Third Sunday of Advent

ST. PATRICK PARISH,



FALLOWFIELD

We are a vibrant and engaged faith community committed to building up one another in Christ. We are nourished by the sacraments, and our shared service to one another and the wider community.



FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3.14-18a

SECOND READING

Philippians 4.4-7

GOSPEL

Luke 3.10-18

Isaiah 12

SHOUT ALOUD AND SING FOR JOY: GREAT IN YOUR MIDST IS THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL.

Gospel Reflection

In this week's Gospel, John the Baptist calls us to others, how we fulfill our duties, and how we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Messiah handle what has been entrusted to us. by living justly and generously. The crowd's Advent is a season of joyful anticipation, but it question, "What should we do?" is one we too is also a call to repentance and transformation. must ask. John's response is strikingly practical: As we light the pink candle of Gaudete Sunday, share what you have, act with integrity, and live rejoicing in the nearness of Christ, let us also simply. His words remind us that holiness is not examine our lives. Are we hoarding blessings or found in extraordinary acts but in faithful sharing them? Are we preparing a straight path stewardship of our daily lives.

John challenges each group to examine their This week, may we embody John's call to bear unique responsibilities. To the tax collectors and good fruit, knowing that true joy comes from soldiers, he says, "Do not exploit others; be living generously and justly, with hearts open to content." These are powerful reminders that the Savior's arrival. justice begins where we stand—how we treat

for Christ through our actions?

December 15th Third Sunday in Advent

Joy, Preparation, Generosity

also known as Gaudete Sunday, is a day of joy and rejoicing as we draw closer to Christmas. The rose-colored candle on the Advent wreath is lit. symbolizing hope and light breaking into the darkness. Let us rejoice in the nearness of the Savior and ready our lives to

The Third Sunday of Advent,

December 17th O Antiphons

receive Him.

Hope, Expectation, Reflection

The beginning of the O Antiphons, a rich and reflective part of the Advent season. These ancient prayers, each beginning with the phrase "O," invite us to deepen our longing Christ's arrival. Each antiphon calls on a different

title of the Messiah-such as "O Wisdom" or "O Lord of Might"—and they offer a poignant way to meditate on the coming of Christ. As we prepare hearts Christmas, the O Antiphons

help us focus our prayers.

December 15th, 2024

Mass Intentions

Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. • † Parish All Souls Intentions Saturday

9:00 a.m.

Sunday

† Susan Carey by Anne & Alan Gordon

- † George Allen by Marilyn Allen † Charlie McFadden by Sophia McFadden
 - * Amelia Carey by Karl Carey
- 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Sunday **Tuesday** • † Leah Josita Devlin by Under Mary's Mantle 9:00 a.m.

Living and deceased members Legion of Marv Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

(Intentions of) by St. Patrick Legion of Mary

Thursday 9:00 a.m. • † Parish All Souls Intentions

• † Liam and Nuala Connolly by Sheena and Jim **Friday** 9:00 a.m. McRae

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4-4:45 p.m. in the sacristy or by appointment

Take what's offered.

justice guide your heart.

give what's extra—let

Reconciliation During Advent

As we prepare for the coming of

the Lord in Advent, we remember

that lesus calls us to newness of life by the forgiveness of sins. We receive that new life through baptism and reconciliation, as well as in communion. Confession, like all other sacraments, is a gift through which God has made his saving love and mercy real and present to us. In his desire to set all

Events

New Year's Eve Dance Dec 31st, 7:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.



Ring in 2025 with an **L** unforgettable Year's Eve party, hosted the Knights Columbus! Expect delicious food, lively entertainment, dancing, a cash bar, plus a special slideshow highlighting the memorable parish moments of 2024! Tickets are \$50 per person and are available online, in the office, and after Mass. Let's ring

in the New Year together!

Dec 19th, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Prayers for More



New



Would you like to receive individual prayer ministry this Advent? Join the Servants of the Cross for an evening of prayer, where trained prayer ministers pray for you and your intentions. Register on their website, and the meeting link will be emailed to you.



people free and draw them into the authentic peace that is communion with God, Christ entrusted his ministry of reconciliation to the apostles. It is through sacrament of confession that Christ offers us the opportunity of opening our hearts to him, seeking his help as we strive towards a life of holiness, and ultimately, guiding

us to eternal life with him. Please

consider celebrating reconciliation

this advent.

