



December 10, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

This Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, is known as "Gaudete" Sunday. "Gaudete" means "Rejoice." The reason for our rejoicing is that the season of Advent is half over, and the feast of Christmas is drawing nearer. I think many of us, including me, are more inclined to panic because we realize that Christmas is less than two weeks away, and our preparations are nowhere near complete! Advent is a time of preparation, but we don't feel very prepared at this point.

We are busy preparing for the celebration of Christmas here at St. Andrew Parish. **The reservation process for in-person attendance at our Christmas Masses is well underway and is in fact wrapping up soon.** We are planning to livestream our Masses on Christmas and during the octave so people may safely participate in our services from home. And we have prepared a worship aid booklet for all of our Masses from Christmas Eve through January 1. The booklet also contains texts for Vespers (Evening Prayer) for the weekdays during the octave. We plan to have this booklet available online to enhance your participation in our livestreamed Masses and services. It will also be available as a hard copy to those attending Mass on Christmas and during the octave. Those who receive and use a hard copy of the booklet at church should keep it and use the same booklet for any subsequent Masses or services they may attend through the week.

We still have much to do to be prepared for Christmas, but we are making progress! May you experience peace and contentment in these waning days of Advent, and may you be safe and healthy.

Your Pastor,
Msgr. Stephan Moloney