Sunday Gospel Reflection

Third Sunday of Advent

1. Sign of the Cross

2. Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

"I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."



Messengers from John the Baptist

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴ Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the

lepers^[c] are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

Jesus Praises John the Baptist

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

3. Reflection: (reflect on your own or share together if with others)

- 1. How did John the Baptist prepare the way before the Lord?
- 2. When Jesus says, "Go and tell John what you hear and see," what does he say about what they have seen and heard?
- 3. ", the blind receive their sight,...." in this statement what does it say about the mission of the church?'
- 4. Share petitions that you would like to pray for: Finish with the Special Petition.

Special Petition: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

- 5. Lord's Prayer
- 6. Sign of the Cross.