3rd Sunday Of Advent:
Sunday, December 11, 2022

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On Joy!

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The spirit of the Lord God is upon me..." Isaiah 61:1
What Do You Think?

1. How do you think John the Baptist knew that there was another coming after him who was "more worthy"?

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2. Why do you think John the Baptist's actions during the time of Jesus, are important to our faith today?

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"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"
1 Thessalonians 5:23

Food For Thought...
Did you know that in addition to the three purple candles and one pink candle in the Advent Wreath, some people also have a white candle in the middle? What do you think this white candle would represent? This white candle is meant to represent purity. It is sometimes called the Christ Candle, and can also be lit during Christmas or even on the Eve or day of Jesus' birthday!
Third Week Of Advent: Joy

This week, we light the third candle on the Advent Wreath. Do you know what colour is for this week? For the last two weeks we have lit purple candles, and this week, we light the only pink candle! During most of Advent, the priest and deacons wear purple at Mass, but with this pink candle, the priest and deacons will wear pink! This Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday. The pink candle is meant to remind us of joy! If you remember the Christmas story, you will remember that the Angels appeared to the shepherds, telling them about Jesus and this brings them "great joy"! It is important that we remember to be joyful in these times because of what we are waiting for! We are waiting for Jesus' birth, so even in the midst of our struggles, there are so many things to be joyful about! Christmas is a very exciting time, and we are very close to the day of Jesus' birth! It is only 11 days until Christmas Eve! Instead of waiting just for presents and good food on Christmas, how can you get ready for Jesus' birthday?


"Restore us again, O God of our salvation..."
Psalm 85