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SUNDAY MASS~ DOMINGO MISA

9:30 AM English 11:30 AM Español

GAUDETE SUNDAY ~ REJOICE

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist and what he said about Jesus. Early in John's Gospel we hear: **There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him.**" The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus as the light coming into the world.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

--Father John Muir



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. - Jn 1:6-7

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus..

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALING

Maria Orfelina Graciano, Richard Ignacio Dominguez, Lauren Baca, Katy Montano, Benito Espinosa, Elizabeth Espinosa, David Sanchez, Henry Espinosa, Eddie Garcia, Leticia Sanchez, Paul Visarraga, Hope Romero, Ruby O'Neill & Jose Martinez

CHRISTMAS MASS MISA DE NAVIDAD

MONDAY ~ LUNES
DECEMBER 25
10:30 AM BILINGUAL MASS

MASS INTENTIONS ~ INTENCIONES DE MISA

Sunday, December 17, 2023

9:30 AM

†Donald Archuleta (by Cathy & Antonio)

†Felix Trujillo (by family)

†Joaquin & Samuel Torres (by Alice Torres)

11:30 AM

†Guadalupe Sandoval (by Luz Gaytan)

†Javier Torrez (by Julietta Torrez)

†Transit & Esther Maldonado (by Julietta Torrez)

Monday, December 18

†Living & Deceased Parents

Tuesday, December 19

Health & Healing Andrea (by Rufina)

Friday, December 22

†Adela T. Garcia Birthday (by daughter)

DECEMBER WEEKLY READINGS

Sun. 17th *Third Sunday of Advent*

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;

1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Mon. 18th: *Advent Weekday*

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

Mt 1:18-25

Tues. 19th: *Advent Weekday*

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-6, 16-17;

Lk 1:5-25

Wed. 20th: *Advent Weekday*

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Thur. 21st *St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church*

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,

20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Fri. 22nd: *Advent Weekday*

1 Sm 1:24-28; (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd;

Lk 1:46-56

Sat. 23rd: *St. John of Kanty, Priest*

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 8-10, 14;

Lk 1:57-66

ORGANIZATIONS/MEETINGS

- ♦ English Bible Study - Hospitality Room
Mondays 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- ♦ Grupo de Oracion - Parish Hall
Tuesdays at 6:30 PM
- ♦ Religious Education Class
Tuesdays 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- ♦ RCIA - School Building
Tuesdays 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Hospitality Room