



Cool Thoughts

Dear All,

The third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday, offers a distinct moment of joy and anticipation within the Advent season. Derived from the Latin word "gaudete," meaning "rejoice," this day serves as a beacon of hope and light as Christmas draws near. The liturgical color pink, or rose, symbolizes this joy and marks a departure from the more penitential purple that pervades the rest of Advent.

This Sunday's central theme is joy—a profound, anticipatory joy rooted in the imminent arrival of Jesus Christ. The readings and prayers of the day reflect this theme vividly. For example, the entrance antiphon traditionally begins with "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near" (Philippians 4:4-5). This invocation not only commands rejoicing but also reminds the faithful of the nearness of God's salvation, a theme that resonates deeply during Advent.

The liturgical readings for Gaudete Sunday underscore the transformative power of Christ's coming. The first reading, typically from the prophet Isaiah, often features God's promises of salvation and restoration. It paints a picture of the desert blooming, the weak becoming strong, and the fearful finding courage—all metaphors for the rejuvenating power of Christ's presence in the world and in individual lives. The responsorial Psalm continues this theme of joy and salvation, often echoing Isaiah's message with a refrain of praise and thanksgiving.

The second reading and Gospel build upon these foundations, offering New Testament reflections on joy and preparation. The epistle often urges Christians to live in harmony and peace, embodying the joy and love that Christ brings. It calls for patience and fortitude, acknowledging the struggles of life while pointing towards the hope that the Gospel provides.

The Gospel on Gaudete Sunday typically presents John the Baptist, who heralds the coming of Jesus and calls for a conversion of heart. John's message is not merely about moral or ethical reformation; it's about preparing the inner self for the radical transformation that Christ's coming entails. This preparation involves not just personal piety but active engagement in social justice—feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and caring for the poor, as John prescribes.

Gaudete Sunday, therefore, serves as a moment of reflection on the dual nature of Advent: it is a season of waiting and preparation but also one of joy and expectation. This joy is not a superficial or ephemeral feeling but a deep, spiritual joy that springs from faith and the hope of salvation. It is a reminder that, despite the darkness of the world, light is about to break forth.

As the faithful light the rose-colored candle on the Advent wreath, they are invited to reflect on the light of Christ that scatters the darkness of sin and despair. The joy of Gaudete Sunday is not just a pause in a season of penitence but a foretaste of the ultimate joy that Christians find in Christ. It is a call to live in the spirit of joy that Christ himself brings: a joy that must permeate the lives of believers as they await the full revelation of God's love at Christmas and beyond.

Peace,
Fr. Cool

P.S. - Please plan now to set aside Spring dates for these great opportunities; Kairos Reterat February 21-23 and Alternative Spring Break Service Trip March 9-14. These are both wonderful opportunities to both grow and live out your faith. Registration will begin when we return in January. And a blessed remainder of Advent, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to you and your family!

Happy Birthday!

DECEMBER

1 - Dominic Musumeci
1 - Mia Perkell
1 - Sydney Rosenthal
2 - Alessandra Fiorino
2 - Sherlyn Frausto
3 - Ryan Cozzone
3 - Nathaniel Mills
3 - Joseph Siciliano
5 - Elissa Letterio
6 - Dania Flores Lopez
7 - Madalyn Minnick
7 - Natalia Rivera Carrasquillo

7 - Marlena Vieira
8 - Hannah Gentile
8 - Phyllis Ong Shao Ying
9 - Michael Henry
9 - Yuliahna Mendiola
11 - Gianni Notaro
12 - Janelly Andrade-Gonzales
12 - Sean Hendricks
16 - Gabriela Pena
17 - Miriana Kelly
18 - George Daher
18 - Jeffrey Shu

19 - Eric Monsebroten
23 - Johanna Cupp
23 - Emma Vignogna
24 - Alberto Ramos III
25 - Brianna Jones
28 - Angel Aquino
29 - Neha Biju
30 - Gabriel Lora
30 - Domenic Rini
30 - Annabelle Shanks
31 - Megan Del Regno

Tis' the season @NEWMAN

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SQUARE

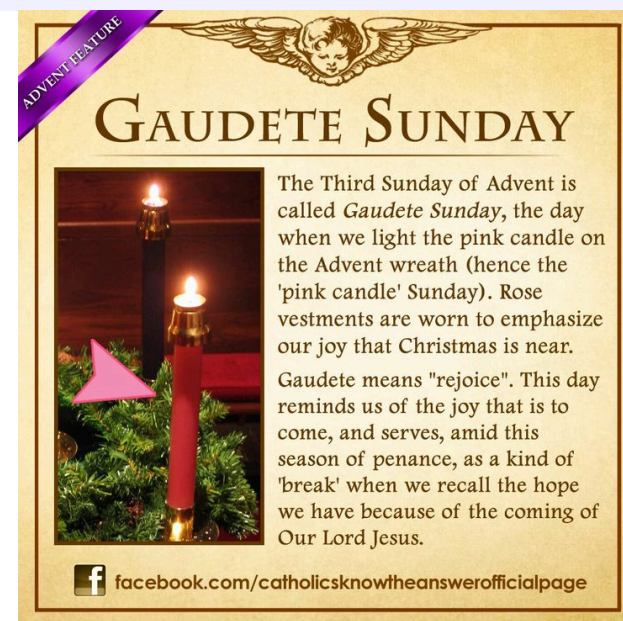
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Prayers for safe
travel home to
all!

