

Dec. 17th, 23

### News Flash!

Today - Rejoice Sunday! After Mass, Christmas Brunch with Oplatek. We will decorate our church for Christmas also.

# **The Readings**

Is 61, 1-2.10-11 Psalm (Is 61, 10) R. MY SOUL REJOICES IN MY GOD 1 Thes 5, 16-24

## **Eucharistic Prayer V**

Holy Masses TODAY - December 17th - III Sunday of Advent 09:00 A.M. - Holy Mass

SUNDAY - <u>December 24th</u> - IV Sunday of Advent. 09:00 A.M. - Holy Mass

### **The Lectors**

Dec. 17th - Mary Ann Bartone Dec. 24th - Dan Broczkowski

<u>Christmas Services:</u> Christmas Eve Mass - 8 PM

Christmas Day - 10 AM

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# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Entrance Hymn

V. Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near.

**R.** You are near, O Lord; by Your edict give me life. I rejoice at Your promise, as one who has found rich spoil.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**R.** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

# The Gospel (Jn 1, 6-9.19-28)

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah." They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah? He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord."" Now the Pharisees who had been sent questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing. **This is the Gospel of the Lord.** 

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OUR FRIENDS:** Our prayers are needed for: Hank Kudzik, Madeline Getsko, Nicolette Stavrovsky, Eugene O'Callaghan, Donna Martucci, Francis Anthony, Miles Jordan, Evelyn Zarychta, Stephanie Czuba, Barbara Frish, Barbara Jurnock, David Torkos, and Marian Tucki. **Our Father.**