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Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

— *Isaiah 12:3*

REJOICE

The prophetic writings we hear in today's scriptures call us to rejoice and celebrate the goodness of God. Zephaniah, Isaiah, Saint Paul, and John the Baptist in Luke's Gospel all follow the rich tradition of the Biblical prophets, a tradition that reaches full expression in Jesus. The prophets warn that human failings have truly disastrous consequences. All are summoned to repent, and to change their lives. Today we hear the Good News that God's gracious love exceeds and overcomes all human corruption. God has not given up on us. Indeed, God keeps pursuing us, and eagerly seeks to reconcile with us. God's initiative to set the world aright culminates with Jesus, whose coming John the Baptist announces. John's prophetic message summons us to join in God's reconciling work, by living generously and justly in our daily lives. As we rejoice in God's grace, we then extend the fruits of this grace to all.

AN ADVENT PRAYER

May the God of peace make us completely holy.

May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body

for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Forever faithful is the One who calls us—God our Father!

Expectant, let us live in joyful hope

for the revelation of the glory

of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!

To him be glory forever!

Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalms — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;

Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23;

Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14;

Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b;

Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;

Mt 1:1-17

Saturday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;

Mt 1:18-25

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;

Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Third Sunday of Advent

O God, who see how your people
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,
enable us, we pray,

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

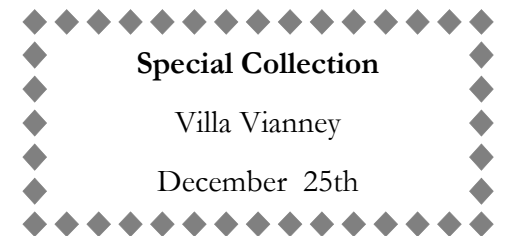
Monday: St. Lucy

Tuesday: St. John of the Cross

The office will be closed December 20th
through December 31st.

Reflection question:

How am I faithfully awaiting the Lord's Nativity?



Dec 19th

LECTOR Jeff

Servers Carlos & Max

WEEKLY OFFERING

Nov.14th

BUDGET \$1351.00

\$1242.00

B&M

\$220.00

Flowers

\$191.00