#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 13, 2020

#### IS 61:1-2A, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bride bride bride with a diadem, like a bride brides with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

#### LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54.

### R. (Is 61:10b) My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed:

#### R. My soul rejoices in my God.

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him

in every generation.

### R. My soul rejoices in my God.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

#### Reading 2 1 THES 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit.

Do not despise prophetic utterances.

Test everything; retain what is good.

Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

#### Alleluia

#### IS 61:1 (cited in LK 4:18)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### Gospel

### JN 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John.

When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests
and Levites to him
to ask him, "Who are you?"
He admitted and did not deny it,
but admitted, "I am not the Christ."
So they asked him,
"What are you then? Are you Elijah?"
And he said, "I am not."
"Are you the Prophet?"
He answered, "No."
So they said to him,
"Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us?
What do you have to say for yourself?"
He said:

"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,"" as Isaiah the prophet said."
Some Pharisees were also sent.
They asked him,
"Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?"
John answered them,
"I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."
This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

# Profession of Faith I believe in one God,

the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven. (At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13. 2020

Sunday, Dec. 13

8:30am @ Meeteetse: Intention of Donor

9am: Parishioners of St. Anthony, St. Theresa & Our Lady of the Valley

10:30am: For All The Souls That Have Passed Away in 2020

11:00am @ Clark: Intention of Celebrant

5:00pm: Phyllis McCormick by Lorna McCormick

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS THE LAST 5PM SUNDAY MASS.

Monday, Dec. 14

8:30am: Fr. Rick Malloy by Jerry & Donna Carpenter

Tuesday, Dec. 15

8:30am: Deceased Family & Friends of Ed & Janice Stratman 12:15pm: Bernie Majusiak by Bob & Mary Lou Waugeman

Wednesday, Dec. 16

8:30am: **\display** Tom Barnard by St. Anthony

12:15pm: +Phyllis McCormick by Linda & Edna Torczon

Thursday, Dec. 17

8:30am: Rich Miller by The Graham Family

12:15pm: Fr. Vernon Clark by Jerry & Donna Carpenter

Friday, Dec. 18

8:30am: Beth Gilb by Friends

12:15pm: David Bank by Family

Saturday, Dec. 19

8:30am: Fr. Heston Joseph by Jerry & Donna Carpenter 5pm: Phyllis McCormick by Bill & Delores Hurr

5pm @ Clark: Intention of Celebrant

PLEASE remember to pray for our church family members that are living in the Long Term Care Center and Brookdale: Mary Ann Metzger, Sylvia Gates, Marilyn Meyer, Alice Fales, Jeanne Pomajzl, Stacy Jourdan, Donna Brown, Nellie Grosz and John Case. "Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land the Lord your God is giving you." Exodus 20:12

Let's also keep their families who miss them ever so much in our prayers as well. Let us pray for all those that are ill or suffering in any way. Please, let's also pray for all those that are in the

Diaconate program especially St. Anthony's Tom Caudle, that the Lord continues to be with them and keeps them safe & well.

#### WEEKLY OFFERING TO OUR LORD

| Cody                      | \$4,598.00          | Online    | \$1,546.00 |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------|------------|
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| Fam Fund                  | \$ 22.00            | Online    | \$585.40   |
| Christmas Flowers \$45.00 |                     | Online    | \$ 25.50   |
| Boiler                    | \$ 60000            | Online    | \$ 15.00   |
| Immaculate (              | Conception \$545.00 |           |            |

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BELOVED PARISHIONERS: As we approach the end of the year, we especially remember the infinite goodness of God to us in His gift of Salvation in Jesus Christ. God can never be outdone in His generosity. All of us, although constrained by the covid virus, have been touched by Jesus' Sacraments and the Church, though struggling, nonetheless, has continued to function. The parish has had to struggle with a shortfall in income, and the replacement of the boiler system (an \$80,000 expense), plus we are responsible for the \$20,000 shortfall to the "Living and Giving" program, which is our tithe to the Diocese. At the end of the tax year, please consider a generous gift to the Building & Maintenance Fund.

May God bless you for your continuous generosity. Pax et bonum, Father Vern

We are using a reservation system for Mass called SignUpGenius beginning with Masses on Dec. 5 & 6. Every week, the link will be available on our website enabling you to reserve your spot at the following weekend's Mass. The website, <a href="www.stanthonycody.org">www.stanthonycody.org</a>, is the only place wherein the you'll be able click on the link and follow the instructions to reserve your seat. The reservation system will allow us to better monitor Mass attendance numbers while ensuring our Diocesan protocols to keep everyone safe are followed.

