

3rd Sunday of Advent  
December 12, 2021

# FAITH @ HOME

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**First Reading:** Zephaniah 3:14-18a  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6  
**Second Reading:** Philippians 4:4-7  
**Gospel:** Luke 3:10-18

[Full readings can be found here!](#)

## 1. HEAR

Grab your Bible and look up today's Gospel reading. If you don't have a Bible available, you can [find the readings here](#).

[Click here](#) if you would like to watch a video that has images accompanying the proclamation of the Gospel.

Families with children might prefer [this video of the Gospel](#) (from *Holy Heroes*; 2:51 min).

## 2. PRAY

In this week's Gospel, John the Baptist was in the desert preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sin. Various groups of people who had gone out to hear John preach ask him, "What should we do?" When they hear John's answers, they wonder if he is the Messiah they had been expecting. John assures them he is not the Messiah, but that the Messiah is coming.

On this Third Sunday of Advent, we too are waiting expectantly for the coming of the Messiah. Slowly read the Gospel again.

Share with us how you are living out your faith at home. Use #LACatholicsBelieve and tag @LACatholics on social media.

After reading the Gospel, ask Jesus what you should do during these final weeks of Advent to prepare for his coming. Listen for Jesus to respond. Talk with Jesus about what he is inviting you to do.



When you are ready, close your prayer by praying: Glory be...

## 3. TALK

Family Conversation:

- Tell your family what you talked with Jesus about. Share what He told you and what you think He wants you to do these last weeks of Advent.

Personal Activity:

- This Sunday is the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**. Like St. Juan Diego, you could be a messenger of love. Make a list of the important people in your life. Contact them this week (by phone, text, email, etc.) to tell them that they are important to you and that you are praying for them. (Be sure you do actually pray for them, too!)



Activity for Children:

- [This link has activities \(available in English and Spanish\)](#) for children to learn about St. Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe.



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