

Sunday Gospel Reflection:

3rd Sunday of Advent

1. Sign of the Cross

2. Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28 *"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness"*



⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

The Testimony of John the Baptist

¹⁹ This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹ And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." ²² Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³ He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴ Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵ They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" ²⁶ John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷ the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." ²⁸ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

3. Reflection: (reflect on own or share together if with others)

1. Do you feel like living your faith in our current culture and world is difficult? How so? Be specific.
2. In order to rejoice in your faith and live it out boldly we need to be deeply in love with the God we serve. How can we increase our love for God this advent? A good way can be to reflect on all the good things He has done for us and rejoice in them!
3. What can you do to better live out your faith in our world? What are some small steps that you can take?

4. **Share petitions that you would like to pray for: Finish with the Special Petition.**

Special Petition: Let us pray for a spirit of joy and thankfulness as we approach the birth of our Saviour.

5. **Lord's Prayer**

6. **Sign of the Cross.**