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DECEMBER 15, 2024 | 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"When the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy."



When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don’t blame the Lector or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

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Confession

Confessions are
by appointment.
Contact the Parish Office.

Please consider helping us to defray the expense of these necessary items by donating: Hosts, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle, Altar Wine.

The requested donation for each is \$25.00.

This Week...

The Blessed Mother Votive Lamp is donated
In Loving Memory of
Anne Pappas Eichler

The Saint Joseph Votive Lamp is donated
For the Health & Well-Being of
Carrie Maglia

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Votive Lamp is donated
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Carrie Maglia

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Birthday Blessings to
Msgr Neil Mahoney

The Altar Hosts are donated
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The Sacramental Wine is donated
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The Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle is donated
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God Bless Your Generosity.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm *Vigil Mass*

SUNDAY

8:30 am | 10:00 am | 12:00 pm

DAILY LITURGIES

Monday ▶ Friday
Mass 12:10 pm

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

(Weather Permitting)

Monday thru Friday 11 am → 1:30 pm
Saturday 3:30 pm → 6 pm
Sunday 8 am → 1 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday: 10 am - 4 pm
Saturday | Sunday: closed
Call for other urgent arrangements.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 14

5:00 pm † Mary V and Anthony L Romano

Sunday, December 15

8:30 am † In Honor of Susan Reilly for her 57th
Birthday in Heaven

10:00 am People of the Parish

12:00 pm † In Loving Memory of Carol A. Haggerty

Monday, December 16

12:10 pm *Birthday Blessings to Msgr Neil Mahoney*

Tuesday, December 17

12:10 pm † Josiah Cooper Turner

Wednesday, December 18

12:10 pm Blessings for Gina Andreano

† Nicolo Hroncich

† Maria and Anastacio Nunez

Thursday, December 19

12:10 pm † In Honor of St. Lucy

Friday, December 20

12:10 pm † Nicolo Hroncich

Saturday, December 21

5:00 pm † In Loving Memory of Patrick Fitzgerald

Sunday, December 22

8:30 am People of the Parish

10:00 am † The Repose of the Souls of the Cappock
Family

12:00 pm *For the Spiritual / Physical Health and
Well-being of Linda Bryan*

Gaudete Sunday

Celebrating **J O Y** during Advent



During the season of Advent, we await the celebration of Christ's birth and His coming again at the end of time. Over four weeks, we prepare our hearts for Christmas in penitential reflection. But in the middle of the season, Gaudete Sunday calls us to rejoice in hope!

**We invite you to learn (or review!) a few facts about this special day...
We hope you will join us to celebrate with our Music Ministry
for our Annual Christmas Carols on the Church steps
this Sunday, December 15 at 4:00pm!**

What does Gaudete mean?

Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin.

Why do we light a pink candle on Gaudete Sunday?

The Catholic Church uses the color rose to indicate a joyful feast day or holiday. Gaudete Sunday's counterpart in Lent is Laetare Sunday, another break in penance to rejoice in hope as we approach Easter. During both days, a priest will usually wear rose vestments.

LITURGICAL COLORS AND WHAT THEY MEAN

PURPLE Penance Preparation Used during Advent & Lent	RED Sacrifice Used during Passion Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost, and the Feast of the Apostles/martyrs	PINK Anticipation Used on the third Sunday in Advent and the fourth Sunday during Lent	GREEN Hope, Life & Growth Used during Ordinary time	WHITE/GOLD Joy & Purity Used during Easter & Christmas seasons, and feasts of the Blessed Mother, angels and saints who weren't martyred
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A note on Advent Wreaths...

In the Christian tradition, Advent wreaths are as beautiful as they are symbolic. These evergreen wreaths are shaped in a perfect circle to symbolize the eternity of God. Advent wreaths have four candles that remind us that Christ is the light of the world.

One of these candles is rose or pink. We light it on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday in Advent, to represent joy and anticipation of Christmas.

Can you help me with the pronunciation?

Gaudete is pronounced in three syllables: Gow-day-tay

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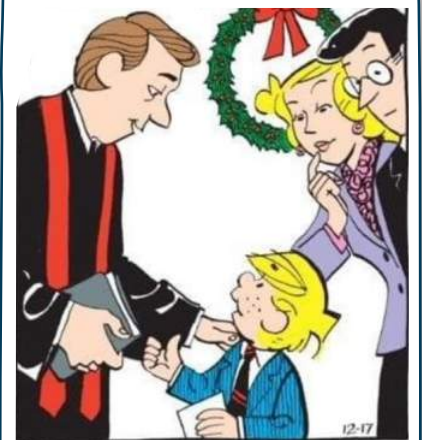
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A Little Humor



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"YUP...SPECIALLY RIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS!"

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The hidden message in ancient 'O Antiphons' of Advent...

An emeritus Texas bishop is highlighting an Advent message hidden in the O Antiphons — prayers that are recited or chanted in an ancient tradition leading up to Christmas.

