



17 DECEMBER 2023
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT -B



Introduction:

Dear friends in Christ, today as we celebrate the Gaudete – “Rejoice” Sunday, we express our joy in Christ’s redeeming work among us, realizing that he who is to come is indeed already with us, ‘unknown to us’

Readings:

Reading I: Is 61:1-2, 10-11
Responsorial Psalm: Lk 1:46-50; 53-54
Reading II: 1Thess 5:16-24
Gospel: Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Let us now put forward our petitions to the Lord as we await his Coming at Christmas

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for Pope Francis, Bishops, Clergy and Religious everywhere that they may make Christ’s redeeming work visible through their preaching and apostolate. **R/**

We pray for those in government, that they may strive to overcome violence, greed and corruption in our country and work for the Common good of all. **R/**

We pray that as we prepare for the Jubilee Year 2025, we may share in the Redeeming work of Christ by bringing good news to the poor and proclaiming liberty to captives. **R/**

We pray that like John the Baptist, we too as Christians may realize our Prophetic calling in concrete situations of civic and political life and thus become witnesses of light to those around us. **R/**

We pray for our personal and local needs... **R/**

Celebrant:

Lord, our God, you are the light of the World, enlighten our hearts with the flame of watchfulness that we may be able to stand as your witnesses, preparing the paths of your glorious coming, You who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen