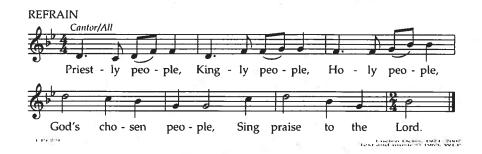
#### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### Introit



Verse: We sing to you, O brightness of splendor and glory. We give you praise, O Morning Star, announcing the coming day...

#### Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, 
 and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. 
 R
 Amen.

We The Lord be with you. R. And with your spirit.

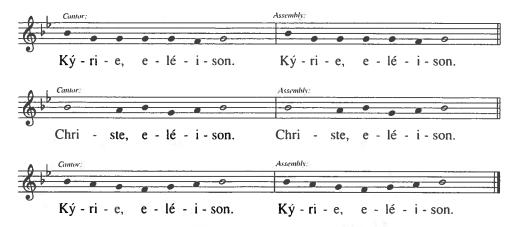
#### **Penitential Act**



Priest: May almighty God...everlasting life.



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#### Collect

#### Liturgy of the Word

#### First Reading Responsorial Psalm

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 Luke 1:46-50, 53-54





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### Second Reading Gospel Acclamation

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Luke 4:18



### Gospel Reading Homily

John 1:6-8, 19-28

#### **Profession of Faith**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

#### **Universal Prayer**

#### Preparation of the Gifts and Altar

#### Prayer over the Offerings

N Pray, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R' May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

#### The Eucharistic Prayer

#### **Preface**

In The Lord be with you.

Y. Lift up your hearts.

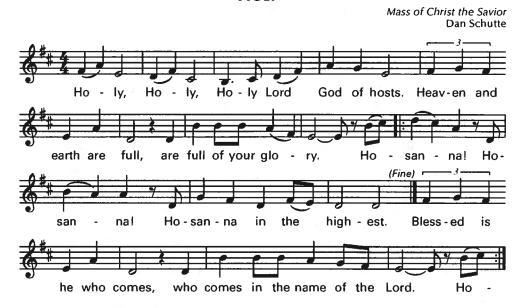
W. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R' And with your spirit.

Rew We lift them up to the Lord.

R! It is right and just.

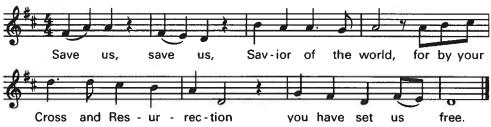
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#### **Mystery of Faith**



#### Doxology



#### The Lord's Prayer

- ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we for give those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- Deliver us, Lord, we pray from every evil... As we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ.
- RY For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

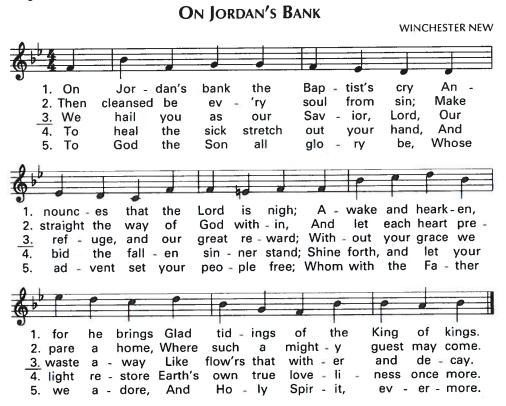
#### **Agnus Dei**



#### **Ecce Agnus Dei**

- Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- Ry Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

#### **Communion Hymn**



Text: LM; Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806–1876, alt. Music: Georg Wittwe's Musikalisches Hand-Buch, Hamburg, 1690; adapt, by William H. Havergal, 1793–1870.

#### **Concluding Rites**

#### **Blessing**

↑ The Lord be with you. 
↑ And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, And the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### **Dismissal**

W Go in peace.