“Composed in the sixth or seventh century, the seven O Antiphons are drawn from the Book of the prophet Isaiah and the first letters of each antiphon form the Latin word SARCORE, which read backwards is ERO CRAS, which means ‘Tomorrow I come.’ Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI, bishop emeritus of San Angelo, wrote in a December statement. Pfeifer, who served as the bishop of San Angelo from 1985 to 2013, listed the O Antiphons, which are said Dec. 17–23 during Vespers (the Evening Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours) and Masses. The first letters spell the message in an acrostic:

Dec. 17 - “O Sapientia”/“O Wisdom” (Isaiah 11:2-3; 28:29)

Dec. 18 - “O Adonai”/“O Lord” (Isaiah 11:4-5; 33:22)

Dec. 19 - “O Radix Jesse”/“O Root of Jesse” (Isaiah 11:1; 11:10)

Dec. 20 - “O Clavis David”/“O Key of David” (Isaiah 9:6; 22:22)

Dec. 21 - “O Oriens”/“O Dawn of the East” (Isaiah 9:2)

Dec. 22 - “O Rex Gentium”/“O King of the Gentiles” (Isaiah 2:4; 9:7)

Dec. 23 - “O Emmanuel”/“God with Us” (Isaiah 7:14)

Together, these antiphons spell out “a hopeful message about the coming of the long-awaited Messiah, of Jesus as we prepare for his birthday each year on Dec. 25,” Pfeifer said.

He went on to explain why they end on Dec. 23. “Traditionally feasts were said to begin on the eve of their celebration, so Christmas begins at sundown on Dec. 24,” he wrote. The message in the antiphons holds true today, Pfeifer emphasized. “Each Christmas Jesus fulfills the promise ‘I will come tomorrow’ by being born again as a tiny baby, the Godman, Jesus Christ,” he wrote. “We can make the following O Antiphons part of our Advent preparation for the birth of Christ by using them in our prayers or Advent scriptural readings.”

He added: “Then in gratitude and joy we celebrate the birth of our long-awaited savior, Jesus Christ - Christmas.” The seven prayers accompany the Magnificat canticle, or the canticle of Mary, according to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). The USCCB lists the text of the O Antiphons, each asking the Messiah to come and, together, spelling out his response in the acrostic. “They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well,” the U.S. bishops say on their website.

Pfeifer shared other recommendations to help prepare for Christmas. “My strong pastoral message for Advent each year is ‘don’t forget the baby!’” he told CNA. “First, when we think of a gift, let us open our hearts to receive the gift the baby wants to be for us,” he said. “Then, before all other gifts, we find in our hearts the gift we want to give the baby on his birthday.”

- By Katie Yoder via catholicnewsagency.com

The "O Antiphons" of Advent

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah. “The hymn, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” is based on the O Antiphons.”



December 17 - ‘O Sapientia’

*O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!*



December 18 - ‘O Adonai’

*O Sacred Lord, Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!*



December 19 - ‘O Radix Jesse’

*O Root of Jesse’s stem,
sign of God’s love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!*



December 20 - ‘O Clavis David’

*O Key of David,
opening the gates of God’s eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!*



December 21 - ‘O Oriens’

*O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the
shadow of death.*



December 22 - ‘O Rex Gentium’

*O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!*



December 23 - ‘O Emmanuel’

*O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!*

- From Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

Christmas Mass ★ Schedule ★

Christmas Eve

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

(NOTE: NO 12:10PM Daily Mass!)

4pm Mass

9:30pm

Christmas Carols in the Church

10pm Mass

Christmas Day

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

***8am Mass**

(*note time is different from usual Sunday morning Mass!)

10 am Mass

Noon Mass

New Year's Eve

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

12:10pm Mass

(No evening Mass)

New Year's Day

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

12:10pm Mass

(No evening Mass)

[NOTE: The 12:10pm Daily Mass will be celebrated as usual on Monday 12/23, Thursday 12/26, Friday 12/27, Monday 12/30, Thursday 1/2/25, and Friday 1/3/25.

The regular Weekend Mass Schedule (Saturday, 5pm; Sunday, 8:30am, 10am, & Noon) continues the Weekends of 12/28 & 29 – the Feast of the Holy Family; and 1/4 & 5, 2025 – the Solemnity of the Epiphany.]

Christmas Decorating

Help us decorate the Altar for Christmas Mass on Monday, December 23! We are in need of a few extra hands to assist with poinsettia placement in both the upper and lower Church. We will begin around 10 am, and we ask you to meet in the Church vestibule. **If you would like to volunteer an hour or two of time, please contact Stephanie at Stephanie.Panzariello@spphoboken.com.**

Why you should prepare for Christmas by making a good confession

“What do you want for Christmas?” is a question asked often enough. It is asked by those, who, in virtue of their love for us, want to please us. But what about God? What is the greatest good He desires for us for Christmas?

