

The Kids' Bulletin

Pointing the Way to Jesus

Saint John of the Cross

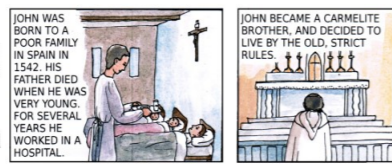
December 14

Philippians 4 Cross-Word

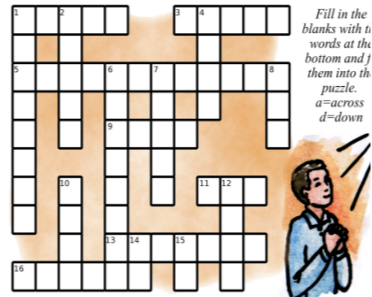
In today's Gospel reading we hear about the people being filled with expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Saint John the Baptist told the people how to prepare for his coming- by doing good and repenting of their sins.

At first the people thought that John the Baptist might be the Messiah. But Saint John was only a messenger. We can think of him as a sign-post pointing the way to Jesus. People came to see and hear him, and he showed them the way to God.

How can you be like Saint John the Baptist and show other people the way to Jesus?



TODAY SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS IS BEST KNOWN FOR HIS WRITINGS. HE TAUGHT THAT WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO BE PERFECTLY HAPPY HERE ON EARTH BECAUSE WE ARE MADE FOR GOD IN HEAVEN. NEXT TIME YOU FEEL UNHAPPY, REMEMBER THAT PERFECT HAPPINESS IS WAITING FOR YOU IN HEAVEN!



Brothers and _____ (13a); Rejoice in the _____ (12d) always. I _____ (3a) say _____ (14d) _____ (2d); rejoice! Your _____ (6d) should be known _____ (15d) all. The Lord is _____ (9a). _____ (4d) no anxiety at _____ (11a), but in everything by prayer and _____ (1d), with _____ (5a), make _____ (10d) requests known to _____ (8d). Then the _____ (1a) of God that surpasses all understanding will _____ (7d) your hearts and minds in _____ (16a) Jesus.

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Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021



God sent Saint John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus. What did he say when some of the people thought that he might be the saviour? Look in the mirror to find out!

Answers to Crossword Puzzle:
Across: 1: Christ 2: angels 3: prayer 4: I will 5: holy 6: joy 7: peace 8: grace 9: have 10: praise 11: all 12: always 13: saints 14: thanksgiving 15: never 16: heaven

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Third Sunday of Advent, Year C/2

11th / 12th December 2021

What, then, must we do?

- Parish Priest**
Fr Roy John Elavumkal SMM
- Parish Secretary**
Karen Taylor - Tue to Fri
- WHS / Finance Officer**
Karen Taylor - Monday
- Police Checks Unit**
Hiacinta Msomi - Monday
- Sacristan**
Weekdays: Michael Pierce
Sundays: Terence Yeow & Roger Worth
- Mass Times**
Sunday 9.30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9.15 am
- Confessions**
Saturday 6.00 pm
- Rosary**
Tuesday to Friday 8.45am
- Adoration of the Eucharist**
Every Friday before Mass
- Novena to St. Joseph**
Every Wednesday after Mass
- St. Joseph's Primary**
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Chairperson – Alan Tyson
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- Youth Representative**
Nancy Ngure
- Parish Office Hours**
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Entrance Antiphon **Philippians 4:4-5**
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

First Reading **Zephaniah 3:14-18**

Responsorial Psalm **Isaiah 12:2-6.** R. v. 6

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the Lord,
give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**



CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM ARCHBISHOP O'REGAN

Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide

Archbishop of Adelaide

7th December, 2021
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Dear sisters and brothers,

Re: COVID Vaccination

Grace and peace, I hope this note finds you well.

I am writing to strongly recommend that all Clergy, Staff and Volunteers engaged with Parishes and Communities ensure they are vaccinated.

This is particularly important, and now legislated, for those who regularly enter Schools, Private Hospitals, Aged Care Facilities and Nursing Homes to work, and for anyone who is a Member of a School/College Board. It is likely this will soon extend to Public Hospitals. Anyone carrying out public ministry - Clergy, Chaplains, Holy Communion Ministers, those visiting the sick etc. - are expected to have the vaccine. It would be my preference to move to this by agreement rather than having to make it a mandated requirement.

The Church's position is clear both on a global and national level that the common good must prevail. You may wish to refer to my letter dated 5th March 2021 and I refer you to the following statements:

- Holy See: https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html
- Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference: [A Letter to the Faithful Regarding Development of a COVID-19 Vaccine - ACBC Media Blog \(catholic.org.au\)](#)

We continue to welcome all in our premises for the celebration of Mass and I do not expect that we would move to mandatory vaccination for those entering our Churches. This would only occur in relation to a legislative requirement.

