

SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT
JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

NAME: _____



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John the Baptist

This week is the third week of Advent, a time when we prepare ourselves for Christmas – Christ's birth! In this week's Gospel, John the Baptist tells people to prepare themselves for “the one who is to follow.” We know this is Jesus, but the people who heard John did not know what to expect! Who would this man be and how were they supposed to prepare for him?

John the Baptist speaks to us directly here as he did when he walked the earth: We need to prepare ourselves for Jesus this Christmas by asking forgiveness when we do something wrong, and by spreading the love of God by being kind and loving to other people!



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FOR MORE FUN!

- ★ Think about a person that you can make smile this week – bring Joy to another!
- ★ Advent is a time when we are called to prepare for Christmas! Think about some of the ways your family prepares for Christmas day. Now write down how you can prepare your hearts and minds for Christ's birthday!
- ★ One week from today is Christmas Eve! Make a birthday cake for Jesus!
- ★ Consider this week learning the second Joyful Mystery of the Rosary, *The Visitation*. In this mystery, Mary visits her older cousin Elizabeth who had never been able to have children but by a miracle is expecting a baby, John the Baptist! Mary, who is pregnant with Jesus, makes a very long journey to bring comfort to her cousin.
- ★ Color the page below, and put it up in your house. Whenever you see it pray one Hail Mary and ask the Blessed Mother and Saint Elizabeth to pray for you!



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The Second Joyful Mystery: The Visitation