

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WITH JOY YOU WILL DRAW WATER AT THE FOUNTAIN OF SALVATION.

ISAIAH 12:3

DECEMBER 13, 2009

~ Parish Life and Activities... ~

<p>READINGS AND ACTIONS</p> <p>THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT</p>	<p>MONDAY: Num 24:2-7, 15-17; Ps 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 21: 23-27 ANTIPHON: <i>Make known to me your ways, LORD; teach me the path of justice</i> ACTION... Help migrant children learn by donating school supplies through the Catholic Charities organization.</p> <p>TUESDAY: ZEPH 3: 1-2, 9-13; Ps 34: 2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19-23; Mt 21: 28-32 ANTIPHON: <i>My soul will glory in the Lord that the poor may hear and be glad</i> ACTION... Enjoy a simple Advent dinner of beans and rice tonight with your family. Use the savings from your normal meal to support a local hunger relief program.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY: Is 45: 6-8, 18, 21-25; Ps 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7: 18-23 ANTIPHON: <i>I will listen for the word of God; surely the LORD will proclaim peace...Love and truth will meet; justice and peace will kiss..</i> ACTION... Listening to the spoken word is a pleasure many of our elderly miss out on. Take time to call an elderly friend or family member — or visit a nursing home and spend some time reading aloud to the residents.</p> <p>THURSDAY: GEN 49: 2, 8-10; Ps 72: 1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 17; Mt 1: 1-17 ANTIPHON: <i>May he save the poor and ... may he be like rain coming down upon the fields, that abundance may flourish in his days, great bounty.</i> ACTION... Honor your loved ones and help children and families around the world become self-reliant, by giving a gift animal through Heifer International: www.heifer.org</p> <p>Friday: Jer 23: 5-8; Ps 72: 1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1: 18-25 ANTIPHON: <i>...Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David; As king he shall reign and govern wisely, he shall do what is just and right in the land.</i> ACTION... Pray today for our national and international leaders, that they might govern wisely and do what is just.</p> <p>Saturday: Judg 13: 2-7, 24-25; Ps 71: 3-4, 5-6, 16-17; Lk 1: 5-25 ANTIPHON: <i>I will speak of the mighty works of the Lord; O GOD, I will tell of your singular justice</i> ACTION... Little works of justice can speak mightily. Make a point today to spend some time with someone who is alone and neglected during this holy season.</p>
<p>ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE</p>	<p>As we prepare for Christmas in so many ways, let us remember that the spiritual peace and healing that come from the Sacrament of Reconciliation awaits us this Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00p.m. This will include scripture readings, examination of conscience and confessions.</p>
<p>RETIREMENT FUND COLLECTION TODAY</p>	<p>Religious face rising costs. Data submitted to the National Religious Retirement Office reveals that the average annual cost of care for women and men religious age 70 and over has more than doubled since 1989. Current statistics put this figure at \$35,077 per person annually, with skilled care reaching nearly \$55,000. Your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides critical support to religious institutes in meeting the escalating costs of elder care. Please pray for all religious and give generously to today's collection. www.retiredreligious.org</p>
<p>FLOWERS NEEDED</p>	<p>Your donation of Poinsettia plants will help enhance the beauty of the Christmas season that we are getting closer and closer to! Please deliver them to the parish office between Dec. 15-22.</p>
<p>COMUNIDAD COLLECTION</p>	<p>Today Comunidad will be taking monetary contributions after all the Masses in order to assist parish families who are in need. Your donation will be used to purchase grocery store gift cards.</p>
<p>MANNA MEALS HELPERS</p>	<p>We will be making bag lunches for the Manna Meals Program this Friday, December 18th in our parish hall. Please arrive by 8:45. What a wonderful way to share with the person who has none!</p>