

Who Are You?

So far the readings for Sundays in Advent have shown God leading the people into a new way of life—a way of righteousness and loyalty, of honesty and responsibility. Today the readings show the people beginning to see that the accomplishment of this transformation would come through the leadership of one individual. Who might that person be?

The passage from Isaiah describes a prophet, one anointed by God and bringing good news to the poor. When the Baptist appears on the scene in John’s Gospel, people wonder if it might be him. He insists he is not the one, nor is he a prophet. Then, “Who are you?” (John 1:19) Recalling the passage from Isaiah read on the First Sunday of Advent, John tells them he is the one repairing the road, getting it ready for the long-awaited one to arrive. He adds that his baptism is a baptism of repentance. He is readying them to be what Paul describes as “perfectly holy...blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

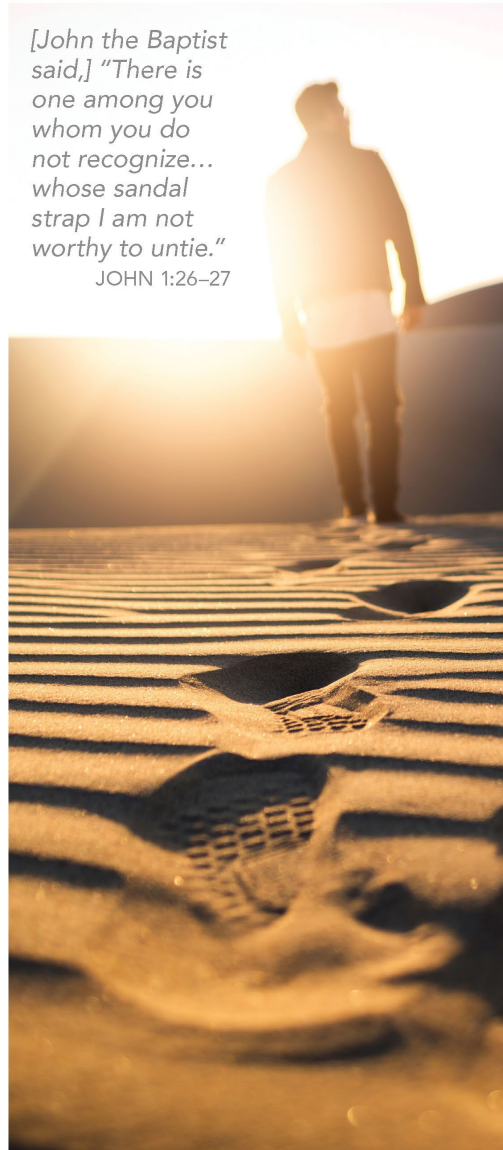
We now see that these readings are preparing us for salvation. We are now told that such divine graciousness will be inaugurated by an individual, one who has not yet been identified. Will it be a powerful king? A mighty warrior? A spectacular prophet? Those in the time before Christ didn’t know. We now know that it will be someone powerful enough to initiate a revolutionary change in the lives of the entire people. Now waiting gets exciting.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ How might you envision this long-awaited one? What do you think the nation needs in a leader?
- ✦ What kind of revolutionary transformation do you think we need today?

[John the Baptist said,] “There is one among you whom you do not recognize... whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.”
JOHN 1:26-27



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Third Sunday of Advent – Year B

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Mon. Tues. & Wed .12:10 pm

Thurs. & Fri. 5:30 pm

Reconciliation time: Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45pm; Sunday, 9:45-10:15am or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Innocent for any other sacraments or funerals

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Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Dec. 06	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	Postponed
Dec. 13	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	Postponed
Dec. 20	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	Postponed
Dec. 27	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	Postponed
Jan. 03	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	Postponed

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