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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 13, 2020

MASSES

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00PM

SUNDAY: 8:00AM & 10:30AM

WEEKDAY MASS: CHAPEL

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00AM
(ROSARY AFTER)

FIRST SATURDAY 8:00AM
ANNointing of the SICK &
NOvenea to MOTHER of PERPETUAL HELP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 3:00-3:45 PM

SUNDAY: 7:15 - 7:45AM
9:45-10:15 AM

OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT

ADORATION

TUESDAY: 8:00AM-6:00PM

FRIDAY: 8:30AM-9:30 AM
(DEVOTION TO SACRED HEART)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00 AM-12:30 PM

LAURA E. RHODE, SECRETARY

I AM
THE VOICE
CRYING OUT
IN THE
DESERT

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Gospel Reflection

III Sunday of Advent (12-13-2020)

There were many disciples of John the Baptist even when John was writing his gospel at the end of the first century. They were heavily influenced by his teaching and model of life. That's why the evangelist tried to clarify the position of the John the Baptist against Jesus Christ. The Baptist was not the light of the world. He was just the first one to recognize "the true light that enlightens everyone" (Jn 1:9). He was convinced that Jesus was the messiah.

During Advent this testimony is proposed to us. As he did with his contemporaries, today he points out Jesus Christ as the light of the world. Those who follow him will not walk in darkness, but will have life (Jn 8:12).

In the second part of the passage we see Jews of Jerusalem send priests and Levites to get the Baptist's explanation about his identity and behavior. Three times they asked him the same question: "Who are you?" Many rumors are spreading about him as Messiah, prophet or one of the prophets is risen. There are some who claim that he is Elijah restored to life. But John the Baptist was very loyal to his call as prophet. He did not declare to be the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the great prophet but defined himself as a voice crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord.' Later, he disappeared from the scene after introducing Jesus as Christ and declared "He must increase, but I must decrease" (Jn 3:30).

The Baptist has also made a journey of faith. He acknowledges that he gradually came to discover Christ, "I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." (Jn 1:33,34)

This spiritual journey is repeated in the life of every believer. It starts from the discovery of the true identity of Christ. When one arrives to this conviction, he deserves full faith and finally he becomes a witness of his faith, as Paul said, "We also believe and so we speak" (2 Cor 4:13).

Today's Readings

First Reading (*Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11(8B)*)

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord God make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

Responsorial Psalm (*Is61:10b*)

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed:

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

Second Reading (*1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*)

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

Gospel (*John 1:6 -8, 19-28*)

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'*" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

"Attention"

Please be sure to be added to the Catholic list when are admitted to the hospitals. The Priest Chaplains will not know if you are in the hospital unless you are on the list.



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| Michael & Toddy Arceneaux | Patsy Ladner |
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| Claud Burk | Woody Mauffray |
| Linda Burke | Barbara Moran |
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| Annette Haas | Janet Necaise |
| Jann Haas | Tyrone & Faye Necaise |
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| | Josie Thomas |
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Thank you all for saving your receipts and Please keep up the good work.



The bishops of the Province of Mobile, together with our Presbyteral Councils, have declared the Church year beginning November 29, 2020, the First Sunday of Advent, and ending November 21, 2021, the Feast of Christ the King, to be The Year of the Eucharist and the Parish in all our dioceses.

Today's Special Collection

Retired Religious

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday , December 12

4pm— Sylvia Brager

Sunday, December 13

8:00am—Parishioners

10:30am - John & Nicole Necaise†
Teddy & Shirley Morel †
Joel & Peggy Cooley †
& Deceased Members
of the Necaise Family

Monday, December 14

8:00am - Varetta Ladner &
Donna Johnston

Tuesday, December 15

8:00am - Tecia & Chlaford Ladner

Wednesday, December 16

8:00am - Kathleen Shirer †

Thursday, December 17

8:00am-Carol Prats & All Family
Members Living &
Deceased

Friday, December 18

8:00am - Kathleen Shirer †

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:

Amir Darwis _____ US Army National Guard

Drew Ladner _____ US Marine

Darrell Little _____ US Army

Devin Nelson _____ US Army

Brandan Witt _____ USAF

Evan Cameron _____ USAF

Dillon Lacoste _____ USAF

Lord, hold our troops in Your Loving Hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and bring them home safely. May their sacrifices bring about a lasting and just peace in those lands. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Our Lady of the Rosary

Bookstore and Gift Shop



Next door to our Church

Benediction after all Weekend Masses

Financial News

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|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Insurance | \$38,245.00 |
| Diocesan Support | \$23,058.96 |
| School Supplement | \$23,536.83 |
| Salaries, Utilities, & Other Expenses | \$140,879.28 |
| Total Yearly Financial Obligations | \$225,720.07 |
| Amount needed each Week | \$4,340.77 |
| Last Sunday Collection | \$3809.27 |
| Shortfall | \$531.55 |

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