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Advent: 3rd Sunday in Advent

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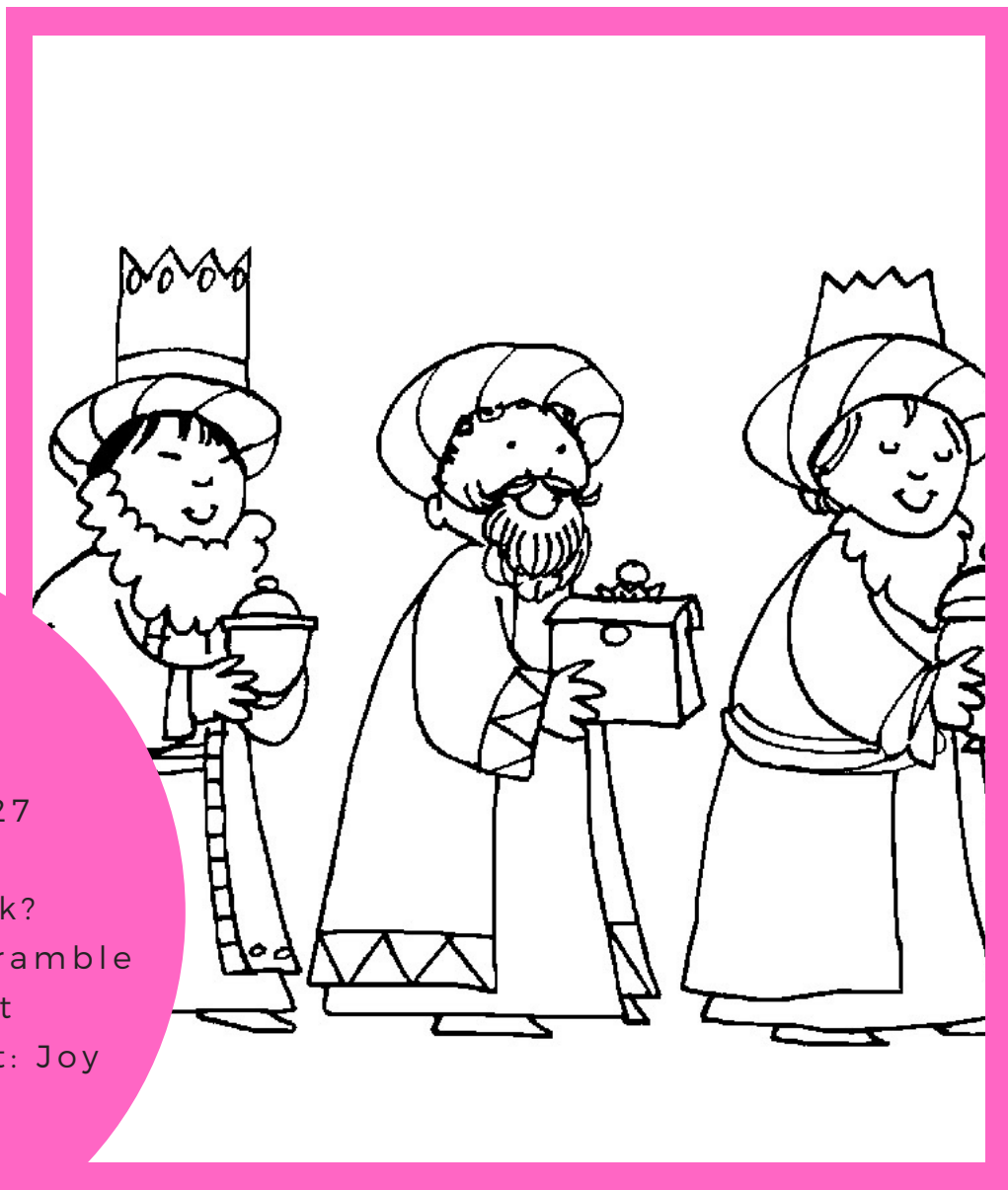
Lead Story Headline:

On Joy

*"The spirit of the
Lord God is
upon me..."
Isaiah 61:1*

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Gospel: John 1:6-8, 28, 19-27

"There was a man sent by God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to tell the world about the light, so that everyone would believe. John was not the light, but only a witness to tell others about the light. John was baptizing people near the Jordan River. One day the Pharisees sent priests and levites to ask John, 'Who are you?' He told them very clearly, 'I am not the Messiah.' Then they asked him, 'Are you a prophet?' John said, 'No, I am not.' Finally, they said to him, 'Tell us who you are, so we can give some answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' John told them, 'I am the one the Prophet Isaiah wrote about. I am 'the voice in the desert, proclaiming: Make a straight path for our God!' Then they asked John, 'If you are not the Messiah and not the prophet, why do you baptize?' John answered, 'I baptize with water. but the one I am telling you about is with you now but you do not recognize him. I am not even worthy to untie his sandal.'"

This is the Good News of the Lord.

Novalis. (1990). Sunday Book of Readings Adapted for Children, Year B. Outremont, Quebec: Novalis.

"I baptize with water, but the one I am telling you about is with you now but you do not recognize him"

John 1:27

What Do You Think?

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

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

Cronin, G. (2003). Celebrating the Gospels. Missouri, United States of America: Ligouri Publications.

Brainstorm:

What can you be joyful for this week and the rest of the weeks leading up to Christmas? We have so many things to be thankful for and happy about every day! Make a small list of the things that bring you joy every day and put it near your bed so that you can look at it and be reminded before bed or when you wake up!

Activity: Bible Verse Scramble

Use the code to decipher the Bible verse below. It's something God said about angels when he created the world, and it's found in Job 38:7.



Scheer, Lois, and Beck, Sally. (2011). Advent Prayers and Promises. USA: Creative Communications for the Parish.

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!

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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

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?

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Colour this wreath and the first three candles for the third week of Advent!

Let's Pray:

"Give me the courage to listen to your voice and the freedom to open my heart to the graces you are offering me to place my trust in you."

Amen

Archdiocese of Toronto

*"Restore us again,
O God of our
salvation..."*

Psalm 85