



THE UNIVERSITY PARISH OF CHRIST SUN OF JUSTICE

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December 11,
2022:

3rd Sunday
of Advent

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MASS/LITURGY SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

MON. - THUR. 5 PM

WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL 5 PM
SUNDAY 10 AM ([livestream on YouTube](#))
and 5 PM.

CHRISTMAS MASS

CHRISTMAS EVE: 9 PM
CHRISTMAS DAY: 10 AM

CONFESSION The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment with Fr. Larry at chaplain@rpi.edu

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY DEC. 18 10 AM Mass – in memory of Rose Haight requested by Rosanne Rose

MASS INTENTIONS The 2023 book is now open! Consider having a Mass said in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (ex. birthday), or, most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. Contact [Kevin](#) to arrange dates and offering

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Romans 12:6 "In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well."

SCRIPTURE SAYS "HE-BREWS": Help is needed to host coffee hour. Please sign-up on the bulletin board to host a coffee hour on Sundays after the 10 AM and 5 PM Masses. It's easy! Help is provided!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Drive through food distribution: Thursday DEC. 22 at Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club, 504 4th Ave, Troy. Volunteer and food pick-up info [here](#).

EVENTS OF INTEREST

MONDAY DEC. 12

Pastoral Council meeting 7 PM Zoom link [here](#).

SUNDAY DEC. 18

Blue Christmas, prayer service followed by Eucharistic Adoration, OLV 3 PM (in-person & livestreamed)

COLLECTIONS

Your continued generosity is appreciated! Here are ways to give...

- Mail your collection envelope and/or your check **made payable to Christ Sun of Justice** or place in the collection basket.
- Make an [online donation](#) ("Mass donation" in the comments section.)
- Venmo: At offertory time (or any time, really!) you can use your Venmo app to give to "csjparish". If it is for a special collection, just note that in the comments box.
- THIS week at Mass there will be a food collection for our community – monetary donation payable to Unity House or Bethany Center OR donate non-perishable food items for the OLS Food Pantry. The greatest need for the month of December is listed below. Thank you in advance for being as generous as your means allow:

- Peanut butter - Regular Coffee (1lb bags)

- **CHRISTMAS GIVING THROUGH THE PARISH** Each year, during this season of giving, our parish community supports Unity House with gifts of grocery store gift cards. To donate to this collection, please place Price Chopper or Hannaford Gift Cards in an envelope, with your name, address and "Christmas Giving" on the outside of the envelope. Cards can be placed in the collection basket, dropped off or mailed to the C+CC. Gift cards submitted with no identifying information will be considered anonymous.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

The question put to Jesus in today's gospel is also put to us today: "Are you the one?" Are you the one who will give guidance to the children in your life, or must they look to TV sitcoms, films, videos and music lyrics for direction? Are you the one? Will you be the one?

NOTES

WELCOME Paulist Father Frank Desiderio, CSP who is celebrating Sunday 10 AM Mass

TAX LETTERS If you would like to receive a gift acknowledgement letter for tax purposes, please call the office or complete the form [here](#). Letters will be sent out starting JAN. 16.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING Thursday, DEC. 22 beginning at 10 AM and continuing well until evening. Your talents and help are welcome. Please come help when you can and stay as long as you want. Questions? Please call Rosanne Rose at (518) 257-2596.

ATTENTION STUDENTS Stay with us in spirit this holiday season! Before leaving campus, add your name to an ornament, located on the table in the hallway of the C+CC. The 'student tree' will be decorated DEC. 22 and visible for all holiday Masses.

BULLETIN: Interested in receiving an electronic copy of the bulletin? Sign up [here](#). At the bottom of the page, check "Weekly Bulletin".

ATTENTION STUDENTS Searching for a way to make your Catholic faith more visible? RPI Newman Catholic Fellowship apparel is now available! Visit this link to our merch store [here](#).

INCLEMENT WEATHER Winter is fast approaching! Please call the C+CC phone (518-274-7793) and listen to voicemail message for any changes in Mass times. Also, if you see on TV that OLV Masses are cancelled, CSJ will also be cancelled.

C+CC NEWS

GALLERY Landscapes by Saratoga Artist, David Carter. On display DEC – JAN 30, 2023

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) makes daily readings available on their website <https://bible.usccb.org/>
You can also sign up to receive a daily email with a link to the day's readings:
<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading#subscribe>
Readings can also be found on the Hallow app!

ADVENT

This is the third Sunday of Advent! It is the "Beginning (of) the Church's liturgical year, Advent is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas. The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas." (USCCB) Find out more, [here](#).