If you encounter difficulty in making your reservation, please the Office know and we'll help! Helpful instructions are as follows:

- 1. Go to our webpage and click on the link for the particular Mass or Event you wish to attend.
- 2. Click square box "sign-up."
- 3. Click "submit & sign-up."
- 4. Screen message says, "sign me up for....". Screen indicates how many spots are available, date/time, my comment and quantity.
- 5. Click on the appropriate quantity remembering it's one per person.
- 6. Click "sign up now."

At this time, the 3pm Children's Mass is almost filled up through our reservation system. Those without reservations will be able to attend the Mass downstairs in Brady Hall, depending on space available. Since the ushers will be checking reservations for some of the Christmas Masses, please plan to come early to avoid congestion at the front door. IF YOU ARE ILL, PLEASE STAY HOME. The 9am Christmas morning Mass will be live-streamed. The Office will be closed Dec. 24-Dec. 27. The Blessed Sacrament will NOT be exposed on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> or Jan. 1st.

The Christmas Mass schedule is as follows:

December 24, 3pm in St. Anthonys Church

December 24, 3pm in Brady Hall

December 24, 5pm in St. Anthonys Church

December 24, 5pm in Brady Hall

December 24, 10pm in St. Anthonys Church

December 25, 9am in St. Anthonys Church

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Please look at the schedule for available Holy Hours. Ideally, each hour should have at least 2 Adorers. Prayerfully consider spending one Hour in the presence of our Lord.

Open Holy Hours are: Monday: 11am, 2pm & 6pm; Tuesday: 11am & 6pm; Wednesday:

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"In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering." Pope Emeritus Benedict

Call the Office if you'd like to accept Jesus' invitation to spend time in His presence, 587-3388.



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From:

Bishop Steven Biegler

Subject:

Vaccines for Covid-19

Date:

December 3, 2020

On November 23, 2020, the following statement regarding vaccines for Covid-19 was sent to all U.S. Bishops from Bishop Kevin Rhoades, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph Naumann, Chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

"There appears to be some confusion in the media regarding the moral permissibility of using the vaccines for COVID-19 developed by Pfizer Inc. and Moderna. We would like to offer some clarifications. Neither the Pfizer nor the Moderna vaccine involved the use of cell lines that originated in fetal tissue taken from the body of an aborted baby at any level of design, development, or production. They are not completely free from any connection to abortion, however, as both Pfizer and Moderna made use of a tainted cell line for one of the confirmatory lab tests of their products. There is thus a connection, but it is relatively remote. Some are asserting that if a vaccine is connected in any way with tainted cell lines then it is immoral to be vaccinated with them. This is an inaccurate portrayal of Catholic moral teaching."

There are three documents from the Holy See that treat the question of tainted vaccines: 1) the 2005 study by the Pontifical Academy for Life, "Moral Reflections on Vaccines Prepared from Cells Derived from Aborted Human Foetuses"; 2) paragraphs nos. 34-35 in the 2008 Instruction on Certain Bioethical Questions (*Dignitatis Personae*) by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; 3) the 2017 Note on Italian Vaccine Issue, by the Pontifical Academy for Life.

Bishop Rhoades and Archbishop Naumann drew upon key points from the doctrinal resources. They said that while it is immoral to use tissue taken from an aborted child for creating cell lines, moral responsibility principally lies with those involved in designing and producing the vaccine. Recipients of such a vaccine, especially if there are no alternatives and there is a serious risk to health, may morally accept vaccination with it.

Neither the Pfizer nor the Moderna vaccine involved the use of cell lines that originated in fetal tissue taken from the body of an aborted baby at any level of design, development, or production. Nevertheless, the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines made use of a tainted cell line for one of the confirmatory lab tests of their products. Thus, they involve a relatively remote connection, so they are morally permissible.



