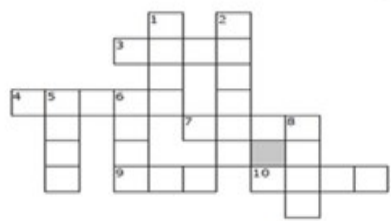



CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Gifts that Jesus Brings

The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Matthew 11:5 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. To receive sound using your ears

4. Unable to see

7. Something that is pleasant or enjoyable

9. To be aware of what is around you by using your eyes

10. To move along by putting one foot in front of the other

DOWN

1. Not living

2. A place where criminals are forced to live as a punishment

5. Unable to walk correctly because of injury to or weakness in the legs or feet

6. Information or reports about recent events

8. Unable to hear

DEAF	SEE	NEWS	GOOD	WALK
HEAR	DEAD	BLIND	PRISON	LAME

WEEKDAY READINGS (PSALTER WEEK 3)

- 15 Monday - Advent Weekday**
Numbers 24: 2-7, 15-17; Matthew 21: 23-27
- 16 Tuesday - Advent Weekday**
Zephaniah 3: 1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21: 28-32
- 17 Wednesday - Advent Weekday**
Genesis 49: 2, 8-10; Matthew 1: 1-17
- 18 Thursday - Advent Weekday**
Jeremiah 23: 5-8; Matthew 1: 18-25
- 19 Friday - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Judges 13: 2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1: 5-25
- 20 Saturday - St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr**
Advent Weekday; Luke 1: 26-38

Pope's prayer intention for December 2025

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

REFLECTION

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning “rejoice.” This Sunday is so named because “Rejoice” is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.” Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.


Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

- NOTICES
- ♦ **Christmas Novena** begins on Tuesday December, 16 at the Cathedral at 5 a.m. daily.
 - ♦ **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (including leaders of all ministries and groups)** takes place on Tuesday, 16 December, 5pm at Norton Hall. Members please make a special effort to attend and be on time.
 - ♦ **The Sacrament of Reconciliation** in preparation for Christmas will take place on Tuesday December 23, at the Cathedral at 5pm for the entire parish. Please be encouraged to welcome this moment of grace.
 - ♦ **Good News Catholic Communications (GNCC)** presents The Nativity - A Spice Island Christmas Story, produced by Deleon Walters on Sunday 21st December at the Deluxe Cinema in Grenville. Adults \$50, Children \$20.00. Support the GNCC as they continue to spread the good news of Jesus in 2026.
 - ♦ **The Cathedral Parish** office and the Chancery will be closed for the Christmas holidays from Monday 22nd December, to re-open on Monday January 5th 2026.

THE Joy CANDLE

Also known as the Shepherds' Candle, this third candle of Advent signifies the joy of our coming Savior.

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior."



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Catechesis Corner

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS CONT...

THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT Cont...

IV. Offenses Against the Dignity of Marriage

Other offenses against the dignity of marriage

The predicament of a man who, desiring to convert to the Gospel, is obliged to repudiate one or more wives with whom he has shared years of conjugal life, is understandable. However polygamy is not in accord with the moral law." [Conjugal] communion is radically contradicted by polygamy; this, in fact, directly negates the plan of God which was revealed from the beginning, because it is contrary to the equal personal dignity of men and women who in matrimony give themselves with a love that is total and therefore unique and exclusive." (FC 19; cf. GS 47 # 2). The Christian who has previously lived in polygamy has a grave duty in justice to honor the obligations contracted in regard to his former wives and his children.

Incest designates intimate relations between relatives or in-laws within a degree that prohibits marriage between them. (cf. Lev 18:7-20). St. Paul stigmatizes this especially grave offense: "It is actually reported that there is immorality among you . . . for a man is living with his father's wife. In the name of the Lord Jesus ... you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh...." (1 Cor 5:1, 4-5). Incest corrupts family relationships and marks a regression toward animality. Connected to incest is any sexual abuse perpetrated by adults on children or adolescents entrusted to their care. the offense is compounded by the scandalous harm done to the physical and moral integrity of the young, who will remain scarred by it all their lives; and the violation of responsibility for their upbringing. In a so-called free union, a man and a woman refuse to give juridical and public form to a liaison involving sexual intimacy. The expression "free union" is fallacious: what can "union" mean when the partners make no commitment to one another, each exhibiting a lack of trust in the other, in himself, or in the future?

The expression covers a number of different situations: concubinage, rejection of marriage as such, or inability to make long-term commitments. (cf. FC 81). All these situations offend against the dignity of marriage; they destroy the very idea of the family; they weaken the sense of fidelity. They are contrary to the moral law. the sexual act must take place exclusively within marriage. Outside of marriage it always constitutes a grave sin and excludes one from sacramental communion. Some today claim a "right to a trial marriage" where there is an intention of getting married later.

However firm the purpose of those who engage in premature sexual relations may be, "the fact is that such liaisons can scarcely ensure mutual sincerity and fidelity in a relationship between a man and a woman, nor, especially, can they protect it from inconstancy of desires or whim." (CDF, Persona humana 7). Carnal union is morally legitimate only when a definitive community of life between a man and woman has been established. Human love does not tolerate "trial marriages." It demands a total and definitive gift of persons to one another. (cf. FC 80).

End of the sixth commandment.

COLLECTIONS:

2nd Sunday of Advent/A - 7th December, 2025

Cathedral 6.00 p.m.	\$ 849.84	Belmont	\$ 133.50
Cathedral 8.00 a.m.	\$ 1367.85	Fontenoy	\$ 114.40
Happy Hill	\$ 924.00	Brizan	\$ 100.00
Tempe	\$ 468.20	Mt. Moritz	\$ 143.85

Total: \$ 4,101.64
May God bless your kindness and generosity!

Prayer for the Discernment of A New Bishop

O God, Eternal Shepherd, who govern your flock with unchanging care, grant to your Church in St. George’s-in-Grenada a shepherd who will faithfully follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Give us a Bishop filled with wisdom and understanding so that, guided by your Holy Spirit, he may be a faithful pastor, a prudent teacher, wise in discerning the needs of our diocese and region. Strengthen him to uphold the gospel of truth, to lead your flock with humility and courage and to build up the Body of Christ in love and holiness. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Immaculate Mary, Mother of the Church, pray with us and for us. Amen.

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3rd Sunday of Advent /A - December 14th, 2025

Sunday Mass Schedules:

Cathedral Saturday: 6:00 p.m.	Happy Hill Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
Belmont Saturday: 6:00 p.m.	Tempe Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
Brizan Sunday: 6:30 a.m.	Fontenoy Sunday: 10:00 a.m.
Cathedral Sunday: 8:00 a.m.	Mt. Moritz Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Welcome!

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, where we rejoice in the Lord's nearness. As we light the rose candle on our Advent wreath, let the Entrance Antiphon from Philippians fill our hearts: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. The Lord is near.” Gather with joy from life's deserts, ready to hear God's promises of renewal through today's readings.

First Reading: From the Prophet Isaiah 35:1-6,10. The prophet describes a transformed world where the desert blooms, the weak are strengthened, and the blind, deaf, and lame are healed, showing that God’s saving power turns sorrow into joy and leads the redeemed safely to Zion.

Second Reading: James urges believers to be patient like farmers waiting for the precious harvest, to strengthen their hearts because the Lord’s coming is near, and to avoid complaining against one another. This we hear from his letter in 5:7-10.

Gospel: According to Matthew 11:2-11. From prison, John the Baptist sends disciples to ask Jesus if he is the one to come, and Jesus answers by pointing to his works—healing and good news for the poor—then praises John as more than a prophet and the greatest born of women.