

Hello,

Happy Third Sunday of Advent! Or perhaps I should say Joyful! The Third Sunday of Advent is one of the two times in the year when the liturgical color is pink, and the character of the day is Joy in preparing to celebrate birth.

I have heard some priests say “I’m not wearing pink vestments, I’m wearing rose colored vestments.” To them I can only say “If you’re not ok wearing pink, why are you ok wearing rose?” 😊.

Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Hans". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Fr. Hans

## **December 13<sup>th</sup> — The Third Sunday of Advent**

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, “Who are you?” He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, “I am not the Christ.”

So they asked him, “What are you then? Are you Elijah?”

And he said, “I am not.”

“Are you the Prophet?”

He answered, “No.”

So they said to him, “Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?”

He said: “I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘make straight the way of the Lord,’” as Isaiah the prophet said.”

Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?”

John answered them, “I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.”

This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

### **Questions for Reflection:**

- What does it mean to refer to Jesus as “The Light”?
- Do I make the way straight and easy for Jesus in my life?
- Why does John downplay his baptism? What makes Christian baptism different from John’s baptism?
- Am I worthy to untie Jesus’s sandal straps?