

Universal Prayer
Third Sunday of Advent
December 17

We pray for our Holy Father, obishops and priests, who baptize with water and make straight the way of the Lord: that their ministry may be blessed and fruitful among God's holy people. **Let us...**

We pray for a renewal of the gift of the Holy Spirit, given to us in Baptism and strengthen and sealed in Confirmation: that all members of the Church may announce Good News, share hope, and offer compassionate care for those around us. **Let us...**

We pray for world leaders: that the Prince of Peace, who came to bring glad tidings to the poor, to release prisoners, and to heal the brokenhearted, may instruct their hearts in His ways. **We pray to the Lord.**

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We pray for all who are held captive whether by economic situations, lack of education, or by addiction: that God will free them and open new opportunities for life, growth, and wholeness. **We pray to the Lord.**

We pray for us gathered today: that on this Advent Sunday dedicated to the spirit of joy, we may be given the grace to rejoice always in the spirit. **We pray to the Lord.**

We pray for the faithful departed: that the God of peace may make them blameless and perfectly holy, worthy to behold Him face to face in the heavenly kingdom...and for

5:00	Brennen and Finley Bereda – Jane Hellmann – and Gerald Schroeder
8:30	Robert and Andrea Petersen
10:30	Thomas Beck – Sandra Walter – and Paul Range

...for whom this Mass is offered. **Let us...**