



The Spirit of the LORD GOD
is upon me because the LORD
has anointed me; he has sent me
to bring glad tidings to the
lowly, to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to captives,
release to the prisoners, and
to announce a year of favor
from the LORD.

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Witnessing to Joy

You probably know that Disneyland, the home of Mickey and Minnie and all their friends, is called "the happiest place on earth." Yet some people think Disneyland represents a false, shallow, or materialistic version of reality—surely it could bear no resemblance to the Gospel message? But when Disneyland opened in 1955, Walt Disney said he wanted "this happy place...(to be) a source of joy and inspiration to all the world." Walt Disney himself had the opposite of a happy childhood—abuse, school failures, and later business failures. But his life's dream was always to bring people back to their original innocence and joy in living, to restore happiness. "The worst of us is not without innocence, although buried deeply it might be. In my work I try to reach and speak to that innocence, showing it the fun and joy of living....showing it that the human species, although happily ridiculous at times, is still reaching for the stars." Today, we hear similar messages: Isaiah saying, "Rejoice! I've got good news for the poor!" Mary saying "My spirit rejoices in God, " and Paul giving advice on how to live with deep happiness. We would love to be this joyful, but the pursuit of happiness seems more like a struggle. We wonder, "How is it possible to be truly joyful in this world? It is simple. The saints can be happy for one reason: they pour ALL their joys and ALL their tragedies into the one place big enough to hold every memory in existence forever—God's heart. It is God's heart that loved YOU into existence. As time draws near to hear the Christmas story again, it is good to recall how that story will "end"—that the power of Jesus' Resurrection "dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy!" Go in peace to love and serve our God! (Third

Sunday of Advent – Dec. 14, 2008

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues.	Dec. 16	9:00 am	Fr. Raju Madanu	Bea Gross
		9:00 pm	RIP Helen Vooch	Tom & Anne Matthew
Wed.	Dec. 17	7:30 am	Joanne Campbell	Stephanie Kehler
		9:00 am	Special Intention St. Anthony	Jeannette
Thurs.	Dec. 18	9:00 am	RIP Daniel & Bernice Kasiurak	Vivian Ferenc
Fairview Home		10:30 am	RIP Edwin Olson	Ella & Family
Fri.	Dec. 19	9:00 am	RIP George Pavlin	Velma
		12:15 pm	RIP Paul Cancade	Ken & Suzanne Anderson
Sat.	Dec. 20	10:00 am	RIP Leo Madden	Bidinosti Family
		7:30 pm	RIP Dennis & Yvonne DeRoo	Mary & Family
		7:30 pm	Kristen	Mom, Dad & Matt
Sun.	Dec. 21	9:00 am	RIP Jim MacKay	Gayle & Family
		10:30 am	Deceased Family	Maria & Family
		10:30 am	Vivian Ferenc	Geoff & Lorraine Kindle
		12:30 pm	All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
Souris	Dec. 21	11:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
	Dec. 24	8:00 pm	RIP Louise Murphy	Sean & Barb Murphy & Family
	Dec. 28	11:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph

3rd Sunday of Advent

Catechism of the Catholic Church
759-769: The role of John the Baptist

Mon. (Numbers 24.2-7,15-17)
(Matthew 21.23-27)

Tues. (Zephaniah 3.1-2,9-13)
(Matthew 21.28-32)

Wed. (Genesis 49.2, 8-10)
(Matthew 1.1-17)

Thurs. (Jeremiah 23.5-8)
(Matthew 1.18-24)

Fri. (Judges 13.2-7, 24-25)
(Luke 1.5-25)

Sat. (Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10)
(Luke 1.26-38)

Sun. **4th Sunday of Advent**
(Samuel 7.1-5, 8-12, 14, 16)
(Romans 16.25-27)
(Luke 1.26-38)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Francsica Arishande, Ann Babiak, Marguerite Bicknell, Noreen Bicknell, Jeanne Boutillier, Jim Bradford, Alice Brown, Margaret Buckmire, Irene Copet, Jules Declercq, Ann Delgaty, Juliette Desroches, Jared Dryden, Justin Enns, Rosaline Fedorkie, Mervin Fleury, Nora Fleury, Mary Gaab, Megan Gardham, Marcelle Granger-Gentes, Kay Gray, Brett Lawrence, Tess McLaren, Kathleen MacDougall, Paul Malabar, Alisa Moran, Joan Napper, Tony Petrucci, Hazel Philipott, Minnie Plaseski, Emily Potvin, Monica Seitz, Coralie Serle, Gary Sproule, Jean Tarnowski, Doreen Thompson, Marion Vorspel, Rosa Weiss, Debbie Williams and all our shut-ins.

Mark Your Calendars:

St. Dominic's is celebrating 100th Anniversary on Aug. 8, 2009, St. Lazare on Aug. 23, 2009 and Polonia Celebrates its 50th year of pilgrimage in July.

Former R.C.I.A. participants - come join us for 8 faith enrichment evenings. Starting on February 3, 2008. Please leave your name and phone number at the parish office 727-4728.

