

## Rose Vestments

Rose vestments can be worn on two Sundays of the liturgical year: the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

The Third Sunday of Advent was previously called Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* is Latin and it means, "rejoice." It is the first word from the Introit of the Latin Mass: "Rejoice in the Lord always." Many of today's readings for Mass have the word "rejoice" in them.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent was previously called Laetare Sunday. *Laetare* is Latin and also means, "rejoice." It is the first word from the Introit of the Latin Mass: "Rejoice, O Jerusalem." This Sunday gives us a rest in the midst of our Lenten observance.

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