

Prayer for Spiritual Communion
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to
receive You in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into
my heart. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



The Third Sunday of Advent

“Once you were darkness, but now in
the Lord you are light. Walk as children
of light.”

- Ephesians 5:8

“Jesus, we are so grateful to live in
this time after your birth and to know
you as the light of the world.
What we often forget is that you have
called all who follow you to be the
light of the world!

You have empowered us by Your
Holy Spirit to shine your light in the
ways we behave, speak, work and
interact with our neighbors. Help us
to live as children of the light so that
how we live will always reveal your
light to others. Amen”

“Let Your Light Shine” Daily Prayers for
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Our Holiday Masses at the Cherry Ridge Chapel will be as Follows:

Christmas Eve Mass
Tuesday, December 24, 2024
at 4:00pm

Christmas Day Mass
Wednesday, December 25, 2024
at 10:30am

New Year's Day
Wednesday, January 1, 2025
at 10:30am



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*Celebration of the Eucharist
Week of December 15, 2024*

Sat. December 14th The Anticipated Mass for The Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)
4:00PM Charles Alfieri on the 20th anniversary of his death- Family

Sun. December 15th The Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)
11:15AM Father Charles Latus- Friend

Wed. December 18th Advent Weekday
10:30 AM Mark Blair- Joan Blair & Family

Sat. December 21st The Anticipated Mass for The Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:00PM Glen Lasher- Bernie Lasher

Sun. December 22nd The Fourth Sunday of Advent
11:15AM Dorothy Neugebauer- Kathleen VanScooter



This week the Sanctuary Candle is being lit

In Thanksgiving for Cherry Ridge staff and volunteers

Dear Friends,

The theme of the season of Advent is sometimes described as a period of waiting for the birth of Jesus. However, today's Gospel reading suggests something different. John the Baptist did not tell the crowds to wait for the Messiah. He told them to prepare for the Messiah through acts of repentance. If Advent is a time of waiting, it is not the sitting in the doctor's office kind of waiting. It is a busy time of preparation, more like the waiting we might do when preparing for dinner guests. Our challenge is to not make this season a frenzied time, but rather a time of joyful anticipation and making ready for God who comes to dwell among us and changes our lives with the gift of salvation.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

It is a joy that comes from a security with our God, those around us, and our place in the world. It is the joy Isaiah describes when he writes, "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul." It is a joy that cannot be bought or obtained from artificial highs. It is a joy that comes from our living faith in a living God.

It is the joy we feel as we approach the birth of our Savior and remember the awesome beauty of what happened on that cold Bethlehem night.

Rejoice!

Have a Blessed Week~ Rose