



Catholic Church

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**December 19, 2023
Tuesday of the
Third Week of Advent**



Good morning!

We read Judges 13:2-7, 24-25, Psalm 71, and Luke 1:5-25. "O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people; come to save us without delay." Are we open to what the Lord has in store for us? Will we be grateful or surprised by the news? Our readings give us two examples of barren women who bore two sons. We read the stories of Samson and John. These final days of Advent keep us in prayer, in preparation for the days ahead, and reflecting in our lives on the wonders of God. Being faithful is important yet in our faithfulness, if are we closed off from what God has planned, where is the good? Do you suppose that Elizabeth and Samson's mother were delighted to be pregnant at their ages? Are we willing and able to accept what the Lord wants from us? In these final days of Advent, may we find the strength to seek wisdom, faith, and hope which lead us to joy, peace, hope, and love. May we watch with expectant hearts, wait with endless hope, and prepare with endurance for the celebration of the birth of Christ. "O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people; come to save us without delay."

Peace,

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"My mouth shall be filled with your praise, and I will sing your glory."

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