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EXHORT CLOAKS FOOD TAX EXTORTION WAGES THONGS HOLY SPIRIT FIRE WINNOWING CHAFF

Catechizing Corner!

This Sunday is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means rejoice. The entrance antiphon for today's liturgy echoes the second reading from Philippians, "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice." The joyful nature of the season of Advent is especially evident in today's readings. Even though the liturgical purple has Lenten overtones and repentance is stressed. The season of Advent exudes an overall feeling of joyful expectation.

Mary Birmingham, <u>Word and Worship</u> <u>Workbook, Cycle C</u> Paulist Press, 1998

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Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God Luke 3:10-18

Faith Sharing Questions of the week

Closing Prayer



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Holy Family is a welcoming Catholic Eucharistic community of disciples of Jesus Christ connecting faith with life and reaching out to those in need!

Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Luke 3:10-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise."

Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him,

"Teacher, what should we do?"

He answered them,

"Stop collecting more than what is prescribed."

Soldiers also asked him,

"And what is it that we should do?" He told them,

"Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." Now the people were filled with expectation,

and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying,

"I am baptizing you with water,

but one mightier than I is coming.

I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor

and to gather the wheat into his barn,

but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Adults: What can I do this week to listen, see and act on God's response to the question posed to John the Baptist?

Teens: Talk about the importance of keeping promises?

Children: How can I be welcoming and friendly to another child who might be different or shy this week?

Families: How can you live the promise of your Baptism each day?

Closing Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for the promise of the scripture that through Christ, we have hope. We ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

Gospel Glossary

Exhort means to strongly encourage or urge (someone) to do something.

Winnowing means to blow a current of air through

(grain) in order to remove the chaff.

Chaff are the husks of corn or other seed separated by winnowing or threshing.

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