

The Great Adventure

Week 3

JOY: Gaudete Sunday

This Sunday is known as [Gaudete Sunday](#). It is the Sunday that we light the pink candle as a sign of JOY that we have reached the mid-way point of our journey to Christmas.

Gaudete is the Latin word for *Rejoice*, the first word of this Sunday's entrance antiphon. Click on the photo below to download *The Kids' Bulletin* for this week. And be sure to check out *The Kids' Bulletin website* for their weekly free bulletin.

Who Will Lead You to God?

Today's Gospel reading tells us about Saint John the Baptist, who prepared the people for the coming of Jesus. At first people thought that he might be the saviour they were all waiting for, but he was very clear when he told them that he wasn't - there was one coming after him Who would be the truly great One.

Sometimes we hear about great or important people. We know about movie stars and singers and government leaders. Who are some important people you know of?

Do those people that you've thought about help to bring you closer to God? Do they teach you well and give good examples? Or do they lead people away from God by doing wrong things or making fun of God's truths?

We can know which people are really great by thinking about whether they lead us closer to God, like Saint John the Baptist did, or further away from Him. Which sort of people do you want to follow?

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What does Saint John the Evangelist say about Saint John the Baptist at the beginning of the Gospel? Read the words you pass as you go through the maze.

Was the priest who offered Mass today wearing pink vestments? The colour pink, or rose, is a sign of joy. We use it for the third Sunday of Advent because we are happy that we're half-way to Christmas! If you have an Advent wreath, it's time to light the pink candle!

This Sunday, December 13th, is also the **feast of Saint Lucy**. We do not know much about Lucy since she died more than 1,700 years ago!! She died as a martyr, which means she died because she believed in and loved God.

She has always been associated with light and is known as the patron of the blind.

In the Scandinavian countries, Norway, Sweden and Finland, they celebrate St. Lucy in a special way. Young girls dressed in white and wearing lighted wreaths on their heads lead the local festivals, which mark the beginning of the Christmas season and is meant to bring hope and light during the darkest time of the year. Click on the photo to learn how to make your own wreath crown.



Advent Word Search

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JOY
ADVENT
CANDLE
WAITING
WREATH
PURPLE
PINK
REJOICE
HOPE
LOVE
FAITH
JESUS
SUNDAY
CHRISTMAS

Click on the photo above to play the word search game online. Every time you play the grid of letters changes!

The Jesse Tree

Although we are halfway through Advent, it's not too late to check out this Advent tradition.

The Jesse tree helps us to know the events and people from the Old Testament that lead up to the birth of Jesus.



The Jesse tree gets its name from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of King David. Below are links to everything you wanted to know about the Jesse Tree including a link to print your own ornaments.

- [The Jesse Tree](#) (you can download a free slide show.)
- [Why Christmas: Traditions and Customs](#)
- [My Jesse Tree](#)
- [Jesse Tree \(video\)](#)

Jesse Tree Ornaments
Free Printable!
Easy - print, color, and cut!

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