

Our Lady of Fatima (Redvers)
St. Maurice (Bellegarde)
St. Anthony (Storthoaks)



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December 17, 2023
3rd Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule

Mon, Dec. 18, 9:00 a.m.
+Brian Madsen by Jean-Guy/Suzanne Millette

Tues, Dec. 19, 9:00 a.m.
Marguerite Perreux by Denis/Joanne Quennelle

Wed, Dec. 20, 9:00 a.m.
Special Intentions by A Parishioner

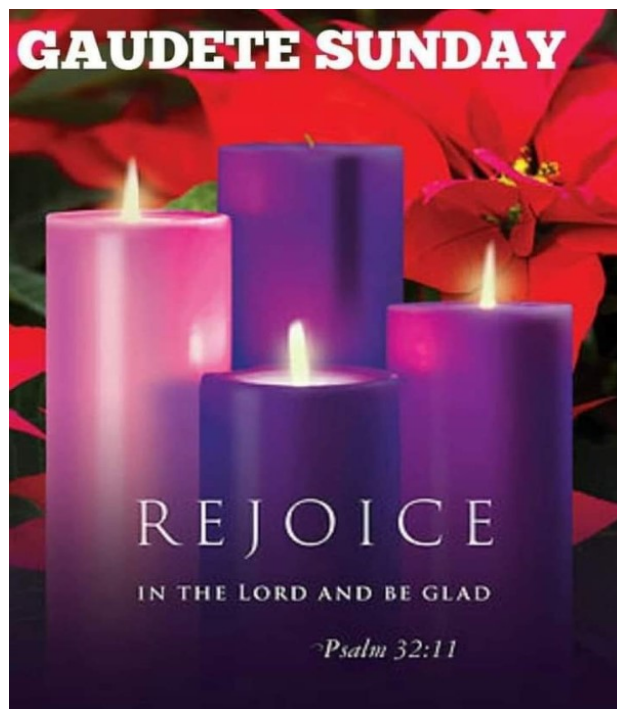
Thurs, Dec. 21, 9:00 a.m.
+Camille/+Jeanne Lemieux by Mathew/Bryanna Lemieux

Fri, Dec 22, 9:30 a.m. (Estates)
+Raymond Cop by Dale/Lorraine Bullock

Sat, Dec. 23, 5 p.m. (Bellegarde)
Thanksgiving by A Parishioner

Sat, Dec. 23, 7 p.m. (Storthoaks)
+Paul Henrion by Charles/Anita Henrion

Sun, Dec 24, 10:45 a.m. (Redvers)
Pro populo



****See back of bulletin for Christmas/New Year's Schedule****

Liturgical Ministries (Redvers)

To ensure your name is still on a ministries list or to volunteer contact **Carol Poirier (452-8397)**.

Sunday, December 24, 10:45 a.m.

Hospitality

Denis/Joanne Quennelle

Lectors

Jaelene Boettcher/Coralie Wolensky

Collection

Con Carriere
Matthew Lemieux
Linden Poirier
Nathan Poirier

Communion

Real Wolensky



Redvers

Pastoral Council Chairperson

Marc Wolensky 306-840-7282

Parish Hall Bookings

Anita Colleaux: 306-452-3868

Caretaker

Coralie Wolensky



Bellegarde

Pastoral Council Chairperson

Guy Poirier: 306-840-7744



Storthoaks

Pastoral Council Chairperson

Richard Chicoine: 449-2231

Parish Hall Bookings

Monique Dumaine: 449-2237

Please Pray For...

- **Amelia Renee, Dianna Grace, Bruce Earl**, children of Timothy/Collette Whitrow who were baptized at Our Lady of Fatima, Redvers on December 15. May the Whitrow family grow in holiness and communion with God Almighty through the graces of this sacrament.

Christmas Season Mass Times

4th Sunday of Advent/Christmas/Holy Family Sunday/New Year's

4th Sunday of Advent

Sat, Dec. 23—5 p.m. Bellegarde/7 p.m. Storthoaks

Sun, Dec. 24—10:45 a.m. Redvers

Christmas Eve

Sun, Dec. 24—7 p.m. Storthoaks/9 p.m. Bellegarde/11 p.m. Redvers

Christmas Day

Mon, Dec. 25—10:45 a.m. Redvers

Holy Family Sunday

Sat, Dec. 30—5 p.m. Bellegarde/7 p.m. Storthoaks

Sun, Dec. 31—10:45 a.m. Redvers

New Year's

Sun, Dec. 31—7 p.m. Bellegarde

Mon, Jan. 1—9 a.m. Storthoaks/10:45 a.m. Redvers

Advent

A Time for Penance/Reconciliation!

Prepare the Way of the Lord this Advent by taking the opportunity to make a sacramental confession. Time is available before/after weekend Masses.

Redvers—7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tues, Dec. 19

With the Lord there is mercy, and the fullness of redemption, Ps. 130:7!



Food Bank Donations (Redvers)

Your non-perishable donations for the food bank may be deposited in the bin at the back of church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Gaudete Sunday 3rd Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, so called from the first word of the Entrance Antiphon at Mass (*Gaudete*, i.e. Rejoice). The season of Advent originated as a fast of forty days in preparation for Christmas, commencing on the day after the feast of St. Martin (November 11), whence it was often called "St. Martin's Lent"—a name by which it was known as early as the 5th century. The introduction of the Advent fast cannot be placed much earlier, because there is no evidence of Christmas being kept on December 25 before the end of the 4th century, and the preparation for the feast could not have been of earlier date than the feast itself. In the 9th century, the duration of Advent was reduced to four weeks, and by the 12th century the fast had been replaced by simple abstinence. Pope St. Gregory the Great was the first to draw up prayers and Masses for the Sundays of Advent. Notwithstanding all these modifications, however, Advent still preserves most of the characteristics of a penitential season, which makes it a kind of counterpart to Lent, the middle (or third) Gaudete Sunday corresponding with Laetare Sunday or Mid-Lent's 4th Sunday.

In the Mass throughout Advent, continual reference is made to our Lord's second coming, and this is emphasized on the third Sunday by the additional signs of gladness permitted on that day. The joy of expectation is emphasized by the constant Alleluias, which occur in the liturgy throughout the entire season of Advent. In the Mass, the Introit/Entrance Antiphon "Gaudete in Domino semper" (Rejoice in the Lord always!) strikes the same note, and gives its name to the day. The Epistle again incites us to rejoicing, and bids us prepare to meet the coming Savior with prayers and supplication and thanksgiving, while the Gospel, in the words of St. John Baptist, warns us that the Lamb of God is even now in our midst, though we appear to know Him not. The spirit of the Liturgy all through Advent is one of expectation and preparation for the Christmas feast as well as for the second coming of Christ, and the penitential exercises suitable to that spirit are thus on Gaudete Sunday suspended.



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