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Thank you,

Msgr. Stan Carson

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 2020

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

2010 12th Avenue

www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org

Rectory Office Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays

11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Parish Office: 814-942-0371

or call the Cathedral Office at 944-4603.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

Parish Secretary

Paula Hall

Director of Music Ministry

Kathy McFee

***Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.***

**Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Sunday through Saturday: 7:30 AM - 5PM
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.**

**Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be
held at Our Lady of Fatima.**

**Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be
held at the Cathedral. 944-4603**

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to make arrangements. 814-944-4603**

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF
THE MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
CHURCHES OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO
THE GREAT IN 1995.**

Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603

One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

PH: 814-944-4603

Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603

Catholics returning Home: 944-4603

**Mail Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Seriously Sick
and Grieving - 944-4603**

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011

Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112

Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

Directors of Religious Education:

Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317

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Director of Music Ministry

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

Music Ministry Office - 944-2044

E-Mail: ltthayer@dioceseaj.org

Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday

12:30 PM Saturday

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11

**Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation
First Communion
Confirmation**

**Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep
Marriage Prep
Christian Initiation**

Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

Cathedral Eucharist:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM

8:00 AM

8:00 AM

12:00 Noon

10:00 AM

12:00 Noon

12:00 Noon

5:30 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM

5:00 PM

12:00 Noon

THE FATIMA TOWERS

December 13, 2020
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 10:30 AM
OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS
 Today's Intention - Carol Riley (Maureen L. Schoch)

The Fourth Sunday of Advent 2020 -
 Paul Rose (Rose Family)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

December 13, Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM +Dorothy Stephens (Russ & Mary Ann Pleva)
 10:00 AM +Todd Campbell (Ed & Lois Simanski)
 Noon PM +Paul Rose, Birthday (Kathleen Rose Davies)
 5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

December 14, Monday, St. John of the Cross, Priest

6:45 AM +Julianne Seidel (Don Sgro)
 12:00 PM +John Richardson (Paula Miller Family)

December 15, Tuesday, Weekday

8:00 AM +David Baronner (Joe Kantoski)
 12:00 PM +Bernadine Garcia (Patty Yost)

December 16, Wednesday, Weekday

6:45 AM +Deceased Family Members (McNelis All Stars)
 12:00 PM +Tony Alianiello, Police Dept. Anniv. (Family)

December 17, Thursday, Weekday

6:45 AM +Joseph Knott (Colleen Douglass)
 12:00 PM +Mary Kantoski, Birthday (Family)

December 18, Friday, Weekday

6:45 AM +Msgr. Roy Kline (Jim & Steph Kilkoyn)
 12:00 PM +Bp. Joseph V. Adamec (Anonymous)

December 19, Saturday, Weekday

8:00 AM +Marian & Thomas Swires (Family)
 12:00 PM +Richard Anthony (Mike Fleck)

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM +Alice Winkler, Birthday (Family)

December 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM +Fred Fedeli (Rosemarie Fedeli)
 10:00 AM +Richard Yahner (Wife)
 12:00 PM +Gina Laird (Pat Rhoads)
 5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2,8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab,7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

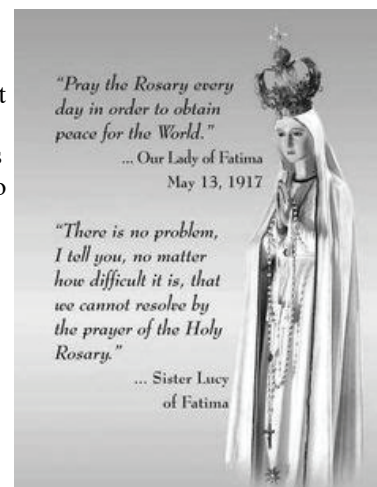
Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Thank You

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. Parishioner contributions last weekend amounted to \$1,301.

Please Remember

Please remember to wear some form of facial covering when you enter our church and keep a safe physical distance if you are not with family.



A LITTLE GOOD NEWS

Many years ago, Canadian singer Ann Murray had a hit song that spoke of her frustrations as she listened to the radio and read the headlines. She sang that "we sure could use a little good news today." It strikes me that this is the message that the readings want us to leave with this week. The Gospel Antiphon proclaims, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor" (from Isaiah 61:1 and Luke 4: 18). John the Baptist is here to testify to the light, to the Good News.

The Jewish people were waiting for their messiah, they were waiting for a hero. They prodded John several times trying to figure out what his role actually was, and to see what he knew. It became a guessing game. He tried to say nothing, but finally answered in a humble fashion, "I am not he." He baptized with water as a means of leading people to the coming Christ and helping them to prepare. He somehow avoided the trappings of success that would turn his light on himself. Today he remains a road sign for us, pointing out Christ our Light.

We all want someone to rescue us, and most likely to fix the mistakes and errors that we continue to make as individuals and as nations. Much of that is human nature. Would there be as much fascination with superheroes if this were not the case? How many times do you as an adult turn to your folks for advice, or wish you could talk to a deceased parent? Some need help emotionally, others spiritually, others financially. The reality is that it is tough to get your "ducks in a row" and always has been. Today's encouraging message is for us to always look to the Light for our help. May we always be like John the Baptist and testify how Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, has been our Savior.

Today's Readings: Is 61:1–2a, 10–1; 1 Lk 1:46–48, 49–50, 53–54; 1 Thes 5:16–24; Jn 1:6–8, 19–28

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"We don't know what the future holds, but it's all God's work," says Sister Theresa McGrath (center), 86, a member of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, for nearly 70 years.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

In good times and bad, Sister Theresa and the senior religious shown here have devoted themselves to God's work. Together with nearly 30,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests, they educated the young, tended the sick, and ministered to the needy. Today, they pray for a hurting world. Yet many US religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Covid-19 has only increased these challenges. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

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3211 Fourth Street NE
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Above, from left: Sister Alice Garcia, SSCS, 90; Brother Martin Gonzalez, OCSO, 90; Sister Theresa McGrath, CSH, 86; Sister Anne Cecile Muldoon, OSU, 93; Abbot Emeritus Peter Eberle, OSB, 79.
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VOTIVE CANDLES The light signifies our prayer offered in faith coming into the light of God. With the light of faith, we petition our Lord in prayer, or petition the saint to pray with us and for us to the Lord. The light also shows a special reverence and our desire to remain present to the Lord in prayer even though we may depart and go about our daily business. The donation is \$3.00.

OPLATKI/CHRISTMAS WAFERS Packets of oplatki are available on the tables in the back of the church. The donation is \$2.00 per packet; each packet has three pieces of wafer/bread. The legacy of the custom and a prayer are printed on the packet.

SAVE AROUND COUPON BOOKLETS

The 2021 *Save Around* coupon booklets are now available for \$20.00. The parish receives a profit of \$5.00 per booklet.

See Paul Masic following Mass.