocoa rink side for all to enjoy!

Gifts for Baby Jesus

The Liturgy Committee is once again sponsoring "Gifts for Baby Jesus" to support mothers and babies at Palouse Care Network. Suggested donations include winter clothing, teething toys, pacifiers, newborn outfits, bath towel sets, and new bottles. They also need baby lotion, baby shampoo, thermometers, nail clippers, baby wipes, diapers (most needed sizes 3-6), and diaper bags. Leave your donations at church, or drop them off at the office. Thanks for your generosity!

Christmas Mass Schedule

When planning your Christmas celebrations please be mindful that both Christmas and 4th Sunday of Advent are Holy Days of Obligation. Therefore, it is necessary to attend Mass twice.

December
24
Sunday

**4th Sunday
of Advent**
Choose One

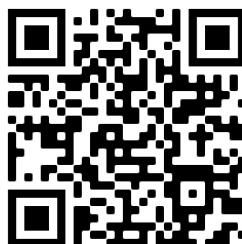
- ☐ 5 p.m. Saturday Vigil
- ☐ 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ☐ 9:45 a.m. Mass (Genesee)

December
25
Monday

**Christmas
Day**
Choose another One

- ☐ Christmas Eve at 4 p.m.
- ☐ Christmas Eve at 9 p.m.
- ☐ Christmas Day at 10 a.m.
- ☐ 9:45 a.m. (Genesee)

Online Giving



Scan the Code or Visit:

<https://osvhub.com/>

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Sacrificial Giving: December 2023

Budgeted Offertory Income: \$31,466.53

December 3: \$ 7,585.63

December 10: \$ 5,574.36

December 17: \$

December 24: \$

December 31: \$

December Offertory Income: \$13,159.99

Our Offertory Goal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 is \$318,000. At 46% of the year, we have received 46.23% of our annual goal. Thank you!

Young Adults Social

Catholic Young Adults, grad students and young professionals. Come enjoy food, games, and build gingerbread houses on Saturday, December 16th at 6:30pm at St. Mary's Catholic Family Center. Please bring a snack and/or game to share. For any questions, please contact Terah Bennett, 509-597-7079.

Advent Penance Service

Please join us on Tuesday, December 19th at 6:30 pm for our Communal Penance Service. Several priests from around the area will join us to hear confessions. Everyone is encouraged to participate.



St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord." Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord.

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving. Please give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul during our 5th Sunday Collection this month so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of the Christmas season.

Flowers for Christmas

Please consider donating a poinsettia for our Christmas Mass celebrations. Plants can be placed in the cry room or at the Family Center this coming week. Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS!

We did it! We have helped the St. Mary's School qualify for the \$2000 STEM Grant. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Sojourners Alliance

Please remember to include Sojourners Alliance in your year-end gift giving. Sojourners houses homeless people, helping them find work, affordable housing, and getting them back on their feet. We have 8 women's units, 14 men's units, 2 family units, all of which are full, and upon a vacancy is immediately filled. We run Project Warmth which pays rent bills, as well as Homeless Prevention, which provides rental assistance to people who are just on the verge of becoming homeless.

Your gift to Sojourners Alliance in December will be matched if given through "Avenues for Hope Housing Challenge," an easy on-line giving option. Please select Sojourners Alliance of Moscow for your gift giving, and know of our endless appreciation! Thank you.

St. Mary's Mission Statement

St. Mary's Catholic Church is a faith community bound by the love of God. We encounter Christ in the Sacraments and in sharing the Word of God, witnessing to His mercy through kindness, compassion and forgiveness. Our unity is deepened by practical charity, education, and service, after the example of our patron, Mary, Mother of God.

Seniors

It is time to party again – this time for Christmas with a "white elephant gift exchange." Our next Senior Get-Together will be Wednesday, December 20th from 1-2:30pm. We will play some games, and then exchange our special gifts. Everyone is invited. Bring a snack to share and your wrapped gift to exchange.

Keep Christ in Christmas

The Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas cards for \$8/box. Available at the Family Center while supplies last.



Coffee Social

Please join us after both Sunday Masses.
Donuts, coffee, and community!
Sign up to volunteer in 2024!!

Please Join Us in Prayer

- ♦ **For the repose of the souls of our loved ones:** Margaret Joyce, Amelia Turk, Olga "Honey" Canney, Sue Schendel, Patty Funke, Sister Lillian Repak OSU, Sennoi Roth, Phil Mohan, Dave Hutton, Rodger Pedersen, Terry Dahmen, Alice Hall, Joe Ulliman, Sr. Mary Forman, Ellie Olesen, Harold Grassl, Conor Richards, Fr. Sean Caulfield, Leslie Wilson, Norma Bailey, Fern Bielenberg, Deborah Evans.
- ♦ **For our friends and family:** Carlton (C.K.) Brown, Amy Scott, Scott Troka, Kim Squires, Jill Rinaldi, Linda Nickels, Martha Bieker, Bettina Gilbert, Leona Ahles, Fr. Gabriel Morales, Mary Ann Moser, Eileen Brady, Dick & Doris Gludt, Terry Bielenberg, Arlene Stoddard, Randy Osborne, Doris West, & Chuck Stoddard.
- ♦ **For our Diocesan Seminarians:** Joshua Tennyson, Ian Willnerd, Nathan Ribb, Nicholas Sower, Monico Heredia, Connor Brown, Ryan Olenick, Zachary MacKeller, Joseph Patti, Christopher Din, Ronald Onyekwelu, Leonardo Guillermo Gutierrez.
- ♦ **For all married couples celebrating an anniversary in the month of December.**

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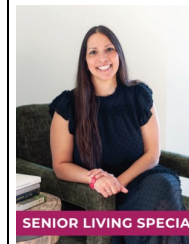
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