

3rd Sunday of Advent B

Mismatched Shoes – Getting dressed in the dark

John says HE CAME TO TESTIFY TO THE LIGHT & light always casts out darkness

Do you have darkness in your life?

You need more Jesus.

Have you ever used a mirror to reflect the sun's rays?

Let me show you something (Mirror and a flashlight)

Shine the light on me → As the light shines on me I can reflect it with the mirror

I am not the source of the light

I simply reflect the light

If I am going to reflect the light I need to do 2 things

1. I need to face the light – if I turn away I can't reflect the light
2. I need to make sure nothing comes between me and the light

Today's gospel says "A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light."

Who was the light? JESUS

We need to be like John – if we are going to reflect the light of Jesus

1. We need to keep our faces turned toward Jesus
2. We must not let anything come between us and Jesus

Without the light we are condemned to darkness, but we are children of light

AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT WE FULFILL 1st READING OF ISAIAH

He has clothed us with a robe of salvation

He has wrapped us in a mantle of justice

Redeemed - We are like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem

We are like a bride bedecked with jewels

The Lord God will make justice and praise spring up before all nations

HOW? We are the source of that praise – and our numbers are growing!

Our numbers continue to grow as we witness to the light of Christ

John the Baptist came to 'prepare the way of the Lord'

(To prepare the people for the coming of Jesus in their lives)

- Who has prepared YOU – who was your John the Baptist? I'll wait.
- Who have you been John the Baptist for?
- Who do you know that needs a John the Baptist?
- What are you going to do about it?

We have been made keepers of the light – BRING IT!