




# THIRD SUNDAY OF Advent

## Hail Holy Queen



Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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### Remember In Prayer

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## Dec 17th Third Sunday of Advent

### JOHN THE BAPTIST

At a school open house a woman could be overheard introducing her husband to some of the other parents. "Oh, Bill, I'd like you to meet Johnny's father. And over here, this is Marie's mom; you know, the little girl from our Ellen's soccer team."

With satisfied resignation Bill introduced himself not by name: "I'm Ellen's Dad."

It's good to know who you are. Be it someone's father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife, it's important to embrace the full meaning of our various roles.

John the Baptist knows who he is. And who he is not. He is not the Christ. Nor Elijah. Nor like any other prophet God's people had ever seen.

John the Baptist knows his mission is divine. He's more than satisfied to be the one to announce the coming of God's reign. The Christ is near. Make straight your paths.

### FEAST OF FAITH

#### The Shape of the Mass

In the renewal of the liturgy that followed the Second Vatican Council, the full, conscious, and active participation of the assembly was the primary consideration. By participation, the Council Fathers did not mean just joining in the singing and the spoken responses, but active engagement and prayerful understanding of the rites. They envisioned a transparent liturgy, a worship that spoke so directly to the hearts and minds of the faithful that it would require no explanation at all.

The liturgy itself is the best possible catechesis on the liturgy. What does the liturgy teach us? It shows us the ministry of Jesus continuing in the present. He gathers a community. He calls us to prayer and repentance and praise. He teaches us with the very word of God. He does not send us away empty, but sets before us a marvelous banquet, feeding us with his very body and blood. Then he sends us forth to do what he has done—to give ourselves for others, not just in words, but in deeds. The Mass is the pattern of our Christian lives.

### No PRE on Dec 27th

**Christmas Party for all the children of St.Regina is on Dec 20th**

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

**Psalm** — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

**Second Reading** — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

**Gospel** — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Reading 1: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Gospel: Mat 1:18-25

Tuesday: Reading 1: Judges 12:2-7, 24-25a; Gospel: Luke 1:5-25

Wednesday: Reading 1: Isaiah 7:10-14; Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Thursday: Reading 1: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Friday: Reading 1: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Gospel: Luke 1:46-56

Saturday: Reading 1: Malachi 3:1-4,23-24; Gospel: Luke 1:57-66

Sunday: Reading 1: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Reading 2: Romans 16:25-27; Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

### No Wednesday Mass in January Father will be out of town

The office will be closed for the Christmas holiday days from Dec 18th until Jan 1st

There is not going to be Mass on Dec 27th

Monday Dec 25th  
Mass at 11:00 Nativity of the Lord

Dec 2023

DEC 10th	
LECTOR	JANET&MARINA
SERVER	CARLOS & MAX
COUNTER	MARY & ANN F
DEC 17 th	
LECTOR	PEGGY
SERVERS	JESUS
COUNTER	TOM & BEVERLY
DEC 24th	
LECTOR	JEFF
SERVER	CARLOS & MAX
COUNTER	MARY & ANN F
DEC 25th	
LECTOR	BEVERLY
SERVER	MARINIA
DEC 31st	
Lector	Beverly
Server	Jesus
Counter	Tom

### Special Collection

Villa Vianney

December 25, 2023

### Dec 10th 2023

Sunday collection

\$935800

Immaculte Conception

\$107.00

Flowers

\$80.00

Retirement reg fund

\$45.00