Break
Schedule -
Next Sunday
10:30am
Mass
only

Need for
Spring '25
tutors - see
Jack for
details

Blessings for
Advent and
Christmas to
you and your
families!



When your soo cooked in
an exam you start looking up to
the heavens for answers



Newman Laughs

Newman relies on the generous support of
Alumni, Parents, Local Residents, and
Students for 90% of our budget. Your support
of our Sunday collection is deeply appreciated!

Collection Report		
12/08/24		
Weekly Actual	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$522.00	\$378.00	\$144.00
Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Goal	Variance
\$10,368.93	\$9,894.00	\$474.93
Y-T-D is Financial Year July 1-June 30		

Give to our
Collection
Via Venmo



Mass Intention: Fr. John Crowley, Sr. Jackie Reichart Ronald Boone

GET INVOLVED NEWMAN

COME JOIN US!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Monday Evenings

MONDAY
7:00PM
INTERFAITH CHAPEL

For questions & interest contact Alicia Lawson
at alas10@u.rochester.edu or (607)542-5708



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Conference Room
Interfaith Chapel 2nd level

Monday Night
Group 1
7:00-8:00pm

Tuesday Night
Group 2
6:00-7:30pm

Interested?

Contact

Tim Cai (Group 1)
tcai9@u.rochester.edu
David Leder (Group 2)
dleder@u.rochester.edu



Open to all college men

PRAYER FOR SCHOOL EXAMS

Ever loving and eternal God be
with me as I prepare to sit my
examinations.

Give me peace of mind and
quietness of heart so that I may
approach each exam with
confidence and trust.

Open my heart to believe that
with you all things are possible
and because you have created
me I am worth much more than
all the exams in the world.

Teach me Lord that there will be
many opportunities for using my
gifts and talents in the future.
Bless that future and be with
me, my family and my friends
especially when the road is
difficult, and when all is going
well may I give thanks for your
care and love through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Amen



Sunday Mass

Join us every Sunday at
10:30AM & 7PM

@ The Interfaith Chapel



Sacrament of Reconciliation



Send an email to bcool@admin.rochester.edu to make a
personal appointment or come 30 minutes before mass!
Sunday Mass - 10:30am
At the Interfaith Chapel



JOIN US FOR Daily Mass

IN THE SANCTUARY

MONDAY,
TUESDAY &
THURSDAY

Sign up to receive text
messages with our schedule



"We can believe
what we choose.
We are answerable
for what we choose
to believe."
- Cardinal Newman



SECOND SEMESTER SET THE DATES ASIDE FOR KAIRO'S 44 RETREAT and ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK SERVICE TRIP

Kairos 44 Retreat

February 21-23, 2024
Registration begins in January



"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of
mind and heart."

John 14:27

Notre Dame Retreat House On Lake Canandaigua
\$40 for lodging meals (Scholarships available)

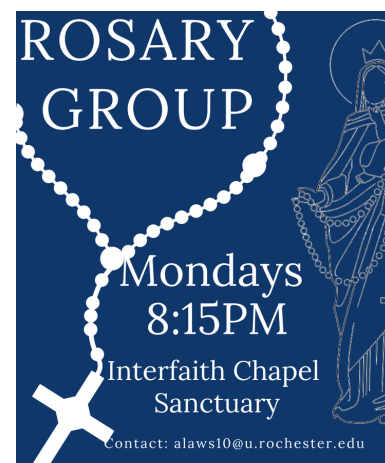
Enter the prayer of silence with our Lord!



Eucharistic Adoration

BRENNAN ROOM
Sunday 11:45am-12:30pm
After 10:30am Mass

SANCTUARY
Wednesday 8:10pm-8:45pm
Before Insta-Mass



Alternative Spring Break

Want to do something more?
Service to others - Learn about
Catholic Social Teaching at ...

MARCH 9-14, 2025
CAMDEN, NJ



2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL Extending Christ's Mission through the Catholic Ministries Appeal



Help support the Diocese of
Rochester and Newman using parish
code 508!



Blessings for Advent & Christmas

"The Son of God
became a man to
enable men to
become sons of God."

—C.S. LEWIS