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❖ The Third Sunday in Advent ❖

Rose Sunday

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The Lord, even the Most Mighty God, hath spoken,
and called the world, from the rising up of the sun
unto the going down thereof. (Ps.50)

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FATHER POTHIN'S REFLECTION

"Gaudete in Domino semper"

This may be translated as "Rejoice in the Lord always". The themes of Faithfulness (first week) and hope (last week) lead us to reflect on the theme of Joy this third week of our advent season. Why joy? Because "the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The Son of God, who journeyed to Bethlehem to be born there physically, is now coming to human souls as to spiritual Bethlehems, there to be born anew, again and again.

But be sure to picture these merciful spiritual journeying of Christ to the Bethlehem of souls as all too often sadly realistic spiritual repetitions of His first long journey over the rugged road from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Meditate long on the wanton and malicious opposition He encounters on His way to them from souls that leave their senses and heart and mind to be ruled by earthly vanities, and their whole selves to be willing victims of the sensual and selfish illusions and witcheries of the seven capital vices.

Can you still fail to see why Isaias and John the Baptist compare the hardships of the way of the world's Messiah to souls with a rough, crooked, and almost impassable road up steep hills and down precipitous valleys and through dangerous mountain passes? Do you wonder that these prophets insist so strongly that merely sentimental longings and routine prayers, however multiplied, cannot prepare us worthily for the entrance He must expect and the welcome He craves?

Pray very honestly, therefore, that you may begin to see the practical reasons for the Church's crying out in the desert world,

and even into your own interior soul and heart: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord: Make straight in the wilderness His paths; Every valley shall be exalted; Every mountain and hill shall be made low; And the crooked shall be made straight; And the rough ways plain" (Is. 40:3, 4). Then shall you see the salvation of God!

C.A.R.E. question for this week: *Is Christ present during the celebration of the Eucharist in other ways in addition to his Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament?*

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