

DECEMBER 13TH, 2015



What Do We Do? Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday of Advent

The people in today's Gospel are "filled with expectation." They believe John the Baptist might be the Messiah they've been waiting for. Three times we hear their question: "What then should we do?" The Messiah's coming requires every man and woman to choose - to "repent" or not. That's John's message and it will be Jesus' too (see [Luke 3:3](#); [5:32](#); [24:47](#)). "Repentance" translates a Greek word, metanoia (literally, "change of mind"). In the Scriptures, repentance is presented as a two-fold "turning" - away from sin and toward God. This "turning" is more than attitude adjustment. It means a radical life-change. It requires "good fruits as evidence of your repentance" (see [Luke 3:8](#)). That's why John tells the crowds, soldiers and tax collectors they must prove their faith through works of charity, honesty and social justice. In today's Liturgy, each of us is being called to stand in that crowd and hear the "good news" of John's call to repentance. We should examine our lives, ask from our hearts as they did: "What should we do?" Our repentance should spring, not from our fear of coming wrath (see [Luke 3:7-9](#)), but from a joyful sense of the nearness of our saving God. This theme resounds through today's readings: "Rejoice! The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all," we hear in today's Epistle. In today's Responsorial, we hear again the call to be joyful, unafraid at the Lord's coming among us. In today's First Reading, we hear echoes of the angel's Annunciation to Mary. The prophet's words are very close to the angel's greeting (compare [Luke 1:28-31](#)). Mary is the Daughter Zion - the favored one of God, told not to fear but to rejoice that the Lord is with her, "a mighty Savior." She is the cause of our joy. For in her draws near the Messiah, as John had promised: "One mightier than I is coming."

Sunday Bible Reflections



Please Pray for Parishioners and Friends who are sick and recovering:

Annice McCuller, Emma Busse, Mary Alice Enright, Laurel Battles, Alta Jones, Eadie V. Roland, Ronald Bradford, Luz Aviles, Hoa Tran, Celeste Ward, Pauline Bradford, Teletha Benjamin, Edwina Gonzales, Wilbert Hardy, Mary Harvey, Brian & Patty Quenton, Ignatius Evers, Dolores Peters, Lylia, Brenda Bronson, Maurice Phillips, Mizose Cyprien.



Readings for the Week

Mon NM 24:2-17 * PS 25:4-9 * MT 21:23-27
Tue ZEP 3:1-13 * PS 34:2-7, 17-23 * MT 21:28-32
Wed IS 45:6-25 * PS 85:9-14 * LK 7:18B-23
Thu GN 49:2-10 * PS 72:1-2, 3-4AB, 7-8, 17 * MT 1:1-17
Fri JER 23:5-8 * PS 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 * MT 1:18-25
Sat JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A * PS 71:3-5, 16-17 * LK 1:5-25
Sun MI 5:1-4A * PS 80:2-19 * HEB 10:5-10 * LK 1:39-45



Please sign-up to attend Advent prayer with El Shaddai throughout the Advent Season, 11/29 – 12/20.



Pearls of Wisdom

Rosary Making

Sign-up for January Start Date

2016 Calendars Are Here!



The 2016 Calendars are available in the Church! Recommended donation: \$2.00. Thank you.

Are You Called To Be A Monk?

Serve the Lord in Prayer and Work. Monastic Vocation Retreat at Mount Angel Abbey, Jan 8-10, 2016. Open to men 18-45 yrs old. Free of charge. Contact Fr. Odo Recker, OSB at 503-845-3123 or odo.recker@mtangel.edu or visit our website: www.mountangelabbey.org/vocations.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This Week at Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday, December 13

Legion of Mary	9 AM – 10:30 AM	Parish Hall
Mass (English)	11 AM	Church
Ladies of Peter Claver	12:30 PM – 3 PM	Parish Hall
Vietnamese Youth Group	1:30 PM – 3 PM	Church
Vietnamese CCD	3 PM	Parish Hall
Mass (Vietnamese)	5 PM	Church

Tuesday, December 15

Morning Mass	8 AM	Rectory
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Wednesday, December 16

Morning Mass	8 AM	Rectory
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Thursday, December 17

Morning Mass	8 AM	Rectory
NAA Meeting	8 PM – 10 PM	Parish Hall

Friday, December 18

Morning Mass	8 AM	Rectory
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Saturday, December 19

El Shaddai	1 PM – 4:30 PM	Parish Hall
Mass (English)	5 PM	Church
NAA Meeting	8 PM – 10 PM	Parish Hall

Offertory Collection, Dec 6 2015

Envelopes.....	\$	1,317.00
Loose.....	\$	864.00
Online Giving.....	\$	200.00
Total.....	\$	2,381.00
Amount needed from Sunday collection.....	\$	-2,153.00
Difference.....	\$	228.00

Please pray for an increase to our offertory collection.

Aging Religious Need Your Help

In the US today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Thu 12/24	8 PM	Christmas Play <i>English</i>
Thu 12/24	8:30 PM	Christmas Night Mass <i>English</i>
Fri 12/25	11 AM	Christmas Mass <i>English</i>
Fri 12/25	2 PM	Christmas Play <i>Vietnamese</i>
Fri 12/25	3 PM	Christmas Mass <i>Vietnamese</i>

Feast of the Holy Innocents, Dec. 28

Rosary and Mass for the Little Saints. 6:30PM Rosary & 7PM. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 3145 SW 192nd Avenue, Aloha. Celebrated by Father Jeff Meeuwesen. This bilingual Mass remembers all deceased children, especially those who have died before birth or baptism, and for victims of abortion

Archbishop's Catholic Appeal 2015 Immaculate Heart

Households: 219, * Donors: 30 * Participation: 14% Avg/Donor: \$137.23 * Gifts: 41 * Avg/Gifts: \$100.41 Total Given: \$4,117.00 * Goal: \$9,228.09
* Over(Under): (\$5,111.09) * %Goal: 45%

Please give to the Archbishop's Appeal if you have not already done so this year. Thank you!

REGISTRATION FORM

The following confidential information will be entered in our parish data system. It is only for the purpose of knowing and serving you better.

Names(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Others in your household: _____

Number of children under 18 years of age: _____