## **Pulpit Announcements**

## Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete "Rejoice" Sunday December 17, 2023

- Our charitable tithe this weekend will go to the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. This is a national collection of the US Bishops in support of the Church throughout the multiple nations of Africa.
- For Gaudete Sunday, we have flowers in the sanctuary. The flowers this weekend are in honor of Debbie and Hank Loudon's wedding anniversary. We wish them a happy anniversary!
- [11:00 AM Only] As is our custom here at Our Lady of Grace, our Meditation Hymn at the 11:00 AM Mass this weekend will be the German rendition of the hymn, "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming." We are very grateful for the German culture within the Church!
- The work has begun on our Holy Angels Columbarium and the Front Hill! We've been waiting for a while, and now it's time! It is very exciting! Please be cautious since various construction equipment and building materials will be stationed around our campus. The anticipated conclusion of the work is sometime in March.
- This Wednesday evening, December 20, at 7:00 PM, the children of the parish are hosting our annual Live Nativity. All are invited to come for the Live Nativity and stay afterwards for hot chocolate and cookies.
- The campus and church will be closed this Thursday, December 21, so staff can celebrate Christmas with their families. Many of our staff work on the holy day and this time is very important for them and their families. There is no public Mass on this day and all parish events are suspended.
- This year Christmas is on a Monday. Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation. This means we get to participate in two Masses! One for Sunday and one for Christmas! Here is our Christmas Mass schedule: Sunday, December 24, at 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 8:00 PM, and 10:00 PM, and Monday, December 25, at 10:00 AM.