

SAINT PIUS X PRIORY
SINGAPORE

WEEKLY BULLETIN
& MASS SCHEDULE

16 DECEMBER 2018
THIRD SUNDAY
OF
ADVENT

SUN 16 December	3 rd Sunday of Advent 1 st Class, rose or violet	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass
MON 17 December	Feria 2 nd Class, violet	18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass
TUE 18 December	Feria 2 nd Class, violet	7.15 – Low Mass 11.30 – Low Mass 18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass
WED 19 December	Ember Wednesday 2 nd Class, violet Fast & Abstinence for SSPX members	7.15 – Low Mass 11.30 – Low Mass 18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass
THU 20 December	Feria 2 nd Class, violet	7.15 – Low Mass 11.30 – Low Mass 18.20 – Rosary & Benediction 19.00 – Low Mass
 FRI 21 December	Saint Thomas Apostle, 2 nd Class, red Ember Friday (Comm.)	7.15 – Low Mass 18.20 – Stations of the Cross 19.00 – Low Mass
SAT 22 December	Ember Saturday 2 nd Class, violet Fast & Abstinence for SSPX members	11.30 – Low Mass
SUN 23 December	4 th Sunday of Advent 1 st Class, violet	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass

Confessions: 30 minutes
before Sunday Masses;
on demand every day.

2nd Collections:

1st Sunday of the month *for the chapel loan reimbursement.*
3rd Sunday of the month *for the chapel/priory maintenance.*

Children's Catechism on Saturday:

Pre Confirmation: 14:00-14:45
Post Confirmation: 14:00-14:45
1st Communion: 14:45-15:30

Post Confirmation: 14:00-14:45
Older Group (13-18 years): 14:45-15:30

Mass Stipends:

One Mass: \$25
Novena: \$250
Gregorian Masses: \$1,000

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marian Hymn. During Advent, we sing the *Alma Redemptoris Mater* after Sunday Mass.

Calendars 2019. The new calendars are available in the bookshop.

Christmas gifts. Advent Gregorian CD, sold at \$ 42.95 by Angelus Press, are offered here at a discounted \$ 6 each & 2 for \$ 10.

Christmas Mass Timing. Midnight and 10am.

SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER - ADVENT RECOLLECTION

by Rev. Fr. Patrick Summers

08.00 Low Mass

09.00 **Talk**

10.00 Sung Mass

11.30 Light Refreshments

12.00 **Talk** followed by **Benediction**

Fr. Etienne Demornex will be available for Confessions

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Donations to SSPX by cheque: make it payable to "Friends of the SSPX"



Now the Lord is nigh! Come, let us adore!

We are now at the mid-point of the Advent season. Until today Matins began with: "Come, let us adore the King who is to come" (Invit.); but tonight we pray: "Now the Lord is nigh I Come, let us adore." The coming week is of high liturgical import, undoubtedly one of the most profound and beautiful weeks of the Church year. First we experience the anticipatory joy of Christmas on Rose Sunday. Then come the Ember Days, so wholly devoted to preparation for Christmas, especially the *Missa aurea* on Ember Wednesday. Finally, during this week there will occur the first of the o-antiphons, expressive of such intense desire for the Redeemer. As the days pass we are caught up in the steadily accelerating Advent liturgy sweeping us on to Christmas.

1. A Day of Rejoicing. On this third Sunday of Advent the liturgy bids Christians to rejoice. Strange as it may seem, there is still a rather widespread notion that only irresponsible teenagers or atheistic millionaires are able to and do enjoy themselves. That all Christians, whether old or young, rich or poor, sick or healthy, should have happy hearts comes as a revelation to many; and those who do understand do not seem able to show it in their lives. But today the Church propounds this truth so powerfully that there can be no further doubting. At the very outset she proclaims: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!" But, dear Mother Church, do you not see the distress of so many thousands who are suffering, who are starving? Do you not see the sad state of all those souls who cause you and others streams of tears? Are you blind to all the grief upon this earth? How, then, can one rejoice? Dear children, I do see it all. I know suffering better than any of you do. My motherly heart feels each shaft of pain that afflicts my children or that my children cause me. And yet I rejoice and bid all of you to rejoice. Why? Because you are children of God; because Christ is your Brother; because heaven is your home; in short, because you are divinely privileged. After all, how long does earthly life last? It is like a bad dream which vanishes with waking. While in heaven we will be rich, happy, beautiful, and healthy forever. Oh, Mother Church, heaven is so far away, and this earthly life is so hard and lasts so long. And who knows ... Now listen. Do you know, my children, why you do not have true joy? Because you lack a deep, full, strong, and lively faith. Yes, I admit, faith means walking in the

GAUDETE SUNDAY



The Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday*, the day when we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath (hence the 'pink candle' Sunday). Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near.

Gaudete means "rejoice". This day reminds us of the joy that is to come, and serves, amid this season of penance, as a kind of 'break' when we recall the hope we have because of the coming of Our Lord Jesus.

dark - in some respects. The dove of eternal glory sits upon heaven's high roof while the sparrow of present satisfaction is in your hand. To release the sparrow in order to get the dove, that requires faith. Only a virile Christianity consciously aware of divine Life and full of such faith that it can sacrifice earthly thrills for eternal peace, only this true and genuine Christianity can attain perfect joy. Nevertheless, it is such Christian joy and such Christian faith which Mother Church expects of us today: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!"

2. With Saturday's Vespers Sunday's liturgy begins. The light, joyous ring of the antiphons reveals tomorrow's mood. "The Lord will come, He will not tarry. He will illumine things hidden in darkness and manifest Himself to all peoples, alleluia." Jerusalem must not curb her joy: "Rejoice exceedingly, o Jerusalem, for your Savior is coming to you, alleluia." Immediately the Lord appears and says: "I will give salvation to Sion and My glory to Jerusalem, alleluia." To which we respond, voicing our deepest Advent sentiments: "Every mountain and every hill will be leveled, the crooked will be straightened and the rough places made even. Lord, come! please do not delay, alleluia." Lastly we raise our sights to the parousia: "We must live virtuously and innocently, desiring that blessed hope: the advent of the Lord." As the night falls the Lord Himself speaks: "Before Me no god existed, neither will there be one after Me; for unto Me every knee must bow; and every tongue must praise Me." In the Magnificat we voice our praise to God, eternal and unique: "My soul magnifies the Lord."