

Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday

(over intercom or in class)

Principal/ Teacher: We begin our prayer with the sign of the cross, In the name of the Father.....

Principal/ Teacher: The 3rd Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday, Gaudete means Joy. We celebrate with joy as we journey in Advent and look forward to Christmas when we celebrate our joy of the birth of Jesus. Waiting is not always easy and especially during the pandemic many people have found it very hard to be waiting. Waiting for a cure, waiting to see family and friends, waiting to be able to travel home, waiting to be healed of sickness or pain of loneliness. As we light our candles on the wreath let us take a moment and remember all who find waiting difficult. May we be a light for them that they be helped and strengthened in the knowledge that God is with us.



We light the **pink candle** for the third Sunday of Advent. As we light our three candles we are reminded that God is with us in our time of waiting.

Hymn (Sung, recited or played) or play through the link here!

<https://vimeo.com/280567301>

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (5th class GIL)

O come, O come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Chorus: Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

1. O come, O Wisdom from on high,
Who ordered all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show
And teach us in its ways to go.

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times did give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

Principal/Teacher: let us now listen to a passage from our sacred text.

(Perhaps a child can read)

Lk 1:39-45

Soon afterwards Mary got ready and hurried off to a town in the hill country of Judea. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby moved within her. Elizabeth said in a loud voice, 'You are the most blessed of all women and blessed is the child you will bear! Why should this great thing happen to me, that the Lord's mother comes to visit me? For as soon as I heard your greeting, the baby within me jumped with gladness. How happy you are to believe that the Lord's message to you will come true!'

Prayers: read by child/children

1. Time is a gift. Help us O Lord to use our time well especially in this time of waiting. R/ Come Lord Jesus, come
2. We pray for all who find waiting difficult especially those who are away from home, those who are ill, those who worry, those who are lonely. Lord, may they be comforted in your love for us all. R/ Come Lord Jesus, come
3. We thank you God for friendship. Help us to be of help to our friends in time of joy and sadness as Mary and Elizabeth were to each other. R/ Come Lord Jesus, come
4. O Lord we pray for our families and our school community. May we always recognise your love for us all. R/ Come Lord Jesus, come.

We end our prayer with the sign of the cross, In the name of the Father.....Amen