

Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Ojai, CA

Prayer of the Faithful for Sunday 12/17/2017

Third Sunday of Advent

Presider

With rejoicing hearts full of faith, we pray without ceasing.

Deacon / Lector

1. For the Church during this holy season of Advent, that we testify to Christ by rejoicing in him always. We pray to the Lord.
2. For our country during these winter months, that we serve the poor and needy in a spirit of Christmas charity. We pray to the Lord.
3. For those in our region who have been impacted by the wildfires, that the Lord would strengthen and console them in this difficult time. We pray to the Lord.
4. For the sick members of this community of faith, that they be comforted and encouraged in God's love. We pray to the Lord.
5. For all who form this worshipping assembly, that we may be united in prayer and thanksgiving to God. We pray to the Lord.
6. **(5:00 p.m.)** For the special intention for the Ministers to the Sick for whom this Eucharist is offered. We pray to the Lord.
(7:30 a.m.) For the special intention for the entire Saint Thomas Aquinas parish community for whom this Eucharist is offered. We pray to the Lord.
(9:30 a.m.) For the special intention for the peaceful repose of the soul of _____ for whom this Eucharist is offered. We pray to the Lord.
7. For the prayers on our parish prayer line; the prayers in our book of intentions, and the prayers that we hold in the silence of our heart. [pause] We pray to the Lord.

Presider

Return to us, O faithful Father; soften hardened hearts and mold us. Hear our prayer as we keep watch for the coming of your Son. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.