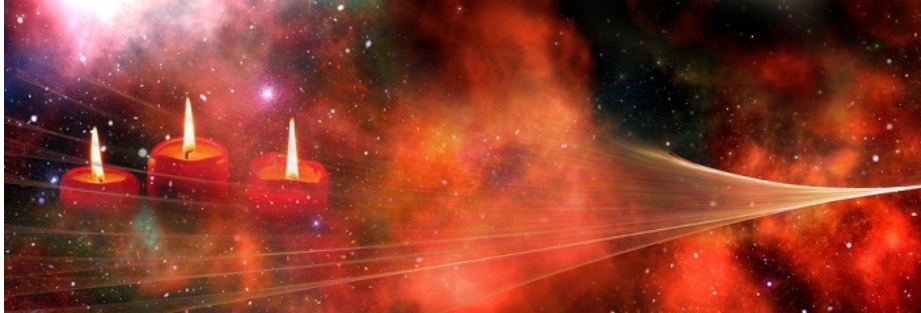


THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

December 17, 2017

The Third Sunday of Advent

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



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The readings this week bring reason for great hope and joy. John the Baptist and Last Prophet is testifying to the Light. The Word needs a speaker and John is all about letting the world know about the Incarnation of the Son of God.

Like John, we are called to testify to Light, to the Son of God. We are to be the voice in the wilderness proclaiming the greatness of Jesus. We are called, through baptism, to serve the poor, give hope to the hopeless and needy, care for sick and let the whole world see by the way we live that through Christ's Redemptive Act, that we too are now part of the Light!

In this Advent season, we are called to celebrate the birth of Jesus, to understand the power of His love and that the baby in the manger will grow to be the Savior of the world! What else do we really need to know?