

DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Offertory: December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Our Lady of the Valley \$743 Chapel of the Snows \$894 Online Giving \$100

Total \$1737



When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?” Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.” As John’s disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings’ palaces. Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written:” ‘I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. *Matthew 11:2-11*

### Mass Intentions

#### Our Lady of the Valley

12/11/2022 RIP: William Scaplen

#### Chapel of Snows

12/10/2022 Intention: Henderson Family

12/4/22 Intention: The Homeless

### Advent Penance Service

Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM  
confessions will be heard along with  
Adoration and Benediction. Please come join  
us for this solemn night of reflection and  
prayer.

### Readings for the Week of December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Sunday:** Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

**Monday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab (Ps)Jdt 13:18bc, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 or 7:7-11

**Tuesday:** Zep3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23/Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday:** Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9-14/Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday:** Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Lk 7:24-30

**Friday:** Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Jn 5:33-36

**Saturday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

**Sunday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-6/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:1-17



## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning “rejoice.” Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near. This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God. The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter [14:3-12](#). In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater. Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing. (Copyright 2022 Loyola Press. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission. [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com))

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*May God Bless you always*

### Chapel of the Snows Winter Mass Schedule

We are excited to have so many of our friends and family return to Stratton Mountain this winter.

#### **Welcome Home!**

Beginning November 26<sup>th</sup> through Easter we will have two masses each weekend

**Saturday, 4:30 pm**

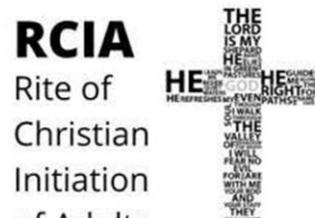
Interested in learning more about becoming  
**Catholic?**

Let's talk.

Deacon RJ Dourney

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### **Altar Server Meeting**

Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at **6:30pm** followed by **Pizza** at St Charles in Bellows Falls. Call or text Deacon RJ with questions @ 774.766.0907