

Gospel December 12, 2021. Cycle C  
3rd Sunday ADVENT  
SUNDAY OF JOY



**THE LORD IS IN THE MIDST OF YOU,**



**HE REJOICES AND ENJOYS BEING WITH YOU**

**SETTING**

The Lord is near, joy overflows in all creation. May his joy bless us to become that friendly, kind, close face with all those I meet, with whom I work and walk, with all those I seek or seek me, with all those who need something and that I can give them. ... With everyone.

This message that Advent brings, always necessary and especially today, encourages us and encourages us to continue looking for you, in this Path of Care, especially sensitive to others.

Let's get down from all the high stages, from all the renowned searches, to look, recognize and embrace the simple, the small.

**SONG. Felices - Pablo Coloma**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xPmP\\_GkUi9s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xPmP_GkUi9s)

## **GOSPEL - Luke 3, 10-18**

At that time, people asked John: "So what do we do then?" He replied: - «He who has two tunics, let him share them with the one who does not have; and whoever has food, do the same. " Some publicans also came to be baptized and asked him: "Teacher, what are we to do?" He answered them: - «Do not demand more than what is established. » Some soldiers asked him: "What do we do?" He replied: - "Do not extort or take advantage of anyone, but be content with the pay." The people were in expectation, and they all wondered if it was not John the Messiah; John answered them all - «I baptize you with water but one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

### **We deepen the text**

Those who approach John the Baptist are the little ones, the mass, the people, the frowned upon (the publicans and the soldiers who probably accompanied him): for them the rude way of speaking of the prophet was Good News. They humbly ask themselves: What does it mean to be converted ? John the Baptist has a simple answer to his question: Our conversion is measured by our attitude toward our neighbour. Later, along the same lines, Jesus will say: "They are not those who say Lord, Lord ... " But in reality, the masses who were approaching John's baptism and asking, "What should we do?" Could have answered themselves because John's preaching was in line with that of the prophets: practice righteousness, sharing, non-violence. These were his favorite subjects. In addition, John behaved like a prophet so it was normal for people to wonder: Is this the Messiah?

John's response on this point is very firm: "no, I am not the Messiah." Who is the Messiah then?

**First** , the Messiah is the one who baptizes in the Holy Spirit; because It was already known from the prophet Joel that in the time of the Messiah, God would infuse his Spirit in every human being. With John the Baptist, a new step is taken, John the Baptist gives Baptism a new meaning: the meaning of conversion and the remission of sins. But John also announces that, with Jesus, everything will be different: «I baptize you with water ... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. »

**Second**, the Messiah comes to perform the Judgment of God. This aspect of the calling of the Messiah was present in the Old Testament. In the first place, all the meditation on the ideal king that was expected for the messianic times presented him as the one who would make all evil disappear and who would make justice reign. Usually, this judgment of God was evoked as a purification that would take place through fire and a selection operation. Jhon's listeners knew this image, they knew that it was a Good News because the selection would not suppress anyone: that fire would not be a fire of destruction but, rather, of purification; This fire will free us all from what, in each one of us, is not in accordance with the kingdom of justice and peace established by the Messiah.

Jhon the Baptist invites you to share; and it does not do it to disconcert us; Rather, it seems that he wants to invite us to share without conducting surveys: What if this were the conversion? **Very often, before helping others, we ask ourselves if they deserve that we take care of them without realizing that, in this way, we still place ourselves on the problem of merit and not on that of the gratuitousness of love.**

### **Clues for Prayer**

1. What does it mean to you to convert yourself? What conversion are you called to in this season of Advent?
2. What do you have to share in your life?
3. How do we announce the Gospel in this Synodal stage?

**BY HSPPY, THE LORD IS NEAR \_\_\_\_\_**

**AMBIENTAL MUSIC. Sicar – Andrés Tejero**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TpxUbKxT\\_s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TpxUbKxT_s)

### **IF YOU LIVE IT, SHARE IT**

With immense joy,  
from shared joy,  
we welcome the novelty  
of what is, joy and jubilation.  
Joy that floods us,  
encourages us, strengthens us  
and guides us in being and doing.  
Created to be joy,  
even in hard times,  
because there is always someone  
that walks with you.

Walk with joy.  
Work with joy.  
Love with joy.  
Share with joy.  
Welcome with joy.  
Accompany with joy.  
Listen with joy.  
Speak with joy.  
Get excited with joy.  
Do everything with joy,  
be happy be happy,  
The Lord is near.  
And what can we do?  
be kind  
be fair,  
do not violate anyone,  
walk serene,  
look in detail,  
share with everyone, everything;  
do not be suspicious,  
be transparent,  
listen carefully,  
that you worry about the other.  
take care of the land, the water,  
attend to the poor.  
Let your measure be that of love.  
Let's walk with open hands  
With a tender heart and don't forget to laugh,  
May your joy spread to everyone.  
I repeat, be happy.

## SINGING

**El Señor nos bendiga | Cristóbal Fones, SJ**

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