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Parish Priest speaks...

We step into the Third Sunday of Advent this weekend that is also known as Gaudete Sunday. What does joy have to do with the season of Advent? Today's Scripture readings show us. In the first reading, Isaiah prophesies a time when the people of God will flourish with joy and abundance. When Isaiah wrote this, the Northern Kingdom of Israel had fallen under Assyrian rule while the Southern Kingdom of Judah was facing the threat of destruction by the Babylonians. In other words, the present moment was hardly a joyful situation! Rather, the people were in a situation of devastation, fear, and despair.

Likewise, the penitential violet of Advent hardly has space for joy, at least on the surface. But the Church teaches us that joy is certain to come, and that hope is a glimpse of rose in a sea of violet. Advent, rightfully looking forward to the coming of Christmas, proclaims that the sorrows and deprivations of the present moment will yield to joy. Advent points us to the infant Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. He Himself is the reason of our joy. Jesus gives us joy through concrete signs of healing and redemption. When the disciples of John ask on behalf of their imprisoned teacher if Jesus is the one promised to come, He replies with a list of signs: the blind regaining sight, the lame walking, the lepers being cleansed, the deaf hearing, and the dead being raised. These very signs were prophesied by Isaiah so many years ago as evidence of the arrival of the promised Messiah. The coming of our Healer and Redeemer into the here and now of our brokenness is truly a reason to be joyful.

There are both active and passive ways to empty ourselves. The active forms of self-emptying include the penitential practices of fasting, abstinence, and almsgiving. Advent's share of the liturgical colour of Lent tells us that such practices are very much part of the season. The passive forms of self-emptying entail patient endurance. St. James instructs us on this Advent spirit in today's second reading. He tells us to be patient with the attitude of a farmer waiting for "the precious fruit of the earth." James adds: "Make your hearts firm" and "Do not complain about one another." Advent waiting includes perseverance in charity toward others. In other words, our self-emptying during this season ought to open us up to both love of God and love of neighbour. Love of God and love of neighbour lead us to joy.

In catechetical classes, "JOY" is often used as an acronym to teach the right order of priorities in our love, first Jesus, second Others, and third Yourself. If we follow this order, we can be assured that joy becomes the fulfilment of our hope, the path of the least that makes us great, and the source of endurance in hardships. The Church encourages us along this path of charity that bears the fruit of joy. Just as we give roses to our loved ones, the Church gives us today's rose-coloured liturgy as a reminder: Love Jesus and Others before Yourself.

Be patient, brothers, and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. – James 5:7

- As I perform the ordinary actions of my day, how can I be more patient and spiritually joyful?
- What am I doing this Advent that will give more space for the Lord in my life?
- How do anxieties and worries interfere with my peace and joy?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Church of the Risen Christ Mon, 15 Dec 2025 10.00am & 8.00pm
 Church of the Immaculate Conception Tue, 16 Dec 2025 10.00am & 8.00pm

MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat, 6 Dec: RM1199 (1st Collection) RM876 (2nd Collection)
 Sun, 7 Dec: RM3795.35 (1st Collection) RM1644.95 (2nd Collection)

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 Closing deadline for applications: **22nd Dec 2025**

PARENTING MADE EASY: THE PRAYING FAMILY

The third in the sharing formation series by CDM Family Life Ministry on emphasising a praying culture in the family, discovering personal prayer, couple prayers, family prayers and contemplative prayer, and the power of silence.

Date/Time: **Fri, 19 Dec 2025 (8.30pm-9.45pm)**
 Venue: St. Faustina Hall
 Contact: Lawrence (012-4108360) or Esther (012-4529462)

CHRISTMAS SALES

1. **Jumble Sale** on children's things by Friends of Creation on Sat, 13 Dec & Sun, 14 Dec 2025
2. **Handicraft Sale** by the residents of Little Sisters of the Poor on Sun, 14 Dec 2025
3. **Clearance Sales** by D'Vine Gift Shop on Sat, 13 Dec & Sun, 14 Dec 2025
4. **Cookies Sales** by the secular Franciscans on Sun, 21 Dec 2025

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER PENANG

A marriage preparation programme (English) designed to meet the communication, spiritual and personal needs of today's engaged couples.

Weekend #146: **Fri, 6 Feb - Sun, 8 Feb 2026** at Stella Maris, Penang
 Weekend #147: **Fri, 8 May - Sun, 10 May 2026** at Stella Maris, Penang
 Weekend #148: **Fri, 7 Aug - Sun, 9 Aug 2026** at Stella Maris, Penang
 Weekend #149: **Fri, 13 Nov - Sun, 15 Nov 2026** at Domus, Minor Basilica of St. Anne
 Contact: Martin & Clementine (ceepenang@gmail.com)

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
3rd Sunday of Advent		
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 14 Dec	Is 35: 1-6, 10 Jm 5: 7-10 Mt 11: 2-11
No Mass	Mon 15 Dec	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Tue 16 Dec	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Wed 17 Dec	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Thu 18 Dec	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Fri 19 Dec	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm	Sat 20 Dec	
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 21 Dec	4th Sunday of Advent Is 7: 10-14 Rom 1: 1-7 Mt 1: 18-24



Christian Meditation:
Wed, 17 Dec 2025 (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room
 Chinese Christian Meditation:
Thu, 8 Jan 2026 (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room

CHRISTMAS EVE
Wed, 24 December

5:30pm - Carols
6:00pm - Mass

9:30pm - Carols
10:00pm - Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY
Thu, 25 December

8:30am - Carols
9:00am - Mass

11:30am - Mass (Bahasa Indonesia)