December 17th O Wisdom

Insight, Guidance, Vigilance

O Wisdom. You came forth from the mouth of

the Most High. and reaching from beginning to end You ordered all things mightily

and sweetly. Come, and teach us the way of prudence.

O Lord and Ruler

December 18th

Authority, Justice, Deliverance

O Adonai and Ruler of the house of Israel.

You appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and on Mount Sinai gave him Your Law.

Come, and with an outstretched arm redeem us.

December 19th O Root of Jesse

Connection, Hope, Promise

O Root of Jesse, You stand for the ensign of

mankind; before You kings shall keep silence

and to You all nations shall have recourse.

Come, save us, and do not delay.

December 20th O Key of David

Access, Authority, Salvation O Key of David,

and Scepter of the house of Israel: You open and no man closes; you close and no man opens.

Come, and deliver him from the chains of prison who sits darkness and in the shadow of death

News & Announcements

New Liturgical Year Sunday Missals

The new Liturgical Year begins on December 1, the First Sunday in Advent. Sunday Missals for the 2024 - 2025 (year C) cost is \$5 per book, and Sunday

Missal for Young Catholics for the 2024 - 2025 (year C) cost is \$10 per book.

Missals can be purchased from the ushers after weekend Masses and from the parish office, during office hours (Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. -

New Donation Envelopes Available This Weekend

3:30 p.m.).

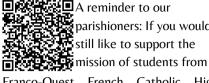
Starting this weekend. donation envelopes for 2025 be available for pickup. Visit the parish hall after any Mass this weekend to collect yours and enjoy some refreshments while supporting the CWL and Knights of Columbus Bake & Book Sale!

Following this weekend, the envelopes will be available at the front of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Children's Liturgy Christmas **Break**

This is the final weekend for Children's Liturgy before the Christmas season. Sessions will resume on January 12th. Following the 9:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday, the children invite their parents and families to the Children's Liturgy room for a special Christmas song and surprise!

Bringing Hope to Orphans in the Dominican Republic



goal of raising \$10,000.

the parish office.

parishioners: If you would

Franco-Ouest French Catholic High School, there is still time to contribute. These students are travelling to the Dominican Republic to assist a Catholic

Your generosity has been deeply appreciated, and they extend heartfelt thanks for the support received so far. To donate or learn more, please contact

orphanage, and are working toward their

Support our Parish Through Bridlewood Home Hardware



Did you know that your purchases at Bridlewood Home Hardware (Michael Cowpland at Eagleson) can benefit St. Patrick Parish? Simply mention you're from St. Patrick Parish at checkout, and a percentage of the pretax sales will be donated back to the church. Thank you for supporting this initiative!

Follow Us on Social Media!



Follow us on social media to stay updated on events, news, and inspiring content

from our parish community. Engage with us online—we'd love to hear from you! Scan the QR code to find all our accounts in one place. Let's grow together in faith and fellowship!

Christmas & New Year

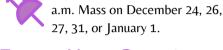
Mass Schedule

December 24 5, 7, and 10 p.m. December 25 9 and 11 a.m.

December 31

5 p.m.

January 1 11 a.m. Please note: There will be no 9



Empty Host Containers Throughout the year, we go through a

significant number of hosts, reflecting our vibrant and active community. As a result, we have accumulated many empty host containers, which are now available at the front of the church for anyone who would

Join our team

9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Choirs



The 9 a.m. and 11

Children's Liturgy

■ The Children's 🚡 Liturgy ministry is

 $oldsymbol{4}$ inviting anyone who feels called to share the joy of the Gospel with children. See our website for details.

Sacramental Prep Team

parents for the sacraments. If you

are interested in joining, visit our

We are forming a Sacramental **Preparation Team**

to help prepare

children and their

Through home visits,

Pastoral Care Registration

hospital outreach, and phone calls, our team brings comfort, encouragement, and a sense of community to those we serve. If you or someone you know would like to receive pastoral care,

Parish Contacts

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we invite you to register.

Parish Life

- The Choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the church.
- The Legion of Mary meets Wednesday mornings in the McGivney Lounge (after the 9:00 a.m. Mass).
- The Catholic Women's League meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Monsignor Baxter Hall.
- The Knights of Columbus meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month in the Monsignor Baxter Parish Hall.
- Children's Liturgy, for ages 4 through 9, is offered during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.



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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



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