

KEEPING FAITH FIRST- WORD SEARCH

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Catechizing Corner!

John is the prophet who explodes onto the scene during Advent and Lent in the readings as the one who exhorts us to repent and tell us of our need for God's forgiveness and redemption.

John is a symbol of the preaching ministry and reminds us that we are all called to preach the living Word of God. John is the prophet who heralds the Savior and reminds us of our appointed task in this day and age. We, too, are to herald the Christ in our everyday lives.

Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook.

Cycle B, Paulist Press



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Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

Third Sunday of Advent

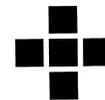
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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God
John 1:6-8, 19-28

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 John 1:6-8, 19-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him,

"Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord, as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing

The Gospel of the Lord



Gospel Glossary

To testify or to give testimony means to give witness to truth.

Levites, from the tribe of Levi, were in charge of serving in the temple.

The Christ means the "anointed one," the Messiah promised by God.

The Jews believed that **Elijah**, a prophet of the Old Testament who was taken up to heaven in a chariot of fire, would come back to earth to prepare the way

for the Messiah. Jesus would later say that John the Baptist was Elijah. Since there were many promises and predictions about the Messiah, the **Prophet** could refer to the Christ, Elijah, or some other special teacher from God.

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Children: If I had to grade myself for my Advent participation, what would it be and why?

Teen: John the Baptist gave a blessing of water, spirit, cleansing. How can I give a blessing to others this Advent?

Adult: This Christmas season, how can I testify to the light of the Lord in actions, not words?

Family: How can I be a blessing in the lives of those I know and of those I do not?

Closing Prayer

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Third Sunday of Advent