

A Day by Day Spiritual Journey Through Advent
With Deacon Chris

Sunday of the Third Week of Advent

Light a candle and make sure it is safe and don't leave unattended.

Rejoice

Gaudete Sunday

Let us rejoice that Advent is half over and Christmas will soon be here. The Church has taken the first word from the Introit of the Third Sunday of Advent and it is known by that name. Well, that is how it was. Advent is a time to rejoice. We celebrate the fact that Jesus has **already** entered the world and is with us to the end of time. A promise he made to his disciples. We also celebrate the fact that he is still to come again; **the not yet**. There is a lot to celebrate when we go looking for it.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

God our Father, as we wait in joyful hope for the Second Coming of our Lord help us to be patient in all aspects of life so that we can truly rejoice in your saving grace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Gospel

Luke Chapter 3 verses 10 to 18

This extract from Luke tells us that that people were going to John and asking him what they must do. John comes across as always to the point. He talks to the people, tax collectors and some soldiers. Nobody from the authorities. Interesting, very interesting!

The people begin to think that John is the Christ. He goes out of his way to make them understand that he is not the Christ. John knows his place. He is following the calling that he had from his conception.

It is good to know our place and follow our vocation.

Your Own Time.

Rosary. You are free to choose your own contemplation.

Concluding Prayer

John presents equality as an imperative. Grant that through his intercession there will be a levelling up across the whole world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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The tree is named after Jesse who is the father of David. From a lowly position David became renowned through the kingdom. He defeated Goliath with a single stone and won many other battles. He became king and united the two kingdoms. Solomon asked for wisdom not riches. God granted him both. People came from all over to seek the benefit of his wisdom. Like everybody both David and Solomon had human failings.

The star is for David and the scales for Solomon.

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.