I ask for your continued cooperation on this important matter.

In Domino,

+ *Pat O'Regan*
+Patrick O'Regan
Archbishop of Adelaide

THE NATIVITY SCENE IN OUR HOMES

"And this will be a sign for you: You shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger". Luke 2:12



In his Angelus message for Sunday of Advent, December 11, 2005, Pope Benedict spoke of the family tradition of the Christmas Crib. Following a beautiful and firmly rooted tradition, many families set up their Crib immediately after the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, as if to relive with Mary those days full of trepidation that preceded the birth of Jesus. Putting up the

Crib at home can be a simple but effective way of presenting faith, to pass it on to one's children. Catholic children have loved arranging the figures around the miniature manger for centuries.

The Vatican *directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy* comments about this traditional practice. As is well known, in addition to the representations of the crib found in churches since antiquity, the custom of building cribs in the home was widely promoted from the thirteenth century, influenced undoubtedly by Saint Francis of Assisi's crib in Greccio. Their preparation, in which children play a significant role, is an occasion for the members of the family to come into contact with the mystery of Christmas, as they gather for a moment of prayer or to read the biblical accounts of the Lord's birth. As we prepare ourselves and our homes to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, we ponder these things in our hearts. And may we receive Him anew with joy.

Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

LOVE HEALS

PLEASE NOTE

Once you pick up a copy of the newsletter it needs to be taken home with you to ensure we adhere to COVID-19 protocols. Kindly **DO NOT** leave it behind after Mass has concluded.

The Covid-19 plan:

We are currently Level 1: with some additional Restrictions

Places of worship must be supervised by, and be clearly identified as, a COVID Marshal.

As of December 1, all public buildings have been provided a **QR Code**. This code is to be scanned using the MySAGov phone app or using the camera on your smart phone.

Arrangements listed below will be in force until further notice:

Our Parish is Committed to Health and Safety.

1. Please scan the **QR Code** located on the door or external wall of the church. If you do not have a smart phone, please complete the Contact Register upon entry.

2. Use the sanitizing gel provided at the Church entrance.

3. As of August 12, seating restrictions are as follows - 3 person per 4 square metres.

4. **MASKS** are **MANDATORY** for shared indoor public places so **EVERYONE MUST WEAR A MASK OVER THE NOSE & MOUTH WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH. THERE IS A \$5000-FINE FOR THE CHURCH IF THIS IS NOT FOLLOWED SO PLEASE FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH.** The Celebrant is permitted to remove their mask while saying Mass.

5. Holy Communion is given only in the hand.

6. Everyone must take reasonable steps to maintain 1.5m physical distancing at all times. People from the same household may sit together. Please keep the social distancing requirement when processing for Holy Communion and when leaving the Church after Mass.

7. Please remember to wipe down the area where you have been sitting/kneeling in the pews and use the sanitizing gel provided on your way out.

8. Please follow the ENTRY and EXIT rules.

9. If you are unwell please consider the health of our community and stay home until you are better.

10. **As of September 9, Funerals & Weddings are now capped at 150 people** but must have an independent COVID Marshal if more than 50 people are in attendance. Your cooperation with these requirements is greatly appreciated.
Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

Pope Francis Twitter Feed
in this Season of Advent, let us ask the Lord, through the fatherly intercession of Saint Joseph, to remain always like sentinels in the night, attentive to see the light of Christ in our nearest brothers and sisters

YEAR OF THE FAMILY – PLACEMATS
As we approach Christmas, it is a good time to reflect on the joy and love of family life and to think of those less fortunate than us. You are invited today to take a placemat for each of your Children or Grandchildren as a gift from the Diocese. We encourage you to use this mat at meal times and pray the prayer with your family. Pope Francis established the Year of the Family to help strengthen faith and live God's joy more fruitfully in family life. We pray for you and your family as we approach this joyful season.

Rosters for 18/19 December 2021

Forth Sunday of Advent
Time 6:30 pm
Commentator / Reader Josh Page
Anita Caperna, Bronwyn Gleeson
Stephanie Roach
Grace Yeow, Kevin George
9:30am
Children's Liturgy: NIL - Holidays
Count Team No: 7 Lino Beltrame, Pia Beltrame, Anne Dudzinski, George Dudzinski
Altar: Mon. 6 Dec to Sun 2 Jan
Sarita Ingham & Bronwyn Gleeson
All those who volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that mass

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| Sunday Collection 5th December 2021 | |
| First Collection | \$ 521.70 |
| Special Collection - | Nil |
| Second Collection | |
| Envelopes | \$ 721.00 |
| Open Plate | \$ 223.40 |
| Electronic Giving | \$ 342.50 |
| Parish Account Total | \$ 1,286.90 |

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
Deceased: We pray for Reg Hurrell & Zeta Hurrell and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.
Sick: We pray for the sick or housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL
Any last minute donations for the Christmas Hampers need to be dropped off at the Church by this Wednesday, 15th December. Thankyou for your generosity.
Columban Calendars & Christmas Cards
To assist in fundraising efforts – Christmas Cards @ \$5-/pk, and Columban Calendars @ \$10- ea. are also for sale at the Church Door. Money for these items should be placed in the envelopes provided and placed into the Poor Boxes near the Church doors.

