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"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 week, we celebrate the **Third Sunday of Advent**, also known as “Gaudete Sunday”. We rejoice as we await the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas! To symbolize this joy as we wait for our savior, we light the rose candle on our Advent wreath. For this week’s craft, make your own Advent wreath. Find complete directions and a photo at http://www.catholicmom.com/advent_wreath_craft.htm.

In today’s Gospel reading (**John 1:6-8, 19-28**), John the Baptist tried every way he knew to spread the word about the coming of Jesus. Let’s look for opportunities in our own lives, during this season of Advent, to spread the good news about the Baby Jesus who will be coming soon. What a great reason to be joyful during Advent!

For More Fun:

- ✓ Look for chances this week to “rejoice” or to give family and friends a reason to rejoice. Keep a “joyful list” to celebrate the things your family is grateful for this week.
- ✓ This week, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (12/12) and the lives of St. Lucy (12/13) and St. John of the Cross (12/14). Learn more about the lives of the saints at www.Saints.SQPN.com.
- ✓ Support our ministry this week by purchasing Lisa Hendey’s new book: **A Book of Saints for Catholic Moms** at Amazon, Barnes & Noble or your local Catholic bookstore. Thank you for your support!
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“My soul rejoices in my God.”