The answer is profound. The goodness God desires for us is unlimited because it is nothing other than the happiness which is found in Himself. This happiness is attainable by receiving the gift of His own Son, for when Christ dwells in our hearts through faith (Eph. 3:17), God the Father is able to see in us what He beholds in His dearly Beloved Son. Consequently, we can experience in God the Father what Jesus Himself beholds in Him! We cannot, therefore, attain the good God wants for us on our own.

The best way to remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy is the sacrament of reconciliation. We know from our own experience that it is not easy to acknowledge our faults. Consider some of the following reasons why being open can be difficult:

Mistaken beliefs: Sometimes we can think that we are the only one in the world who sins.

Embarrassment: No explanation is required on this one. We all feel it.

Attachments: Even though we want to be liberated from bad habits, it takes humility to ask for help.

Fear: We can be afraid that we will be misunderstood, that is, that we will misrepresent the good in us if we talk about our weaknesses and that we will thereby be judged unfairly; that the priest will look down on us.

You would not be troubled so much by these thoughts and feelings if you knew that priests will not look down on you or think of you poorly. In fact, opening your soul to a priest only serves to deeply humble him. Speaking from my own experience, if you only knew just how much the priest is humbled by the amount of trust and confidence invested in him as a spiritual father, you would not be so anxious. The priest is far more conscious of Christ's presence than your own because he is deeply aware of his own unworthiness to represent Him through the sacrament of the priesthood. He is deeply humbled and moved in a spirit of awe and reverence because the confidence invested in him immediately puts him in touch with Christ. He is aware that Christ is present in his poor humanity in that graced moment, like a treasure in an earthenware vessel (2 Cor 4:7).

The priest can relate to your own need for God's mercy because he is by no means 'immune' to temptation and sin. You can thereby have every confidence that he can readily identify himself with your longing for God's love, acceptance, forgiveness and the peace and consolation that comes from being reunited to Christ. So, confiding in a priest does not make him look down on anyone, it only makes him look up – up to Christ – and might I add, up to the penitents themselves, for their humble sincerity is a powerful manifestation of their own love for Christ.

Has it been a long time since you received this sacrament? A common tendency is to wait until you overcome the difficulty you have been struggling with before you talk to a priest about it. This is an old trick of the enemy. This way, he makes you feel that a priest has nothing new to tell you because he leads you to think, “Hey, after all, you know your own struggles better than anyone else.” St John Vianney knew this was not true because he said: “The reason why we cannot keep our good resolutions is that we count too much on ourselves.”

The sacrament of reconciliation is a means by which the assistance we receive is that of Christ Himself, for He is the One whom we encounter in the sacraments. He empties in order to fill. And what He fills us with is nothing other than the goodness of Himself. It is for this reason that the Church reminds us during Advent to have recourse to the sacrament of reconciliation.

★ **There is no better way to prepare for the joy God wants to give you this Christmas.** ★

Wedding Blessings!



Please join us in congratulating **Lauren Valles & Ryan Korzinski** who were married in a beautiful ceremony at Ss Peter & Paul on Saturday, November 30. **Msgr Michael** presided over the joyous ceremony. Special thanks to **Gina Andreano** who led the marriage preparation leading up to the big day, and **Sheila Mulcahy** who assists Gina at the Wedding Rehearsal and Wedding Day.

May God continue to Bless Lauren & Ryan abundantly in love, joy, and happiness.



Christmas Carols

on the
Church Steps

Christmas Classics performed by
The Saints Peter & Paul
Music Ministry



SUNDAY
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15

This Weekend!

**Carols begin
at 4pm!**
Hot cocoa
and treats
will be served!

Second Collection

Retirement For Religious Fund



On the weekend of December 14-15, participating dioceses will take up the annual collection that benefits approximately 24,000 elderly religious sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the United States. Coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO), the collection provides qualified religious institutes with financial aid to address retirement necessities.

Traditionally, Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to Church ministries such as parishes, schools and health-care institutions, usually with little to no compensation. Consequently, a significant number currently have insufficient retirement funds, combined with escalating health-care costs. Numerous religious communities in the United States are experiencing challenges with providing for their elderly members and are confronting a sizable disparity between available funds and the costs of care.

In 1988, the bishops of the United States established the Retirement Fund for Religious collection to address this serious retirement funding need among U.S. religious orders.

For more about the initiatives of the National Religious Retirement Office and opportunities to support retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests, scan the QR code or visit retiredreligious.org.



Additional Collection
THIS MONTH



December 15 **Retirement For Religious Fund**

An annual diocesan collection that supports the national appeal of the National Religious Retirement Office. This office distributes funds to retired religious and their institutions.



December 25 **Christmas Gift To Parish**

A gift to the parish that honors Christ's Birth and supports funding for various charitable activities and operational needs of the parish throughout the year.

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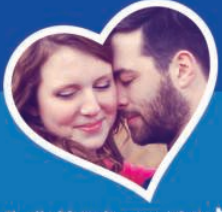


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