CHRISTMAS MASS ROSTERS
If you are able to assist as a Commentator, Reader or COVID Marshal at our Christmas Masses could you please include your name on the sheets provided at the EXIT DOOR of the Church or contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your ministry.

Decorating the Parish Christmas Tree
The Children of the Parish are invited to help decorate our Parish Tree after Mass



Homily on 3rd Sunday of Advent Year C, (12 /12/ 2021)

Scripture Readings: Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

Introduction: Today is called "Gaudete" Sunday because today's Mass begins with the Entrance Antiphon, "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). Today we light the rose candle of the Advent wreath, and the priest may wear rose vestments, to express our communal joy in the coming of Jesus, as our Saviour. The theme of the Third Sunday of Advent is *rejoicing in hope*. Advent is a time for joy, not only because we are anticipating the anniversary of the birth of Jesus, but also because God is already in our midst. Christian joy does not come from the absence of sorrow, pain, or trouble, but from an awareness of the presence of Christ within our souls through it all.

Scripture: In today's first reading, the prophet Zephaniah encourages Jerusalem and Israel to shout out for the joy of their expected deliverance by the Lord. In today's Responsorial Psalm (Is 12:6), the prophet Isaiah gives the same instruction, "Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel." St. Paul echoes this message of joy in the second reading, a letter written from imprisonment: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice..." In the Gospel today, John the Baptist explains the secret of Christian joy as our wholehearted commitment to God's Way by the doing of His will. John challenges people to generosity and a sense of fairness so that others may have reason to rejoice. According to John, happiness comes from doing our duties faithfully, doing good for others, and sharing our blessings with others in need. John's call to repentance is a call to joy and restoration. *Repentance* means a change in the purpose and direction of our lives. John tells the people to act with justice, charity, and honesty, letting their lives reflect their transformation. For us, that transformation occurs when Christ enters our lives, and it is to be reflected in our living in the ways John suggests.

Application to Life: 1) We are called to a change of life. John the Baptist, the stern and uncompromising preacher, challenges our superficial attempts at change, demanding that we take a deeper look at ourselves. Obeying the commandments is a good start, but we must then examine our relationships with others. Start where you are, John says. Our domestic and social lives must be put in order. John's voice is sober and runs counter to the intoxicating voices around us. He calls for rectitude and social consciousness. We must abandon our selfish thirst for consumption, and instead, be filled with the expectation of Jesus' coming.

2) We all need to remember that we are, like John the Baptist, Christ's precursors: Parents, teachers, and public servants are also Christ's precursors, carrying out the mission of bringing to Christ those entrusted to their care and them to Jesus. Parents are expected to instil in their children a true Christian spirit and an appreciation for Christian values by their own lives and behaviour.

3) We need to apply John's message of caring and sharing: In the light of John the Baptist's advice, we might consider what we can share with others this Christmas. John does not ask us to give everything we have but only to share — to adopt an abandoned baby, perhaps, or to offer a meal to a hungry person, or to visit a sick neighbour, or to share in the funeral expenses of a poor neighbour, to practice active love and compassion, and to have social awareness.

COMING EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHOR

When:- Saturday, December 18th 2021 – 7.30pm

Where:- St. Francis Xavier Cathedral.

The St Francis Xavier's Choir and friends will perform a concert of beautiful music from the Church's treasury of Christmas songs.

The concert is free and will last for an hour.

CHRISTMAS MASS ON CHANNEL 44

We are pleased to announce that Christmas Day Mass will be aired from St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on

When:- Saturday, December 25 at 5pm

Where:- Channel 44

We hope this will bring joy to those who will not be able to attend services in person. Please share the news with family and friends or anyone you know would regularly tune into Mass on Channel 44.

CHRISTMAS 2021 MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE – Friday December 24th

6.30pm - Family Mass

11.30pm - Carols followed
by Midnight Mass

There will be **NO Morning Mass** on the 24th

CHRISTMAS DAY – Saturday December 25th

9.30am - Christmas Mass

There will be **NO Evening Mass** on the 25th

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

– Sunday December 26th

9.30am – Sunday Mass