

The Third Sunday of Advent Year B

Sunday, December 13, 2020

Readings: 1) Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 2) 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 3) John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is: **The Spirit of God helps us build up the kingdom of God on earth.**

In the first reading, Isaiah lists many of the qualities of the promised Messiah; his coming will lead to righteousness and praise among the nations. In Saint Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, he lists ways we can continually live in the Spirit. In Saint John's Gospel, John the Baptist clearly saw his mission as making straight the way of the Lord with his baptism of repentance.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

**Let us call to mind the needs of the Church and the world,
bringing our concerns confidently before God's throne.**

For the Church, called to lead humanity to the light of Christ.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

**For our country during these winter months,
may we serve the poor and needy in a spirit of Christian charity.**

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

**For all who are sick in mind, spirit and body,
For hope, help and healing.**

We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

**For our beloved dead,
may they rest in peace.**

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For each of us, in our vocation to live the Good News.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions... (pause).

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

**Father, in your goodness hear our prayers today and answer them,
we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.**