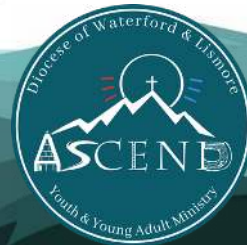




To the Heights



Year A 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: GAUDETE SUNDAY

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SPOTLIGHT!



POPE LEO XIV GIVES AN INSIGHT INTO HIS SPIRITUALITY AND HOW HE FELT WHEN IT WAS CLEAR THE CONCLAVE VOTES WERE GOING HIS WAY!



PRAYER INTENTION!

For those in the service industry - that they will have all the graces they need to sustain them in the busy season ahead and remain joyful and patient!



WEEKLY CHALLENGE!



In today's Gospel Jesus asked John the Baptist's disciples to look for signs of His Kingdom - to see the Good News already present through His actions. We can do the same thing in our own world. Make a conscious effort this week to notice goodness and kindness around you, and to bring that joy to others too! Make your heart a joyful place for Jesus this Christmas time.

HEAR! Sunday Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

If you don't have a Bible handy, click here to access Sunday Mass Readings!

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PRAY

My God, You know me by name and You love me, with an eternal love that never fades. Show me how to base my joy on You, because in You my joy will be complete, no matter what circumstances come my way. You delight in me - help me to truly believe that! Amen

TUNE!

Make Room
Casting Crowns



GROW



WHAT IS THE REAL
MEANING OF JOY?
THE BIBLE
PROJECT



Advent Word Study
Chara: "Joy"



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ADVENT:
MORE THAN A
CHOCOLATE
CALENDAR

WATCH!



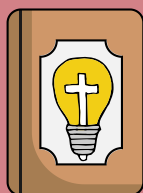
O our Lady of Guadalupe, mystical rose, intercede for the Church, protect the pope, help all those who invoke you in their time of need, and since you are the ever Virgin Mary and Mother of the true God, obtain for us from your most holy Son the grace of keeping our faith, sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life, burning charity and the precious gift of final perseverance. Amen

GAMECHANGERS!



OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE
12th December

The Catholic Church's Liturgical Calendar is crammed full of inspirational saints and heroes, or as we like to call them, Game Changers! Check them out on our web page!



REFLECT

- Where is John the Baptist in this Gospel?
- Who comes to see Jesus?
- Why do you think John sent his disciples to ask that question: "Are you the one who is to come...?"
- What does Jesus answer them? How does this answer show who He is?
- How does Jesus convey the greatness of John's role?



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HIS WORD & MY LIFE!



How are your Christmas preparations going for you? Shopping done? Outfits planned? Events in the diary? Decorations up? Or is it all still a muddle? Does it even feel like you're approaching Christmas yet?

Sometimes it all gets so busy doesn't it, and other things like exams and visits and more mundane jobs get in the way of excitement and joy. Maybe it's even stressful, or a lonely time of year for you if you have lost someone you dearly loved.

Today is Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday we're called to pause and reflect on joy in the Advent season - because Christmas is the season of Joy. Joy Incarnate was born at Christmas time, and that's a good thing to remember in the midst of a dark and dreary month of December! It's a hard thing to remember though when we see so much suffering around us in our own communities and in the world at large. But today we can hit the pause button and take a good look around us to choose to find the joy!

RESPOND!



Can you explain how any four of these words relate to the message of the Gospel?

What do you think God could be saying to you in this Gospel? What speaks to your heart? Maybe it raises questions, maybe it's a little uncomfortable, maybe it offers hope... what matters is that we are open to hearing God speak to us individually.



PUZZLE

blind
breeze
Christ
cleansed
deaf
disciples
fine clothes
Good News
happy
John
kingdom of heaven
lame
lepers
messenger
palaces
poor
prison
proclaimed
prophet
reed
scripture
wilderness

FIND THE WORDS FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL IN THE WORDSEARCH!

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Reflect on the scripture quote and allow thoughts and images that come to you to form part of your doodle prayer: it could be people or situations that need prayer or even areas you might need to change in. Certain words or phrases might stand out for you. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your heart as you pray and doodle!



"...happy is the man who does not lose faith in Me."



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