



## JESUS LIVING IN MARY

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**The Third Sunday of Advent**



When I think of Advent, to me, it is “Jesus living in Mary” and without thinking, my whole being bows down and there is silence, and awe... I rest.

It is a sacred moment. I contemplate Mary at the moment when the angel greets her. I hear her answer, “Let it

be done

to me as you say.” I hear her say, “My soul magnifies the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.”

This third Sunday of Advent invites us in the first reading: “Shout for joy, be glad and exalt; do not be discouraged, take heart; the Lord is in your midst. St. Paul keeps saying, “Rejoice in the Lord! Rejoice! The Lord is near; with thanksgiving make your request known to God.”

In the Gospel, the crowds, the tax collectors and the soldiers asked John the Baptist, “What should we do?” To each, he gives a different answer.

In my own life, I will also have a different question this Advent. Am I truly honest? Do I really want to be changed – to let the Lord do his work within me? With trust and confidence, I go to Mary to help me to be generous.

To imitate her in her faith, her humility- to love Jesus as she did. And most of all Advent means Jesus Wisdom becomes Incarnate and I want to imitate Wisdom in my life!

I pray O Jesus, living in Mary, come and live in me, my whole being bows down and there is silence, and awe. I rest!