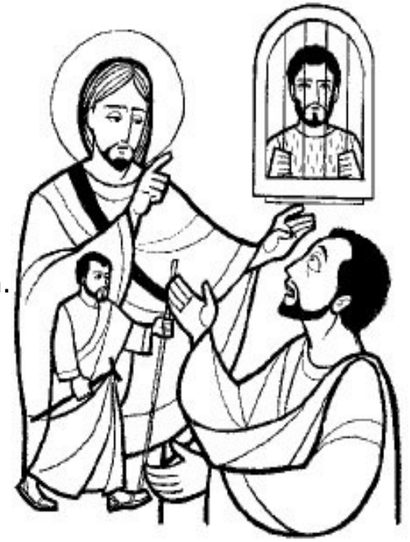
Third Sunday of Advent, December 15th, 2019

Mass Schedule & Intentions from December 14, 2019 to December 22, 2019

Saturday	5:00PM	†Giuseppina & Antonio Gallo by Family Franco Sdao by wife Franca Sdao Deceased Members of Belcamino Family by Joe Belcamino Franco Berardi by Antonio & Maria G. & Sdao Family
Sunday ***3rd Sunday of Advent***	9:00AM	†Anna Maria & Antonio Giovinazzo by Fam. Michael & Annunizata Mammoliti by grandchildren Agostino & Milvia Mammoliti by nieces Tina, Nancy & Rosa Salvatore Ventresca by Filomena Ventresca
	11:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones
Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	9:00AM	†Vittorio Pichelli by Jennie Pichelli
Wednesday	9:00AM	†Olivia Mancini by Mr & Mrs Mannella
Thursday	9:00AM	†Flora Chiocchio by Graziano & Teresa Chiocchio
Friday	9:00AM	†Pauline Coutu by Alice Garon
Saturday	5:00PM	†Giuseppina Nero by Husband Amore & Fam Vincent Ladouceur by Barbara Nenadovich Maria Giuseppa Mussari by Maria Fazzalari Anna Panetaude by Joe Belcamino
Sunday ***4th Sunday of Advent***	9:00AM	†Nicola, Nicolina, & Carlo Nero by Family Gennaro Stranges by Frank & Debbie Fazzalari Vittorio Pichelli by Maria & Family Saint Antonio, Gabriele. Padre Pio by Maria Magazzeni and Family
	11:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones



When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

Matthew 11:2-11

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection	$ 2587.65
Renovations	$ 305.00
Christmas Flowers	$ 410.00
Cathedral Appeal	$ 50.00

Thank you for your ***continued support***

Upcoming Events - 2019

Mass & Adoration December 27th 2019 @ 6:30 PM

Please join and support our Parish Ministries.

Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve:
Tuesday Dec. 24th Family Mass 5PM
Midnight Mass Dec. 25 - 12AM
(preceded by Carol singing from 11.30pm)
Christmas Day:
Wednesday Dec. 25th Masses at 9 & 11 AM
Year-End Mass of Thanksgiving:
Tuesday Dec.31st, - 5pm
New Year Mass:
Wednesday Jan. 1st 2020 - 10AM

Advent

Week 3

Joy

The third week of Advent focuses on JOY and that is why the candle we light is pink, the liturgical color for joy. It is also called the "Shepherd's Candle" because of the joy of the shepherds in the field who were told by the angel, "Behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord" (Lk 2:11).

St. Luke refers to Jesus as Savior, Messiah, Lord. This savior was born for ALL the people – Jew and Gentile alike. Rather than a political figure who would deliver just the Israelites from an oppressive government system, this Messiah would rescue all of humanity from sin and the condition of alienation from God. After finding the baby lying in the manger, just as the angel had said, the shepherds went away glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen (cf Lk 2:20).

What is God for us? Are we looking for a Messiah who can only deliver us from an earthly suffering? How we limit God – making finite what is infinite. The great saints who lived through some of the worst of situations kept their focus on the infinite glory of God and experienced great joy. He can do ALL things and nothing is impossible for Him. What gives you joy? When you light the pink candle of Advent, ask the Messiah, the Savior, the Lord to give you that joy which cannot be put into words.

Full Article: https://www.bluearmy.com/advent-week-3-the-candle-of-joy-the-fire

Cathedral Appeal Update:

It has now been six months since we launched our Cathedral Appeal, and as of October 31, 2019, our appeal has raised $594,304.46 in cash donations and $119,052.67 in pledges. This brings our total raised to $713,357.13 or 59% of our $1,200,000 goal. THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROSITY OF SO MANY! Thinking of a special gift in memory of a loved one? Consider making a donation for a hand-painted ceiling medallion for $1,500. Your name and the name of your loved one will forever be in the Cathedral on our wall of donors. Call the Cathedral at 905-684-3964 for more information. And be sure to visit us on the web at www.saintcd.com/appeal or pick up a brochure and pledge form in your church today to play your part in this amazing restoration project. May God bless you!

The Origin of the Twelve Days of Christmas

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" was written in England as one of the "catechism songs" to help young Catholics learn the tenets of their faith - a memory aid… The songs gifts are hidden meanings to the teachings of the faith. The "true love" mentioned in the song doesn't refer to an earthly suitor, it refers to God Himself…

The other symbols mean the following:

1 Partridge in a Pear Tree = Jesus Christ, Son of God
2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments
3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues
4 Calling Birds = the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists
5 Golden Rings = The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch", which gives the history of man's fall from grace.
6 Geese-a-laying = the six days of creation
7 Swans-a-swimming = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments
8 Maids-a-milking = the eight beatitudes
9 Ladies Dancing = the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
10 Lords-a-leaping = the ten commandments
11 Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful apostles
12 Drummers Drumming = the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed

Read More at: https://www.catholic.org/advent/advent.php?id=2