



15 December 2024
Third Sunday of Advent
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Introduction:

Dear friends, today as we celebrate “Gaudete Sunday”, we rejoice and exult with all our heart. Let us sing and shout for joy with Christ, who brings us the Good News of our redemption and renews us by his love. And so, today we light a “Pink Candle” of Joy – the ‘Shepherd’s Candle’ to remind us of the great light and joy, that surrounded the Shepherds when they heard about Jesus’ birth.

Readings:

First Reading: Zeph 3:14-18
Psalms: Is 12: 2- 6
Second Reading: Phil 4: 4-7
Gospel: Lk 3:10-18

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Deeply imbued with the joy of Christ’s birth, let us express our needs to God:

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for Pope Francis, the bishops, the Clergy and the Religious that filled with the Joy of Christ’s birth, they may proclaim the good tidings through their apostolic works. we pray to the Lord.

We pray for Our government and leaders in public offices that enlightened by the light of Christ’s Coming, they may treat all citizens with kindness and respect and thus strive to work for the Common good of all. we pray to the Lord.

We pray for all people of good will that guided by the Coming of the Messiah, they may strive for mutual respect and building communal harmony. we pray to the Lord.

We pray for nations responsible for conflict and war that the Peace of Christ’s Coming may inspire them to accept the path of peace and tranquillity. we pray to the Lord.

We pray that as we draw closer to Nativity of Our Lord, we may seek Him in our ordinary life situations and experience the joy of salvation he will bring to us. we pray to the Lord.

Celebrant:

May your family always rejoice together, O God, over the joy of your Son’s Coming and that they may persevere to attain the effects that flow from his glorious incarnation, who live and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.