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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee. (Isa 35:10)

Psalm:

Lord, come and save us. (Ps 146)
OR
Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. (Jas 5:7)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." (Mt 11:4-5)

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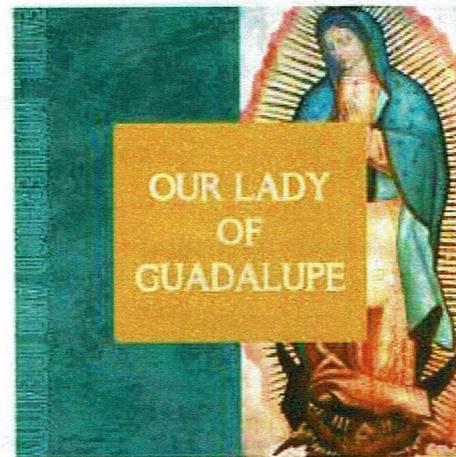
Inspiration of the Week

"Go and tell what you have seen and heard," Jesus says. When it comes to proving who he is, he always lets his actions do the talking. We have heard. We have seen. We must go and tell. Let's let our actions do the talking. Who do we think Jesus is?

Observances for the week of December 14, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent



Devotions, Explained!

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego in Mexico City in 1531. The Patroness of the Americas, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a beloved symbol of faith, motherhood and identity. Her feast day is Dec. 12.

Prayer for Advent - New Growth

Dear God,
Bring new life! Your love creates and cultivates.
Bring Your power into the places I think of as "deserts"
and your grace to the prayers I fear may be "deserted."
You can redeem and restore,
bring a new song to my heart.
Amen.

MARK YOU CALENDAR

Today:

Sunday, December 14 - 3:30pm-7pm:
St. Monica / St. Augustine Gala
Annual Christmas Dinner at St. Augustine

CCD - Christmas Break starts
December 11 - January 14

NTLC - Christmas Break
December 12 - January 13

Church Family:

**Distinguished Hall of Fame
2026 Inductees**

Members of St. Monica
Are being honored by the BTW Alum

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Michael Pegues
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The Pope's Monthly Intentions

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.

Tuesday, December 23 - 9am:

Decorate the Church for Christmas.

Wednesday, December 24:

Christmas Carol 4:30 pm and
Christmas Vigil Mass 5 pm at Monica

Thursday, December 25:

Christmas Day Mass
St Augustine at 9am in English
Mass at St. Augustine at 11am in Spanish

Thursday, January 1:

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God:
Holy Day of Obligation.
Mass at St. Augustine at 9 am in English
Mass at St. Augustine at 11 am in Spanish

Christmas Baskets

Saturday, December 20, 2025

Catholic Charities

Drive thru Meal give away - starting at 7:15am
Need Volunteers also

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Salvation Army 12:30 - 2pm
1029 N. Denver

From the desk of Fr. C.,

The Entrance Antiphon for this 3rd Sunday of Advent says it best: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice." (Philippians 4:4-5). Today we celebrate "Gaudete Sunday" from the Latin word "gaudeamus" or "let us rejoice."

Rose is the color of the priest's vestments and the third candle of the Advent wreath, replacing the deep violet of the previous Sundays. We're being hit over the head with joy today in the prayers, readings and colors of the liturgy!

In the Collect Prayer: "Enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation, and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. . ."

In the First Reading from Isaiah: "The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. . ."

In the Second Reading, the apostle James tempers our joy with patience. And in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus asks John's disciples to give him this report:

Go back and report to John what you hear and see: the blind recover their sight, cripples walk, lepers are cured, the deaf hear, dead men are raised to life, and the poor have the good news preached to them.

Clearly, those who are touched by the compassionate ministry of Jesus are changed. Their lives are enriched and transformed into something greater than they could have ever imagined. This is definitely a cause for joy!

December is a busy month. That goes without saying! Let's not get bogged down by our over-the-top To-Do lists. Christmas is coming! Are we having joy yet?

Ken Canedo at www.ocp.com

Let Us Pray..

Loving God,
as we light the rose candle of joy,
our hearts rejoice in the nearness of Your coming.
Fill us with gratitude and gladness,
even amid the challenges of life.
May we find joy in serving others
and in sharing Your love with all we meet.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of December 14, 2025

Sunday:

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
(see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday:

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and
7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday:

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18,
19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday:

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/
Mt 1:1-17

Thursday:

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/
Mt 1:18-25

Friday:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-
17/Lk 1:5-25

Saturday:

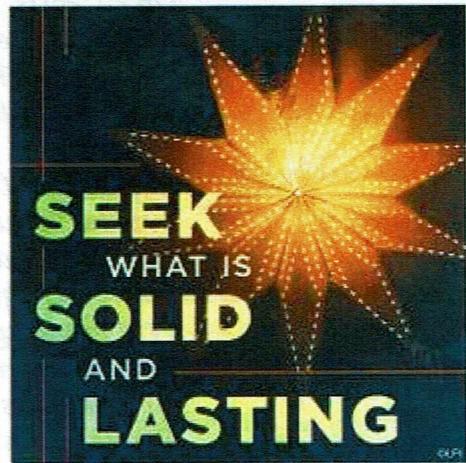
Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/
Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable balloon men swaying wildly in the wind. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort ... for this?

As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: **"What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?" (Matthew 11:7)**. He's not just describing the crowd's mis-aimed pursuit. He's naming our tendency to chase after what's flashy but flimsy.

What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can't satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds?

John the Baptist wasn't a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real.

This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting — that which points to Christ?

— Father John Muir

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