

Sunday, December 14, 2014

3rd Sunday Of Advent

Readings: 1) Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 2) 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 3) John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sunday Liturgy

The focus of this Mass is that the Spirit of God helps us build up the kingdom of God on earth.

We come to Mass to encounter the living God and then are dismissed to live out our daily lives in a way that brings Christ to others.

How should we rejoice, pray and give thanks?

How should we answer the question: Who am I and what does God desire of me?

Let us remember, he who calls us is faithful and will not abandon us.

In the first reading, Isaiah lists many of the qualities of the promised Messiah; his coming will lead to righteousness and praise among the nations.

In Saint Paul’s letter to the Thessalonians, he lists ways we can continually live in the Spirit.

In Saint John’s Gospel, John the Baptist clearly saw his mission as making straight the way of the Lord with his baptism of repentance.

General Intercessions

PRIEST: With joyful hearts and in thanksgiving for the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us to build up the kingdom of God on earth, let us offer our petitions to the Father.

For the people of God,
as we give thanks for the sacraments
which enables the power of the Holy Spirit to work in our lives.
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For all national leaders,
may they strive to make wise and just laws.
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For all those who suffer
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For all those who work to heal the broken-hearted,
who minister to prisoners and who serve the poor.
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For our beloved dead,
that they may be clothed with the garments of salvation..
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions..... (long pause)
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**PRIEST: Father, hear the prayers of your people.
Through Christ our Lord.**