

Third Sunday of Advent

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

The Third Sunday of Advent marks a turning point in the season of preparation. Known as Gaudete Sunday, from the Latin “Rejoice,” it calls the Church to joyful anticipation as the coming of the Lord draws near.

1. Catechism of the Catholic Church

CCC 524 reminds the faithful that Advent renews our longing for Christ’s first and second coming.

CCC 711 speaks of God’s plan to unite all things in Christ.

2. General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar

Advent is a season of joyful expectation. The Third Sunday emphasizes hope and confidence in God’s saving work.

3. Lectionary Themes by Liturgical Year

Year A: Matthew 11:2–11 – Signs of the Kingdom bring reassurance and hope.

Year B: John 1:6–8, 19–28 – John the Baptist rejoices as a witness to the light.

Year C: Luke 3:10–18 – Joy expressed through justice and generosity.

4. Collect (Opening Prayer) – Roman Missal

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord’s Nativity, enable us to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with glad rejoicing.

5. Preface of Advent

Christ has come in humility and will come again in glory, the source of Christian joy.

6. Creed and Christian Joy

The Creed proclaims our hope: Christ will come again in glory.

7. Summary

Gaudete Sunday calls the Church to rejoice, for the Lord is near.

Saint Mungo’s RCIA

Third Sunday of Advent

PASSIONISTS GLASGOW



Saint Mungo's RCIA