

Notes from the Liturgist...

Jesus Over You

We are now on the Third Sunday of Advent, traditionally called the “*Gaudete Sunday*”. It is Latin for rejoice. This Sunday, the readings emphasizes to us the joyous anticipation of the coming of our Lord. The priest wears rose vestment to emphasize our joy and we also light the rose candle in the advent wreath.

The *Gaudete Sunday* is a celebration of joy. It is Christian joy for the Lord is near. The church emphasizes that joy should be in our heart for the birth of our Savior is the reason for that joy.

The entrance antiphon on *Gaudete Sunday* says “Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.” Yes, the arrival of our Savior is near but not just yet, for He comes at the hour that no one knows, so we need to joyfully anticipate and prepare ourselves for His arrival. Be open and have a heart prepared always so that when he comes we are ready to welcome him into our heart. Always remember JOY... **J**esus **O**ver **Y**ou, for even in the darkness of our lives, there is JOY.

My dear friends, as we joyfully continue our journey towards Christmas let us continue to be strong in faith, make straight the way of the Lord and do not fear, for our Savior will come and he will save us.

Happy Gaudete Sunday To One and All...

- Ace Tupasi