LIVING ADVENT: Starting Dec. 1 read one chapter of the Gospel of Luke every day. There are 24 chapters. When you get to Christmas Eve you will have read the story of Jesus Christ. It's a beautiful tradition to journey with Jesus during Advent. *It's not too late to catch-up!*

BLUE BOOKS are available. Please take one home to guide you on your Advent journey.

HALLOW APP The parish has acquired a group subscription making the app FREE until Easter 2023 (normally \$8.99/mo). This is a great opportunity to explore new ways to pray, and to make a deeper prayer life part of your Advent preparation and through Lent! To sign up, visit <http://hallow.com/holiday>. They'll walk you through the free sign-up.

CHRIST SUN OF JUSTICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

DEC. 9 Cookies due! Assemble final care packages for RPI students

DEC. 11 Regular weekend Mass schedule. Distribute care packages

DEC. 18 Christmas Caroling at the C+CC 6-8 PM

DEC. 22 Chapel Decorating 10 AM – 8 PM

DEC. 24 Christmas Eve Vigil Mass – 9 PM

DEC. 25 Christmas Day Mass – 10 AM

DEC. 26 - 30 C+CC Closed. *No daily Masses.*

DEC. 31 Vigil of the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Mass at 5 PM.

JAN. 1 Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Mass at 10 AM. *No 5 PM Mass.*

JAN. 2 - 5 *No Daily Masses*

JAN. 7 - 8 Feast of Epiphany. Regular weekend Mass schedule resumes.

PLEASE NOTE: No daily Mass from DEC 21 – JAN 5

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS!

Christmas Masses
at the Chapel + Cultural Center

Christmas Eve, 9pm Christmas Day 10am

2125 Burdett Ave., Troy NY 12180

Christmas Caroling!

DECEMBER 18, 6PM
AT THE
CHAPEL + CULTURAL CENTER

"The best way to spread Christmas Cheer is singing loud for all to hear"
- Buddy the Elf



~Campus Connection~



FR. LARRY RICE, CSP

Father Larry Rice may be contacted at chaplain@rpi.edu.

This Sunday marks the third week of Advent, and for much of the Church's history, it's had a special name: "Gaudete" Sunday. The traditions surrounding this Sunday go back as far as the 4th or 5th century, as does the Season of Advent itself. Advent, our preparation for Christmas, was originally a 40-day penitential season, like Lent. In fact, since it used to begin on November 12th, it was called "St. Martin's Lent." "Gaudete Sunday" was the Advent counterpart to "Laetare Sunday," which marked the mid-point in Lent.

On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "The Lord is coming." But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, "The Lord is near." This shift is marked by a lighter mood, and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation.

Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. Vestments and liturgical paraments are usually rose colored, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday and Laetare Sunday. We don't seem to have any rose vestments, so I'll be wearing a lighter purple vestment we received from the Newman Center community in Columbus Ohio. On this day, we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is also rose-colored, or if you prefer, pink.

The word "Gaudete," by the way, comes from the old introit to the mass of this day. It's the Latin word for "Rejoice." In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God, who loves us, is still in charge, and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy. This is reflected in the second reading for the day, from the first letter to the Thessalonians: "Brothers and sisters, rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances, give thanks, for this is the will of God for you, in Christ Jesus."



SPIRITUAL SEEDS

by Tracy Watson, RPI Associate Catholic Chaplain

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14: that's the number of Tuesday Nite Newman evenings we held this Fall semester, and with each week, the group that gathered looked forward to a time for "food, fellowship, faith, and fun". At our last gathering for the semester, we prayed for each other especially for Andy and Chris who are graduating, and for Brianda and Kedwin who will be married on December 21st. We prayed for you reading this too- for your ongoing love and support

and encouragement: Thank you.

Got a question? Contact Associate Catholic Chaplain Tracy Watson (spiritual.advisorccc@gmail.com) or student leader Megan Adam (adamm2@rpi.edu) and graduating senior Andy Bouffard (bouffa@rpi.edu)

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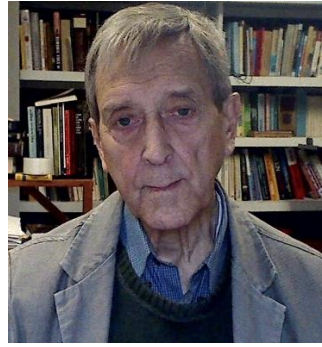
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Celebrating CSJ Parish Ministries and Those Who Serve

We continue our spotlight of the ministries that assist us in deepening our worship experience and faith life. This week we take a look at those who make sure all of the components are ready for each liturgy. Here are a few of our Sacristans and Mass Coordinators. Thank you for sharing your gifts!



From left to right: Mary Crangle Nagy, Ed and Kathy Spain, Robert Briggs, Bill Crone, Fran Hyde