

Saint Mark's  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CANTON, OH



## The Lion's Pause

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The Third Sunday of Advent came to be known as Gaudete Sunday sometime around the Tenth Century. At that time the church observed most of the same disciplines as were observed in Lent. On Gaudete Sunday, these disciplines were suspended, and it was a day of rejoicing. The name, Gaudete, comes from the entrance antiphon appointed for the Third Sunday of Advent in the Latin Mass, “Gaudete in Domino semper,” or “Rejoice in the Lord always.”

Why do we rejoice on this Sunday more than other Sundays in Advent? The collect for the Third Sunday of Lent begins with the request, “Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us.” It is a day that we remember the nearness of the Lord’s coming. We are almost to our celebration of Christmas. We also look forward to the coming of the Lord in power and glory at his return.

This Sunday reminds us of the hope that we have as Christians. It is a joyful expectation that should always be part of the church. The world will not always be as it is now. There is a time when there will be no more weeping. Sickness and death will be taken away. God will wipe away every tear from every eye. Perhaps we need the reminder of Gaudete Sunday a little more this year than we have needed in years past.

Fr. RJ

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Annual Reports are due this week.  
Please email them to the office.

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### Altar Guild

Altar Guild is requesting large juice cans for flowers. Please save your juice cans, and when we are out of the "purple" designation you may drop them off at St. Mark's. Thank you!

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Upcoming

### Wednesday, December 2

Evening Prayer, 4 p.m.

[Bulletin](#)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

*Meeting ID: 914 4012 7915*

*Passcode: 418847*

### Sunday, December 13

Morning Prayer 9 a.m. *Streaming Only*

(If Stark County is Yellow or Orange, we will offer in-person. If Red or Purple, we will offer streaming only.)

[Sunday Bulletin](#)

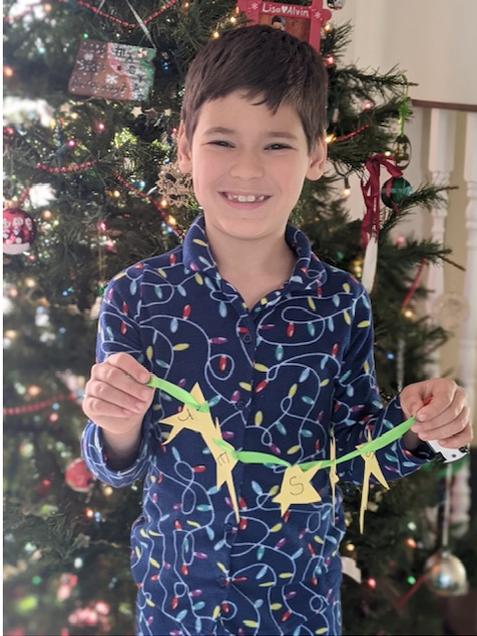
[Sunday Live-Stream](#)

*Katie will be out of the office December 24-January 2.*

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### Sunday School

St. Mark's Sunday School is continuing with their lessons each Sunday via ZOOM. All of our wonderful teachers are doing a great job keeping the lessons creative in this remote setting.



There are some fun plans in store for the Advent season, so keep a look out for that! If a child in your life is interested in joining us, please contact Emily Gordon at [ecgordon16@gmail.com](mailto:ecgordon16@gmail.com).

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### **Online Giving**

To facilitate stewardship during this difficult time, the Diocese has launched an online giving resource. Simply set up your one-time or recurring gift and select your parish from the pull-down menu (Canton, St. Mark's). The Diocese will transfer your gift to St. Mark's. We thank you for your continued support and prayers.



**Designate a Gift to St.  
Mark's**

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### **Third Sunday of Advent**

**Read This Week's  
Lessons**

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### **Music Notes with Bob Morrison**

The Calvin Ball Memorial Aeolian-Skinner organ at Canton's downtown First Methodist Church was

dedicated Sunday, March 5, 1950, by Syracuse University professor Arthur Poister - a note-perfect recital. It was recorded on 78 rpm discs which I heard (some years later - I knew nothing about Canton



until 1951). Don Farley, First Methodist's parish musician, announced at the start that there would be no applause, which made the occasion quite solemn. Clara Gravis, church secretary, told me that she had never seen so many people at church for this affair, likely a thousand - and the reaction was mixed. Some folks said "maybe the sharp tones will be worn off in time" and "sounds like a brass band." Of course, they had never, in that sanctuary, heard a full-scale organ. But, two months later, there would be a dramatic change.

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Amelia Rowland, Harry Kit, Ron Brookes, Charlie Becker, Paul Welch, Ron and Peg Hill, Jack and Pauline Briggs

## Prayer Concerns

**Family and Friends:** Conrad Johnson (father of Fr. RJ), Pam Belknap (friend of Judy Hixon), John Reft (family of Bill and Beck Rand), Judy Locke (friend of Ken Jaeb), Dr. Sanford Lopater (friend of Mulls'), Megan Nelson (family friend of Sara Strattan), Jan Atkinson (friend of Hixons'), Addelyn (friends of Hixons'), Jim Bellamy (friend of Marcia Tirpak), Bonnie Manos (friend of Judy Gibbs), Nancy Stewart Matin (friend of Norm and Rhonda Warren), Sarah (daughter of Bill and Beck Rand), Anne (friend of Sue Little), Karen Belden (friend of Cricket Boyd), Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler), Gabrielle Karam (friend of Diana Cornell), Dave Jarvis (family of Ron and Peg Hill), Cody Hixon (cousin to Bruce and Judy Hixon), Don, Suzy Clark (friend of Hixons'), Stacy Biglin (acquaintance of Derek Gordon), Autumn (granddaughter of Kerry and Zev), Bob Patterson (friend of Diana Cornell), Adriana (Pam McCarthy's daughter's friend), Lynn McBride (father of Beth Crowl), Monica McGrath (cousin of Katie Cerroni-Arnold), Baby David (friend of the Schaub's'), Marianne L. (friend of Kieslings'), Conrad Family (friends of the Rands), Nancy Sauer and Helen Carnahan (friends to Diana Cornell), John Streb

(friend of the Mulls), Pastor Marilyn Roman (friend of St. Mark's), Lynnda Hoefler (friend of Sue Little), Katie Campbell (friend of Boyds'), Johnny Willoughby, Bobby Guerin (friend of Pam McCarthy), Jim Mesko (friend of Jim Weaver), Michelle Gibson-Garber (friends of the Gordons) Donald Pentz (friend of the Rands)

For all those serving in the armed forces.

For all those who have died.

***Please update Bobbi or Katie on the status of your friends or family members as to when they may be removed from the prayer lists.***

#### **PRAYER CHAIN:**

St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for specific needs of those on the prayer chain. If you would like to place yourself or a loved one on the prayer chain, please contact Bobbi Gordon at [\*\*ggordon24@sbcglobal.net\*\*](mailto:ggordon24@sbcglobal.net)

Please note: prayer requests may be placed on the Prayer Chain, in the Prayer Concerns list appearing here and in the Sunday bulletin, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference.



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