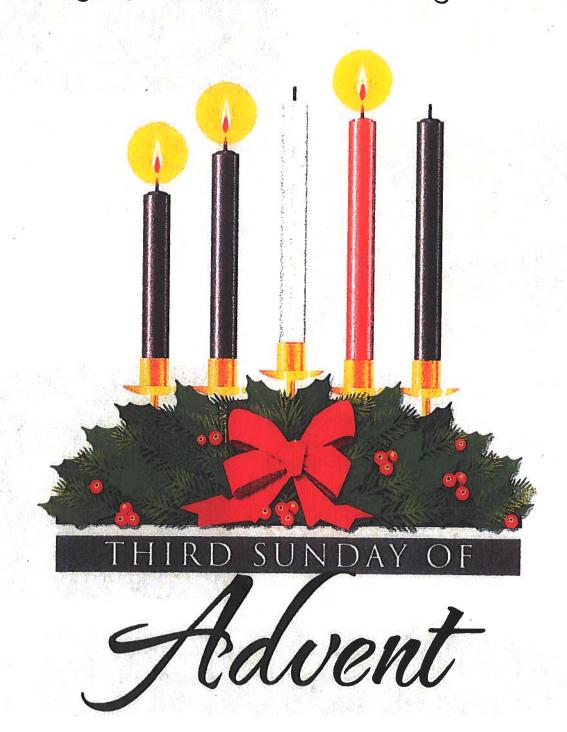
R' Thanks be to God.

#### The St. Michael Prayer

Saint Michael, the Archangel, | defend us in battle. | Be our safeguard against the wickedness | and snares of the devil. | May God rebuke him, | we humbly pray. |And you, | O prince of the heavenly hosts, | by the power of God, | cast down to hell Satan | and the other evil spirits | who prowl through the world | for the ruin of souls. | Amen.

### GAUDETE SUNDAY

The "Shepherds Candle" symbolizes the Joy the world experienced at the coming of Jesus. The pink candle is lit so that we may rejoice in the Lord always.



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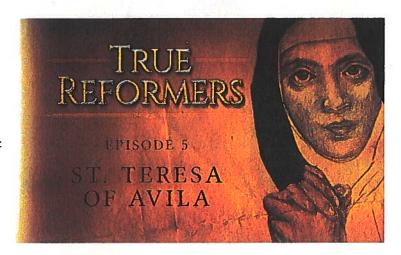
#### PICK OF THE WEEK

**December 13, 2020** 

# NATCH

#### SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA: A STUDY IN PERSEVERANCE

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Ávila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.



# PRAYER

#### LECTIO: PRAYER-AN INTIMATE DIALOGUE

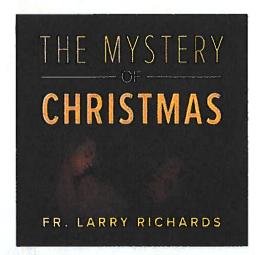
St. John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church, had a deep desire to help others grow in prayer. In honor of this mystical saint, join Dr. Gray as he dives into the simplicity and mystery of prayer.

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#### THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS BY FR. LARRY RICHARDS

In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards reminds us that in the mystery of Christmas, God gives humanity his greatest gift-the gift of his Son to the world.



### The Story of THE SEARCH

A new and impactful video-based series coming to our parish.

Do any of these situations or stories sound familiar?

\*You get the big promotion, but it doesn't make you happy for more than a day or two.

\*You buy the fancy car, but the thrill is over by the time you pull into the garage.

\*Your team wins the Super Bowl...and all you have to show for it is an expensive jersey with someone else's name on it.

"Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you." -St. Augustine

\*The things we expect to fulfill us don't...

\*Why is life this way? Why are we here? Not just in these bodies on this planet and in this year. But why do we exist? Why are filled with longing?

Join us for THE SEARCH, a multi-part video based spiritual experience. The production is beautiful and is hosted by well-known Catholic evangelist Chris Stefanick.

THE SEARCH features scientists, artists, philosophers, and other people from all walks of life proclaiming how their searches for meaning in life led them to Jesus and the Gospel.

