**Third Sunday of Advent**  
December 11/12, 2021 – 5pm/12N

**Order of the Liturgy**

**Basilica Proclamation**

**Advent Wreath Lighting:**

**Antiphon:** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

**Entrance Procession**

**Greeting**

**Penitential Rite**

**Kyrie:**  
P. Have mercy on us, O Lord.  
P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.  
R. For we have sinned against you.  
R. Christ have mercy.

**Opening Prayer**

**1st Reading:** Zep 3:14-18a

*A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah*

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!  
The LORD has removed the judgment against you  
he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel,  
the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further  
misfortune to fear.

On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged!  
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with  
gladness, and renew you in his love,  
he will sing joyfully because of you,  
as one sings at festivals.  
*The Word of the Lord*
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Is. 12

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name.

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

2nd READING: Phil 4:4-7

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters:
Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!
Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia

Verse: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:10-18

+A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The crowds asked John the Baptist, “What should we do?” He said to them in reply, “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He answered them, “Stop collecting more than what is prescribed.” Soldiers also asked him, “And what is it that we should do?” He told them, “Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages.” Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ.

John answered them all, saying, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord

HOMILY – Fr. Jim

APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.
INTERCESSIONS

**Fr. Jim:** As we look forward with joy to the birth of the Christ Child, let us open our hearts in prayer to Him and with confidence, seek His generous assistance.

**Our Response is:** “Come, Lord Jesus”

**For the Church:** that like John the Baptist, we may bear faithful witness to the truth of the Gospel –  *We pray to the Lord*

**For in authority, in the Church and in society:** that they intimidate others and be ready to share what they have with the poor and needy -  *We pray to the Lord*

**May the rise in Covid infections and new strain around the world** not lead us into despair but keep us focused on good practices and the value of the vaccine for all –  *We pray to the Lord*

**That the peace of God that surpasses all understanding** will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus -  *We pray to the Lord*

**On this Guadete Sunday:** we rejoice that we have been blessed as children of God and thank Him for the many gifts he has bestowed on us, our family and community-  *We pray to the Lord*

**For all who are ill:** that they may know that the Lord is near with his peace and mercy especially – Matthew Cherry, Anita Pearson, Myles A. Pocta and Deacon Charles Williams –  *We pray to the Lord*

**For those who have died:** that they may share in the gift and promise of eternal life, including John Robert Ward, Shelia Davis, Derek Morgan, James Scott, and Gladys White -  *We pray to the Lord*

**Fr. Jim:** Lord God, draw near to us this Advent season. Help us to see that you are close to us and to live with the peace only you can bring. We make this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Reminder of Virtual Usher for Offering

**~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST~**

**PREFACE**

**Fr. Jim:** “Blessed are you Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness, we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.”  
*People:* Blessed be God for ever.

**Fr. Jim:** “Blessed are you Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness, we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become for us our spiritual drink.”  
*People:* Blessed be God for ever.

**SANCTUS**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory!  
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!
**ACCLAMATION** (sung)
*Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free*
*Or We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.*

**GREAT AMEN** (sung)

**LORD’S PRAYER** (recited)

**GESTURE OF PEACE**

**Lamb of God**

| Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, | Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, |
| have mercy on us. | grant us peace. |
| Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, | |
| have mercy on us. | |

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**Communion Rite**

**R.** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**MEDITATION**

**PRAYER**

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