

The Universal Prayer
Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2017

Presider:

As God's holy people, we are told to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, release to prisoners and proclaim God's favor to all the earth. On this Gaudete Sunday, as we await the coming of our salvation, let us offer our prayers, rejoicing always in the Lord.

Reader:

- 1. For the Church: that like John the Baptist, she may unceasingly and with great joy prepare the way of the Lord, in the hearts and lives of all Believers.**
- 2. For our world, but especially for the peace of Jerusalem and all who claim it as a spiritual home.**
- 3. For our nation, especially for everyone impacted by the California wildfires: may our prayers be a source of comfort.**
- 4. For ourselves: may the God of peace makes us holy and preserve us blameless until the coming of the Lord.**
- 5. For everyone who bears with physical, emotional, or spiritual burdens especially Irene Busher, Horace Ricks and Lynn Bradley: may our prayers for their well-being rise like incense before the throne of God.**
- 6. For our blessed dead, especially Rose Miniere, Father Tom Roberts, and *N., whom we remember at this mass.**

***Sat. 5:0PM.....Monsignor Jim Bouffard**

***Sun...9:00AM...Carmela and Luigi Parillo and Stanley Nowik**

***Sun...1:00....Arturo Nera**

- 7. For the prayers in our parish book of life and for those whom we care about who are depressed in this season: may our love and support and the compassion of God bring them to joy and peace.**

Presider:

O God, you have done great things for us. Strengthen us as we follow John the Baptist's call to change our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.