

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WAKE UP & GET READY
Christ is Coming!

BE FAITHFUL



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Jesus our hope, you encourage us to be a people of faith. Open our eyes to see you as you are and live as the person you call us to be. We may not always BE FAITHFUL, but we know that you love us and guide us. Thank you for the gift of faith as we await your coming.

Amen.

Take time this week to talk with a friend or someone from your parish community about the pros and cons of being a person of faith in the world.

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There is a line from the movie the Shawshank Redemption that says “hope is a good thing; maybe the best of things and a good thing never dies.” Faith is the “good thing” that never fails. We may fail it from time to time, but it never denies us. In St. Paul’s letter to the Philippians he gives us the instructions for how to be faithful: rejoice in the Lord, be gentle to everyone, be thankful, and pray. By doing this we have a faith that does good and knows good. And isn’t this what God asks of us? Still not sure, look at John the Baptist. He gives further instructions on faith: give our excess of goods to others and humbly reflect Christ in your life. Faith is not a magical thing some people have and others do not. We are all blessed with faith. But it is up to us to cultivate it!

Reflection ~ what steps can I take to deepen my faith in these last two weeks of Advent?

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