



Third Week of Advent

Lighting the Third Candle of the Advent Wreath

On the third Sunday of Advent the pink or rose-colored candle is lit. This pink candle is customarily called the "SHEPHERDS CANDLE" and it represents JOY. During this Sunday, the readings lead us to be happy trusting in the realization of the Promise of God, in the coming of Jesus Christ. The source of our Joy is He, and in Him we find strength and real light to our lives.

During this week the father prays:

"O Lord, we beg You, incline your ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of your visitation.

Who lives and reigns forever? Amen."

The mother then lights the two previously lit purple candles plus the rose candle.

O Key of David, Jesus Christ, the gates of heaven open at your command, Come and show us the way to salvation.

You can also...

Light the 1st purple candle (repeat 1st week's prayer)

Light the 2nd purple candle (repeat 2nd week's prayer)

Light the rose candle (recite the prayers above)

Scriptures for your reflection:

Isaiah 9:6-7, John 1:19-34, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Philippians 2:1-11

Novena Prayer for Christmas - December 16

Prayer: O Father, who, to reconcile us to yourself has sent us your Son Jesus, born of the Virgin, please accept our plea and increase in us the will to prepare ourselves in prayer and in good work of justice for the coming of the Lord among us. He who lives and reigns with your world without end. Amen

Daily Readings

Monday: Gen 49: 2:8-10; Ps 72; Mt 1:1-17, Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72; Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71; Lk 1:5-25, Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Sgs 2:8-14; Ps 33; Lk 1:39-45, Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Ps 15m 2:4-8; Lk 1:46-56

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CONSOLATA SHRINE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

16th December 2018

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

"The Lord will exult over you with loud singing."

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he cast out your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear evil no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival."

RESPONSORIAL Isaiah 12:2-3.4bcde.5-6 (R.6)

R: Shout, and sing for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

"Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD God is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation."
With joy you will draw water from the wells of
salvation. **(R)**

"Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the nations,
proclaim that his name is exalted." **(R)**

"Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
Let this be known in all the earth.
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel." **(R)**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

"The Lord is at hand."

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord, always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.





Alleluia, Alleluia

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has sent me to preach good news to the poor.

Alleluia



GOSPEL

Luke 3:10-18

“What, then, shall we do?”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time: The multitudes asked John, “What then shall we do?” And he answered them, “He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise.” Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Collect no more than is appointed you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Rob no one by violence or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.” As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, “I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” So, with many other exhortations, he preached good news to the people.

Announcements

1. Today, there is a Jumble Sale for charities in the basketball pitch. All the proceeds are to sustain charitable activities.
2. Today we are praying for all the expectant Mothers in all Masses.
3. Novena of Christmas will begin today at all Masses.
4. Envelopes for Christmas dues are available at the entrances of the Church on blue boxes. Kindly pick one for Christmas preparation.
5. **Rediscover Mary Our Consolation** is a new book written by Fr. Evans and Dr. Pamela. Get a copy today at a reduced price outside the Church or in the bookshop.
6. The Bible Dairies 2019 which include daily reflection are available at the desk outside the Church and in the bookshop. Get a copy for yourself or as a Christmas gift to your friends and loved ones.
7. The CWA old members are thanking all those women who enrolled to be new members.
8. The Parish has organized a pilgrimage to Holy Land early next year. For more details, check the posters outside the church.
9. For Christmas Season Programmes see the next page.

CHRISTMAS SEASON PROGRAMME FOR CONSOLATA SHRINE

24 th December Christmas Vigil	Confessions 9am to 12pm and 2pm to 5.30pm.
	Carol Service, Start at 6:30pm
	Vigil Mass at 8:30pm,
25 th December Christmas Day	Swahili Mass at 7:30am
	English 9:00am, 10.30am, 12pm and 5.30pm
26 th December Solemnity of St. Stephen	Masses as: 7am, 9am and 5:30pm
27 th December: Feast of St. John the Apostle	Masses as: 7am, 1:15pm and 5:30pm
28 th December Remembrance Holy innocence	Parents are encouraged to bring Babies and children under 5 for Blessings at any of the Masses 7am, 1:15pm and 5:30pm
December 30 th Solemnity of Holy Family	Sunday Masses as 7.30am, 9am, 10.30am, 12pm and 5.30pm
31 st December, New Year eve	Confessions 9:00am to 12:00pm
	Confessions 2:00pm to 5:30pm
	6pm Thanks giving Mass,
	8pm – 9pm: Adoration
	11:45pm New Year Mass
1 st January 2019, New Year	Mass as: 8am, 11am and 5.30pm