**BUT THE SEARCH** is not meant just to be watched...and it's certainly not meant to be watched alone. That's why HSP is offering the opportunity to watch this series with fellow parishioners, family and friends.

Join us (without leaving your home:)
Tuesdays, January 5 - February 16 from 6:30-8:00 via Zoom.
Sign-up after 10:00 Mass or email Martha at martha.farrell15@gmail.com

If your faith is already solid, *THE SEARCH* will help you to deepen it. If you're feeling unsure, it's for you too. If you're worried about your kids or grandkids, it's a great series for you to share with them—by joining with them.



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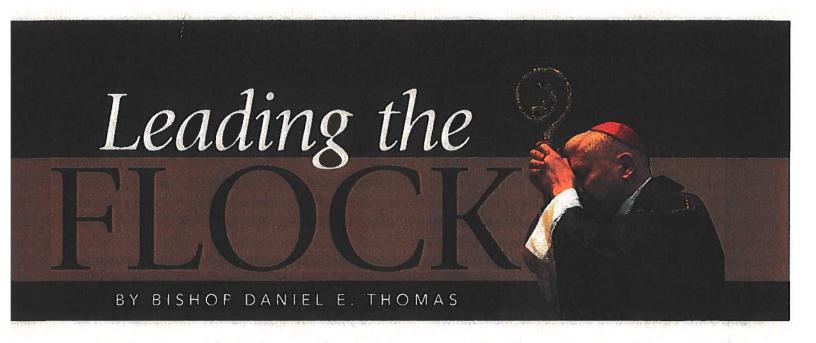
What is this journey in between the event we call "birth" and the one we call "death"? Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination - a destination that could extend beyond your last breath?

What do you want from your life during the in between? The questions are there. And the answers are too.

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#### "As We Await the Blessed Hope"

In these days so marked by the COVID 19 pandemic and all the ways it affects our lives, we all need to hear a message of hope! "As we await the blessed hope." These are words well familiar to every Catholic, words we hear the priest pray in every Mass just after the Our Father. While I have always found impactful the prayer in which these words appear, called the embolism, they seem to have taken on even deeper significance during this unique 2020 Season of Advent. Here is the prayer in its entirety:

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin, and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

This Advent, I invite you to use this prayer as part of your own daily prayer. Allow it to penetrate your heart, mind and soul, for it highlights the nature of this Holy Season, the very purpose of Advent, and draws us into the hope for which we long.

No doubt many of us right now are not feeling very hopeful, with all that's transpired this year and with all of life's uncertainties. Where is all this

going? When will we have a vaccine? Will we ever get back to "normal"? We may not be feeling very optimistic, our confidence may be low and frankly we may not find our future prospects encouraging. This is not meant to be depressing, it's simply facing the reality. But as people of faith, we know that despite all of the challenges, we are nonetheless called to be a people of hope facing every challenge with a sense of joyful expectancy, reassured ourselves and reassuring to others, displaying an optimism not born of ourselves, but of the one who Himself gives us hope in the very midst of the challenges, the one for whom we wait in Advent: Christ Jesus who is our Hope!

As we learn early on in our catechism classes, hope, together with faith and love, is one of the three theological virtues, that virtue by which we both desire and expect from God both eternal life and the grace we need to attain it (CCC 1817).

The Catholic Catechism helps us understand the hope we are called to and which even now the Lord is encouraging in us! The virtue of hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of each person; it takes up the hopes that inspire our activities and purifies them so as to order them to the Kingdom of heaven; it keeps us from discouragement; it sustains us during times of abandonment; it opens

up our hearts in expectation of eternal beatitude. Buoyed up by hope, we are preserved from selfishness and led to the happiness that flows from charity (CCC 1818).

