Universal Prayer
Third Sunday of Advent
December 15 & 16

We pray that the Holy Father and all Church leaders will guide the Church in a spirit of joy, so that we will be instruments in helping others become aware of God’s work in their lives.

We pray that, amid the temporary things of this life, all Christians will live in hope and anticipation of God’s kingdom of truth, justice, and mercy.

We pray that those in public service will be led by the Spirit as they discern their decisions, and the long term effects their decisions will have on us, future generations, and the natural resources of the earth.

We pray that justice will flourish in our world; that all people will strive to fulfill their duties to others; and that the sharing of our gifts will ease the suffering and promote the wellbeing of others.

We pray for all who feel overwhelmed by life, especially as they see others joyfully anticipating the Christmas holiday. May the Prophet Zephaniah’s message of "have no fear" renew their hearts and fill their spirits with hope. And that all of us will be mindful of those who are not looking forward to celebrating the upcoming season.

We pray that, through our relationship with our sister parish in Guatemala, both our parishes may continue to spread the joy of the gospel and be strengthened by each other's faith, prayers, perseverance, and generosity.

We pray that the souls of the faithful departed will rejoice in the splendor of the presence of God…

5:00 …and for Clare Schwaegel - and Bill Munie who are remembered in this Mass.

8:30 …and for Ed Kloustermeyer - and Cy and Lucy WeSSERT who are remembered in this Mass.

10:30 …and for Mary Mennerick - and Eric Jines who are remembered in this Mass.