

3rd Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025

FAITH @ HOME

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First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146:6-7,8-9,9-10
Second Reading: James 5:7-10
Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

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

1. HEAR

Grab your bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries you can find the Gospel reading by clicking [HERE](#). *(Bishop O'Connell's Gospel Reflection page.)*

As an alternative to reading the Gospel, you can watch a short video with the proclamation for adults by clicking [HERE](#). *(YouTube, 德蘭社 channel, 2:01 min)*

Children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking [HERE](#). *(YouTube, ShareFaith Kids, 2:53 min.)*

2. PRAY

Gather with your family or a friend in a comfortable room in your home. Spend time with Jesus, recalling what you heard in the Gospel.

What actions of Jesus in your life or in the life of others can you recall and name? *(Allow for each person to reflect on this question for a minute or so.)*

What emotions do you feel by acknowledging all the wonderful deeds of Jesus in your life? *(Allow for each person to reflect on this question for a minute or so.)*

Optional: if you have small children, ask them to draw their answer to both questions.

Invite everyone to say a prayer of thanksgiving to Jesus for all the blessings he has brought to their lives. They may even give thanks for specific people in their lives. *(If small children are present and they drew their answer, ask them to share with the rest.)*

3. TALK

Today is Gaudette Sunday, in which we rejoice for the coming of Jesus in Bethlehem.

In the Gospel we hear how Jesus praises John the Baptist as a the greatest of the prophets because he was faithful to God. Share with one another some of the ways you put into practice what Jesus teaches us, such as love one another, forgive other's transgressions against you, help the needy, etc. *(Allow time for each person to speak, including children and youth.)*

Next, ask everyone to name ways in which they can imitate the example of John the Baptist.