#### **+CARLOS CARDINAL AGUIAR RETES**

#### BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND THE HOLY SEE ARCHBISHOP OF MEXICO

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Mexico City, December 8th, 2020 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

# Pope Francis offers Plenary Indulgence to those who celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at home.

To my brother bishops, priests, religious and all the People of God who are faithful devotees of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

#### Dear brothers and sisters:

Last Thursday, December 3rd, the liturgical feast of Saint Francis Xavier, I sent a letter to His Holiness Pope Francis on behalf of all the People of God who have a special devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

In this letter, I explained that with 2020 being one of the most difficult years in history due to the pandemic and other evils, we expected many devotees to make a pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady here in Mexico City but also to other Guadalupe Shrines throughout the world despite the risk of contagion from COVID-19. I shared that millions of people were likely come to Tepeyac Hill in Mexico and to other Guadalupe Shrines throughout world seeking the consolation of our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

I also shared with him the difficult but necessary decision to close the National Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, from December 10 to 13, and the need to have our celebrations at home participating through mass media.

Considering the serious consequences, a pilgrimage could have due to the pandemic, I asked His Holiness for the grace to grant a Plenary Indulgence to the faithful who celebrate this important solemnity at their homes, which will encourage us to stay home and avoid crowds in the Basilica of Guadalupe or any other Guadalupe pilgrimage site.

This Sunday, December 6, from the main altar of the Basilica of Guadalupe, I made public that the Holy Father had seen fit to give a positive response to my request. Today it fills me with great joy to be able to communicate to you that this Plenary Indulgence will be granted on December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> under the following conditions.

-Prepare an altar or place of prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe in your home.



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-Participate through the media at one of the masses offered at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City (00:00 hours or 12:00hrs on December 12) actively participating in the Holy Eucharist as you would in person, that is, with devotion and with exclusive attention to the Eucharist. You can access the masses via https://www.youtube.com/user/BasilicadeGuadalupe

-And comply with the usual conditions to benefit from indulgences: 1) Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. 2) Be in a state of grace after having confessed. 3) Attend full Mass. 4) Receive Communion. The last three conditions can be fulfilled when public health guidance allow.

I wish that all our pilgrim People, who from the bottom of their wounded hearts seek the comfort, protection and tenderness from Our Blessed Mother, take advantage of this grace Pope Francis has granted us and that is extended to the faithful departed. Rather than going to her house, let Our Lady visit us in our homes this year. Let us open our doors to her and lift our hearts to her so that she may bless us and cover us with her mantle.

May Our Lord Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother, Holy Mary of Guadalupe, continue to accompany us and bless all People of God in this moment of pain throughout the world. We are not alone, she walks with us, she is our Mother!

+ Carlos Cardinal Aguiar Retes

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By mandate of His Eminence, I attest

Reverend Father Alan Téllez Aguilar

Chancellor

# St. Anthony's Religious Education Tidings

We will continue Religious Education Classes next week, Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, for Grades: Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup>. Class time is 4:00pm to 5:15pm.

Middle School and High School Classes will not meet until after the New Year.

ALL STUDENTS & TEACHERS **must wear masks** at all times unless given permission to remove them by the Teachers, once safe-distancing is achieved. Some classes, depending on the number of students and the room size, will have to keep the masks in place. IF YOU DO NOT want to wear a mask, please, do not attend.

Remember, if you are not feeling well or if you have, or "may have," been exposed to someone who has the virus, please do not attend class. Thank you!

**FORMED.ORG** - We, as a parish, have subscribed to *FORMED.ORG*. The Catholic Faith on Demand. You should see a full-paged instruction sheet in last weekend's bulletin. (The Bulletins are also on the Parish Website: *stanthonycody.org*)

Please, follow the instructions and sign in. The Parish has already paid for this wonderful resource. Your religious education teachers will use this program and send you links for movies, etc. to watch. This resource is for all parishioners.

# "BEING CATHOLIC"

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Join us for a Lively Class and Discussion of the Catholic Faith. This week's discussion, and next week, will be focused on those who are interested in the Catholic Faith, who wish to join the Catholic Faith or who are returning to the Catholic Faith. We will discuss how life, history, religion and God are all interconnected. Our discussions will cover what we believe, what we think and why. All your questions will also be answered. You will be given many handouts as well.

Our next class will be on Thursday, December 17th, from 6:30pm until 8:00pm in the Joan of Arc Room in the Parish Center. Classes wil be led by Deacon Rick Moser. Please Join us, No Strings Attached!







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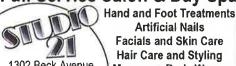
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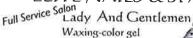


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