

Sunday 16 December 2018: Third Sunday of Advent



What, then, must we do?

...Traditionally, the liturgy of the Third Sunday of Advent overflows with the theme of the joy of believing. This is one of Luke's favourite themes, and the gospel reading's reference to the 'feeling of anticipation' John's preaching aroused, and his foretelling of the Lord who 'will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire' chime in with this theme. Clearly, our liturgy's other readings have been chosen with this tradition in mind. 'I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord', Paul writes to the Philippians; and he recommends practical ways that lead to authentic happiness 'in the Lord...

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