



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16, 2007

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Mass Schedule:	Sundays	at St. Cecilia's	9:30 a.m.
		at St. Mary's	11:15 a.m.
	Weekdays	at St. Cecilia's	8 a.m. (Mon. Wed. Fri.)
		at St. Mary's	8 a.m. (Thur.)
Confessions:	Sundays	at St. Cecilia's	9 to 9:25 a.m.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Every human being has a meaning to their existence. Part of our journey in this life is to find our purpose. Those who do have a profound depth to their lives. Those who fail to grasp a reason for their lives, their existence, are never quite comfortable about themselves. Jesus clearly points out that one of the purposes of John the Baptist's life is to prepare the path for the Messiah. This was one of his most important missions. All of us are expected to be paths to Christ. Not simply John the Baptist, but each and every one of us are expected to prepare avenues that leads to the Lord. So, what is your avenue that helps prepare others to come to know the Lord.

From the Pew

Many thanks to those who made the Christmas Party a success. Ginny Kerbs, Chair; Drady's, cooking; Joseph Walsh, the bar; Denise Bohman, cleanup; Geraldine Walsh, the slideshow; and all who helped, the parish is grateful.

An anonymous donor is granting a matching donation of up to \$12,500 to St. Cecilia's parish. This donation is specific to be used for the repayment of the debt the parish incurred when the church was remodeled. Though this is a busy financial time of the year, nevertheless we cannot ignore this opportunity to alleviate our debt to the diocese. We have three more years to pay off our debts. Matching this donation helps us enormously. We have until the end of the year. ***

The Major Holiday Stress Culprits? Going from store to store with the whole family in tow, infinite parties, gifts to be bought, house functions, sales and bargains, the mountain of toys, holiday pageants, Santa meets and greets, Nutcracker performances, Grandma's favorite stuffing recipes, Christmas card list, and much more. Many after the Christmas Season find their budget broken. But there is another way to enjoy this season. Give children presents that help them develop their talents and interests. Volunteer your services to a non-profit agency once during this Season. Plan ahead to create some quiet family time, relaxation and family togetherness. Try to have some quiet time for oneself resting, reading or listening to music. Lastly, attend the Christmas Service of your choice. This will infuse the meaning of the season. ***



Mass Intentions:
Week of December 16th

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	.....	Rose Sutherland
Sunday	11:15 a.m.	.....	David De La Torre
Wednesday	8 a.m.	.....	Jerry Drohan
Thursday	8 a.m.	.....	Lupe, Guardian Angel
Friday	8 a.m.	.....	David De La Torre

<u>Last week's collections:</u>	St. Cecilia's	.....	\$ 244.75
	St. Mary's	.....	\$ 309.00
	Total:	.....	\$ <u>553.75</u>



I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. ~Charles Dickens