

Week Beginning 16th December (Monday)

Joy to the World

Joy is a net of love in which you can catch souls

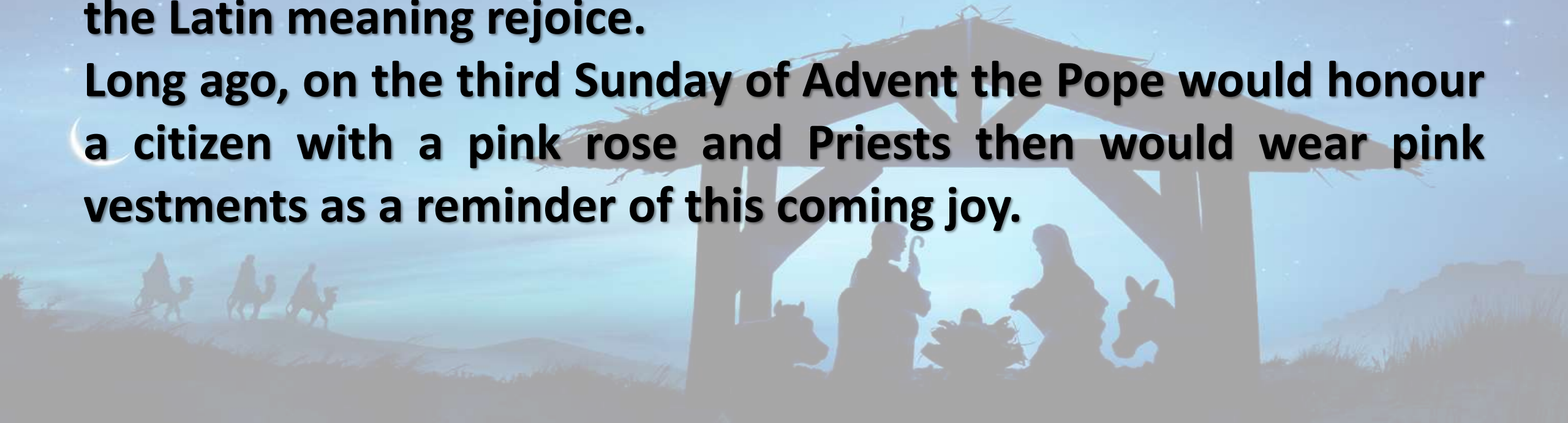
— Mother Teresa



On Sunday we lit the third candle of the Advent wreath. Whereas the previous two candles have been purple for a time of repentance and fasting the third candle is pink which is the colour chosen to represent joy.

The 3rd Sunday in Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday from the Latin meaning rejoice.

Long ago, on the third Sunday of Advent the Pope would honour a citizen with a pink rose and Priests then would wear pink vestments as a reminder of this coming joy.



Let us join together in celebration for the joy that awaits us with the birth of Jesus as we say together;

**Our Father, Who art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy Name;
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Amen

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Today

I
choose

JOY.

God

already knows

what this day brings, and

He's got my back.

No need to
worry.



As with all things that God offers us, it is our choice to accept or reject his gifts. Sometimes we choose to reject the gift of joy and refuse to see the joyful things around us.

Today, let us all choose joy!

**Let us say together the following prayer written by
St Paul;**

***May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with
hope by the power of the Holy Spirit***

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord

AMEN

Romans 15:13

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Proverbs 15:30

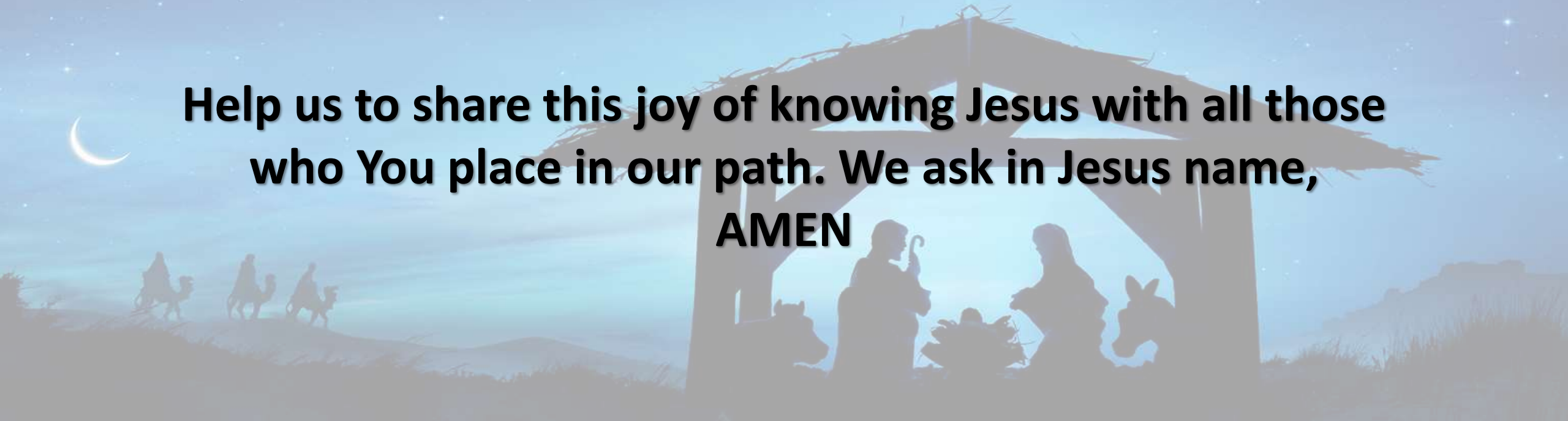
Read this short piece of scripture and take a moment to reflect;

Have I ever stopped to think how much power there is in a look?

Who can I bring joy to today just by a 'cheerful' look?

Heavenly Father, we bless and thank You for the glad tidings of great joy that were given to all people through that angelic host so many years ago. Thank You for Jesus and the joy and peace that floods the hearts of all who have found in Him the rock of their Salvation

**Help us to share this joy of knowing Jesus with all those who You place in our path. We ask in Jesus name,
AMEN**



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Young people do not solely need material things. They need to have values which are the heart of people... spirituality, generosity, solidarity, perseverance, brotherhood and joy.’ - Pope Francis

Throughout the festive season we can get bogged down by the onslaught of material things like presents, parties and food. They do bring us joy, but usually only for a little while. This blocks us from seeing the everlasting Joy that comes from the gift of Jesus and our faith in our lives.

It's through our faith that we are given the strength to carry on in the dark times, and it's the path that God has planned for us which brings us the people and opportunities that give us Joy.

May we take time over Christmas to have a break between all the festive fun to thank the Lord for giving us the gift of Jesus Christ each year and that we try and grow in our relationship with him each day.

Let us ask the intercession of our heavenly Mother to guide us as we say together;

Hail Mary, full of grace.

Our Lord is with thee.

**Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,**

Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

pray for us sinners,

now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.