This is the hope that Advent brings, a hope the Lord desires us to experience here and now, a hope which unfolds from the beginning of Jesus' preaching the beatitudes, which trace the path that leads through the trials that await his disciples. "But through the merits of Jesus Christ and of his Passion, God keeps us 'in the hope that does not disappoint.' Hope is the 'sure and steadfast anchor of the soul...that enters...where Jesus has gone as forerunner on our behalf.' Hope is also a weapon that protects us in the struggle of salvation: 'Let us...put on the breastplate of faith and charity, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.' It affords us joy even under trial: 'Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation.' Hope is expressed and nourished in prayer, especially in the Our Father, the summary of everything that hope leads us to desire" (CCC 1820).

In this Advent time then, we are invited to be "witnesses to hope," the hope for which we wait at Christmas, the hope which even now is with us as he promised, as we look to the hope of eternal life.

In his book "Interior Freedom," Father Jacques Philippe, in reflecting on the exercise of freedom in the spiritual life, seems to be speaking directly to our current situation when he writes:

"We should not limit ourselves to accepting things grudgingly, but should truly consent to them – not to endure them, but in a sense 'choose' them (even if in fact we have no choice, and that's what most annoys us). Choosing here means making a free act by which we not only resign ourselves but also embrace the situation. That isn't easy, especially in the case of really painful trials, but it is the right approach,

and we should follow as much as possible in faith and *hope*. If we have enough faith in God to believe him capable of drawing good out of whatever befalls us, he will do so. Jesus says repeatedly in the Gospels, 'As you have believed so let it be done to you' (Mt. 8:16)".

If you've known someone who is not just hopeful but truly hope-filled, you've known someone who clearly has interior joy. Such joy is similar to that of Abraham of whom Saint Paul recounts: "He believed, hoping against hope, that he would become 'the father of many nations'...He did not doubt God's promise in unbelief, rather he was empowered by faith and gave glory to God, and was fully convinced that what God had promised he was also able to do" (Romans 4:18-21).

What God has promised he is able to do! We place our trust in Christ's promise relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit. "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful" (Heb 10:23). This Advent, we are encouraged and inspired that Christ who is our hope came to save us from our sins. He is preserving us even now in this pandemic, so that no matter our situation, if we consent in faith, he will deliver us from evil, grant peace in our days, help us with his mercy, keep us free from sin and safe from all distress, "as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ."

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Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas Bishop of Toledo November 30, 2020

# Prayers for Priests Prayers for Priests

Prayers for Clergy, Religious, and/or Groups of Individuals for each day of the month.



Dear Lord. we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5). May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross. May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.

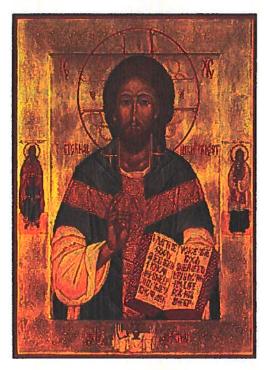
Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

## December 2020

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Rev. James Halleron 6	Rev. Scott Hahn 7	Rev. Thomas Held	Rev. Adam Hertzfeld 9	Rev. Mark Herzog 10	Seminarian Mr. Jacob Livecchi 11	Rev. Gregory Hite 12
Rev. Msgr. Michael Hohenbrink	Rev. Robert Holden 14	Deacons and Missionary Priests	Rev. James Holmer 16	Rev. J. Howe	Rev. Mark Hoying 18	Rev. Monte Hoyles 19
Rev. Christopher Hudgin 20	Rev. John Jesudhason 21	Religious Brothers and Sisters 22	Rev. Joseph Joseph 23	Rev. Jason Kahle 24	Very Rev. Krzysztof Kardzis 25	Seminarian Mr. Bradley McNeal 26
Rev. Kent Kaufman 27	Rev. Franklin Kehres 28	Rev. David Kidd 29	Deceased Priests of the Diocese 30	Rev. Robert Kill 31	PRAY DAILY FOR A PRIEST!	

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## January 2021

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Rev. George Mahas 24	Rev. Joven Malanyaon 25	Seminarian Deacon Joseph Mominee 26	Rev. Manoj Mammen 27	Rev. Francis Mariadas 28	Rev. Jeffrey McBeth 29	Deceased
Rev. Kenneth			OUR PRIE			